# HUD FACT SHEET: INVESTMENTS IN TRIBAL NATIONS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES



Under the leadership of Secretary L. Marcia Fudge, HUD is committed to strengthening the nation-to-nation relationship with Tribal communities. HUD recognizes that Tribal Nations and Tribal communities are essential to the success and economic growth of our country. Since day one of the Biden-Harris Administration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has committed itself to building back better for historically underserved communities.

During the Biden-Harris Administration, HUD has supported Tribal Nations and their communities in the following ways:

### CREATION OF FIRST-EVER HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

HUD established its first-ever Tribal advisory committee, the HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC). Secretary Fudge convened the committee to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between HUD and Tribal communities, coordinate policy across all HUD programs, and advise on the housing priorities of the American Indian and Alaska Native people. TIAC will allow Tribes to provide direct input on HUD priorities and policies.

### EFFORTS TO INCREASE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIAN COUNTRY.

HUD released a proposed rule regarding the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program, which gives HUD the authority to provide American Indian families, Tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) access to sources of private financing that may be otherwise difficult to obtain due to the legal status of trust land. In addition, the Section 184 program increases homeownership for Native American families by providing a federal guarantee on qualifying loans in the event of default.

#### EXPANSION OF TRIBAL HUD-VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

In August, Deputy Secretary Todman traveled to Alaska where, she announced Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) expansion grant awards to three Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), including one Alaska TDHE, to house Native American Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

# \$221 MILLION TO TRIBAL COMMUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.



During the same Alaska trip, Secretary Todman announced \$221 million in competitive funding in Fiscal Year 2022 for affordable housing and community development projects to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

HUD will award \$129 million competitively through the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive (IHBG) Program for new housing construction projects, housing rehabilitation projects, acquisition of existing housing units, and affordable housing-related infrastructure projects.

Additionally, HUD will award \$92 million through the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for development in Tribal communities, including the rehabilitation of housing, infrastructure, community facilities, and economic opportunities primarily for people with low and moderate incomes.

# INVESTING IN COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS AND ENSURING EQUITABLE HOUSING.

HUD leadership has met with numerous leaders of Tribal and public housing entities representing 196 Tribes from across Alaska's distinct regions and learned of the challenges each of them faces in delivering safe, affordable, and resilient housing for their communities.