

August 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to announce that on August 24, 2021 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Program on <u>www.grants.gov/</u>.

Under this NOFO, approximately \$95 million in IHBG Competitive Grants are available to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Native American families. In accordance with the FY21 Consolidated Appropriations Act, HUD will prioritize grant applications that will spur housing construction and rehabilitation.

In addition to the IHBG Competitive Grant, the HUD Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) has several funding opportunities open at this time. HUD recognizes the many challenges faced by Tribes and TDHEs during the ongoing COVID-19 National Emergency. Therefore, this year, HUD is providing a longer application period for the IHBG Competitive Grant to allow applicants additional time to develop and submit applications, as well as coordinate and maximize funding opportunities.

Applicants will have until 11:59:59 EST on December 1, 2021, to submit applications via <u>www.grants.gov</u>. If applicants are unable to submit an electronic application, they may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFO. Additional information regarding this funding opportunity will be available on ONAP's <u>Codetalk</u> website.

HUD will provide information on training opportunities on the NOFO in the near future. All interested applicants are encouraged to participate in these trainings before applying for an IHBG Competitive Grant. All program updates and training materials will be made available on <u>Codetalk</u>.

I strongly encourage you to apply for a IHBG Competitive Grant for your community. If you have any questions about the NOFO, please contact <u>IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov</u> or your ONAP Area Office.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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