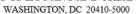
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT





SPECIAL ATTENTION OF:

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SUBJECT: Procedural Guidance for Tribal Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) FY 2025 Renewal Grant Application

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1. BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Executive Summary and Program Description

This notice announces renewal requirements for the original Tribal HUD-VASH recipients awarded in 2015, and the Tribal HUD-VASH Expansion recipients awarded in 2021 and 2022.

The Tribal HUD-VASH program was established under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235, approved December 16, 2014) (2015 Appropriations Act), and provides grants to Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) eligible to receive block grants under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Grantees use HUD funding towards rental assistance for Native American Veterans who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness, living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas. Under Tribal HUD-VASH, Indian Tribes and TDHEs must partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide case management and supportive services, including healthcare assistance, to eligible Native American Veterans.

On March 2, 2016, HUD published a Federal Register Notice (81 FR 10880) entitled "<u>Tribal HUD–VA Supportive Housing Program Awards</u>, <u>Fiscal Year 2015</u>" notifying the public regarding HUD's funding decisions under the Tribal HUD-VASH program for Fiscal Year 2015. In total, 26 Indian Tribes and TDHEs were selected to participate in the demonstration program. Three additional Tribes and TDHEs joined the program through expansion opportunities in 2021 and 2022.

Pursuant to the authority provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law119-4) Hereafter as "the Appropriations Act", the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will renew rental assistance and associated administrative fees to all eligible Tribal HUD-VASH recipients, provided they meet applicable program requirements.

¹ Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, Leech Lake Housing Authority, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Oneida Nation, White Earth Reservation Housing Authority, Apsaalooke Tribal Housing Authority, Blackfeet Housing Authority, Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Authority, Sicangu Wicoti Awayankapi Corporation (SWA), Standing Rock Housing Authority, Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, Colville Indian Housing Authority, Fort Hall Housing Authority, Spokane Indian Housing Authority, Warm Springs Housing Authority, Yakama Nation Housing Authority, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority, Choctaw Nation Housing Authority, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Osage Nation, Navajo Housing Authority, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, San Carlos Housing Authority, Tohono O'odham - KIKI Association, Zuni Housing Authority, and White Mountain Apache Housing Authority

The Funding Assistance Number for this award is 14.899.

Contact your <u>Area Office of Native American Programs</u> or <u>TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov</u> for more information about this program.

1.2 Key Dates

To receive renewal funding, you must submit the information outlined in this notice electronically to <u>TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov</u>. Electronic packages must be received no later than 11:59:59 p.m. EDT on June 27, 2025.

HUD intends to award renewal funds in one round during the calendar year 2025. The period of performance for the renewal grants is October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

1.3 Funding Details

To receive a FY 2025 renewal grant, Tribal HUD-VASH recipients must submit a renewal package as outlined in Section 3 of this Notice.

a. **Rental Assistance**: HUD will fund each eligible recipient a maximum award amount of rental assistance. The maximum amount will be calculated as follows:

Total units allocated x Maximum Fair Market Rent (FMR) per bedroom size x 12 months

If the total number of Veterans you serve as a Tribal HUD-VASH recipient has been reduced from the total allocated in the initial grant funding due to a request by you under Section 8 of this Notice or a determination by HUD, the total units allocated will reflect that reduced number.

b. **Administrative Fee**: HUD will fund each eligible recipient a maximum award amount of administrative fees. The administrative fee will be calculated as follows:

Total units allocated x \$115 x 12 months

For more information on eligible administrative and planning expenses, see Section VI.M of Federal Register Notice, Implementation of the Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program (Consolidation Notice), FR 6091-N-01, published Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

The Rental Assistance and Administrative Fee amounts will be combined to comprise the total FY 2025 renewal award.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Eligible Applicants

Tribal HUD-VASH recipients eligible for renewal funding are:

a. Indian Tribes and TDHEs awarded assistance under the rental assistance and supportive housing demonstration program for Native American Veterans (Federal Register Notice,

- "Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program Awards, Fiscal Year 2015" (81 FR 10880)); and
- b. Indian Tribes and TDHEs awarded assistance under the Tribal HUD-VASH expansion Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), including the <u>2021 Expansion NOFO</u> and the <u>2022 Expansion NOFO</u>.

2.2 Eligible Activities

Tribal HUD-VASH awards must be used for rental assistance and associated administrative fees, as outlined in the Consolidation Notice.

2.3 Cost Sharing

Cost sharing, mandatory matching or leveraging is not required under this grant, but applicants are encouraged to leverage other Federal (including IHBG formula funds) and non-Federal sources.

3. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION

3.1 Submission Date and Time

You must submit the information outlined in this notice electronically to TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov. Electronic packages must be received no later than 11:59:59 p.m. EDT on June 27, 2025.

You must be registered in the System for Award Management (<u>SAM.gov</u>) and you must continue to maintain an active registration in <u>SAM.gov</u> with current information at all times during which you have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal agency.

To register, go to <u>SAM.gov Entity Registration</u> and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click on the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register. It can take several weeks to register in <u>SAM.gov</u>, so please get started now if you are planning to apply. <u>SAM.gov</u> also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). You must have a valid UEI to apply for funding.

3.2 Renewal Package Content

You must submit the following information in your renewal package:

- a. Cover Letter: A one-page letter on your letterhead that includes the following information:
 - Contact Information: Provide contact information for your current Tribal HUD-VASH point of contact, including mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
 - 2) Tribal Resolution (if applicable): Provide either a statement affirming the original tribal resolution for participation in the Tribal HUD-VASH program is still applicable, or if the original tribal resolution is no longer applicable, submit a new resolution.

- 3) Authorized Representative signature: The cover letter should be signed by the person authorized to submit the renewal package.
- b. Program Update and Overview: You must report on the execution and progress of your Tribal HUD-VASH program. The data collected will assist HUD in oversight of the program and with the renewal process. Provide a brief (1-3 pages) narrative report on your Tribal HUD-VASH program's progress over the past year (April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025), addressing the following:
 - Progress toward meeting the program's goals;
 - Current and projected program enrollment;
 - Challenges and how you are addressing them;
 - Successes or best practices, including community involvement;
 - Progress of training and technical assistance efforts received and any current needs; and
 - Affirm that annual reexaminations are being conducted.
- c. Anticipated unit size utilization: Provide information on the unit sizes you anticipate serving in the upcoming renewal period in a table like the one shown below. HUD will use this information to calculate the "Max FMR Served" per Section 3.A of this Notice. You may include this information in your Program Update narrative.

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- d. Leasing Performance Report (LPR, HUD-5980): Complete the HUD-5980 form with actual data from the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. Follow the form instructions to ensure you are providing accurate data.
- e. Federal Financial Report (SF-425): Provide a copy of the latest SF-425. This report must include any program income earned and expended. Tribal HUD-VASH program income must be used for affordable housing activities, in accordance with Section VI.K of the Consolidation Notice.

4. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

4.1 Application Review Process

HUD will review each renewal package to confirm that recipients have met the criteria for renewal under this Notice. HUD will look at factors including:

- a. Renewal package content: HUD will review your renewal package for completeness.
- b. Review of the LPR (<u>HUD-5980</u>): HUD will review the data reported in the LPR to evaluate and ensure proper program execution and to inform the renewal award calculation described at Section 3 above. HUD will examine the following:

- 1) <u>Lease Period</u>: The start and end dates for each Veteran's lease. A Veteran may be under two separate leases during the leasing period.
- 2) <u>Total Unit Months Leased</u>: The number of months a unit was under lease during the leasing period.
- 3) <u>Monthly Rental Assistance Payment</u>: The total rent for a unit minus any Veteran contribution and any non-HUD funds used to pay rent.
- 4) <u>FMR review</u>: Section VI.H of the <u>Consolidation Notice</u> states that rents may not exceed 110% of the area FMR without prior HUD approval. Based on this, HUD will review the Leasing Performance Report to ensure compliance with FMR limits.
 - i. If you have deemed it necessary to pay rents that exceed 110% of FMR, you must have obtained HUD's prior approval to do so. While HUD will review its records of prior approval, you are encouraged to submit a copy of HUD's prior approval with the renewal package to facilitate the review process.
 - ii. If you have not sought HUD's prior approval to pay rents that exceed 110% of FMR, then you may include a request and justification in your renewal package. If you do not request approval or if HUD denies the request to exceed FMR, then HUD will base the renewal amount at 110% of FMR.

HUD will confirm that the recipient's Indian Housing Plan (IHP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) have been updated annually to include current Tribal HUD-VASH information.

You must ensure the accuracy of the renewal data. If any deficiencies are identified in the renewal package, HUD will email your point of contact included in the cover letter, describe the deficiency, and request a cure. If a response to the deficiency is not received or not in accordance with the instructions contained in the deficiency notification, you will not be considered for renewal funding.

4.2 Risk Evaluation.

In evaluating risks posed by applicants, HUD may use a risk-based approach in accordance with 2 CFR §200.206, including:

- a. Financial stability;
- b. Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in 2 CFR Part 200;
- History of performance with managing previous and current Federal awards, including compliance with reporting requirements and conformance to the terms and conditions of Federal awards;
- d. Reports and findings from audits performed under Subpart F—Audit Requirements of 2 CFR part 200 or the reports and findings of any other available audits; and
- e. Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on recipients of Federal awards.

HUD will also review your records in OMB-designated repositories of government-wide data as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a).

A renewal grant may be denied if it is determined that a Tribal HUD-VASH recipient does not have adequate administrative capacity to administer the grant. HUD will follow the process

outlined in Section VI.T of the <u>Consolidation Notice</u> before making a final determination not to fund a renewal grant due to concerns regarding administrative capacity, notwithstanding the criteria in Section 4 of this notice.

HUD may also impose new or revised mitigation plan requirements or special terms and conditions in accordance with <u>2 CFR §200.208</u> if any substantial administrative or programmatic concerns are identified in the review process.

5. AWARD NOTICE

HUD anticipates issuing a grant agreement within three months of receipt of your application. Once any deficiencies are resolved and your renewal package is approved, HUD will issue a grant agreement to be signed by you. The grant award is the official document that obligates funds. HUD will disburse funds through the HUD electronic Line of Credit Control System (eLOCCS) once the grant award is signed and returned.

6. FUNDING REDUCTION AND REALLOCATION

You are reminded that, in accordance with Section VI.T of the <u>Consolidation Notice</u>, HUD may terminate, reduce, or limit the availability of a grant for poor performance or substantial noncompliance with program requirements. Poor performance may include actions outside of the recipient's responsibility, such as lack of adequate referrals, poor quality of supportive services provided by a contracted case management entity, or other reasons. Poor performance also includes an inadequate utilization rate by the recipient.

If you are having challenges or need technical assistance, please contact HUD at TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov to discuss a voluntary grant reduction or feasibility to partner with a subrecipient if you have been unable to assist the total number of Veterans for whom you initially were awarded funding and you do not anticipate being able to house additional Veterans in the future. Funds returned to HUD may be awarded to other Tribal HUD-VASH recipients that have need and administrative capacity.

7. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Regulatory and Administrative Requirements.

Note that the General Administrative, National, and Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD's Financial Assistance Programs and the General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility for HUD's Financial Assistance Programs for fiscal year 2025 are posted on the HUD Policies and Regulations website. To receive an award, you must adhere to the applicable requirements at the time of application. You must also adhere to the applicable requirements for the life of any award to remain eligible for the award.

7.2 Remedies for Noncompliance/Termination

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343, including to the extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other

remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

7.3 Reporting

Successful recipients of renewal funding awards will be subject to the reporting requirements in Section VI.O of the <u>Consolidation Notice</u> and the terms and conditions of the grant award.

You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See Section 7.2, Remedies for Noncompliance/Termination. HUD is implementing new grants management and reporting tools, which will be rolled out for your use in the near term. As a grantee, you will be required to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for yourself and your sub-recipients) using these new tools when they are released. HUD will work with you to support your transition to this new reporting environment. Once implemented, timely reporting in this new environment will be mandatory. HUD reserves the right to exercise all available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include requiring 100% review or stopping future disbursements altogether if reporting is not timely submitted

7.4 Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in this Notice are approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the <u>Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995</u> (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). In accordance with the PRA, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The active information collections contained in this Notice are approved under the PRA OMB Control Number 2577-0169.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about the Tribal HUD-VASH grant renewal process, contact your <u>Area ONAP</u> or email <u>TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov</u>.

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