



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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

Subject: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

President Biden has signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) into law. The Act provides a significant and timely investment in Indian Country in response to the health and economic effects of COVID-19.

In total, ARP includes \$1.24 billion for housing-related needs in Native communities. Specifically, it includes \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant program, \$280 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant program, \$5 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, and \$10 million for related technical assistance resources. In addition, it includes \$498 million for the Department of the Treasury's new Homeowner Assistance Fund to provide relief to struggling Native American homeowners.

I am very excited about these additional resources coming to Indian Country. COVID-19 has affected everyone around the globe. But it has particularly impacted Tribal communities. However, I know that Tribes are resilient. I am particularly inspired by the incredible work that Tribal governments have been able to do to distribute vaccines to their Tribal members quickly. This has been a herculean task and Tribes have proven once again that they can do amazing things to ensure the health and welfare of their people.

The Office of Native American Programs will now turn to implementing the new ARP programs and making these resources available to you as quickly as possible. We intend to publish the IHBG allocations shortly. In addition, we will provide further guidance soon on how to access these funds.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country. We will continue to work together hand in hand to end this crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Office of Native American Programs