



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

May 7, 2019

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to announce that on May 7, 2019, HUD published the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)-Competitive Grants Program. This NOFA announces the availability of \$198 million for competitive grants to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities eligible to receive IHBG funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*).

Applicants will have until 11:59:59 EST on August 8, 2019, to submit applications via <https://www.grants.gov/>. Applicants unable to electronically submit an application may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFA.

In the coming weeks, ONAP will post NOFA training materials on the Codetalk page, including details on in-person training sessions at each ONAP Area Office. Interested applicants may review these training materials and attend in-person training before submitting an application. Please continue to check Codetalk for more information regarding training resources.

This is an exciting opportunity to fund critical affordable housing projects in your communities. I strongly encourage you to apply. The NOFA can be found at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=315659>.

If you have any additional questions about the NOFA, please contact IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov or your ONAP Area Office. Thank you for your interest in the IHBG Competitive Grants Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs