



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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SUBJECT: Publication of IHBG-CARES Implementation Notice

Dear Tribal Leader:

On March 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136), which provides additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included \$200 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG-CARES) program, as well as providing HUD the authority to waive and establish alternative requirements for the IHBG program.

On April 3, 2020, HUD published IHBG-CARES funding allocations for all Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) that are eligible to receive funding. The funding allocations can be found at: www.hud.gov/codetalk.

On April 10, 2020, HUD published Notice PIH 2020-05, which describes in detail the waivers and alternative requirements that apply to new IHBG-CARES funds and Fiscal Year 2020 IHBG formula funds (IHBG recipients are reminded that these waivers and alternative requirements do not apply to IHBG funds appropriated in any other prior year). This Notice can be found at: www.hud.gov/coronavirus and <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2020-05.pdf>.

Today, HUD published the IHBG-CARES Implementation Notice, which provides instructions on how to apply for IHBG-CARES funding and other program requirements. This Notice can be found at: www.hud.gov/coronavirus and www.hud.gov/codetalk.

HUD has worked to streamline the application process as much as possible, while ensuring that all IHBG-CARES funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, as required under the CARES Act. In order to receive IHBG-CARES funds, the Indian tribe or TDHE must first submit an Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan (IHP) and to its Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Area Office.

Below are links to IHBG-CARES Notices, the Abbreviated IHP Form Guidance, and the Abbreviated IHP Form:

- IHBG-CARES Implementation Notice:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2020-06pihn.pdf>
- Abbreviated IHP Form Guidance:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/GuidanceIHBGCARESpih.pdf>
- Abbreviated IHP Form (**Please note it is very important for grantees to check the IHBG-CARES box to get the abbreviated IHP version**):
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/IHBGCares.pdf>

ONAP is working to allocate this funding as quickly as possible. ONAP will host a training for Tribes and TDHEs to review the Implementation Notice, Waivers, completion of the Abbreviated IHP form, and eligible activities during the week of April 27, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Hunter Kurtz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. Hunter Kurtz
Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing