



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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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SUBJECT: CARES Act Reporting

Dear Tribal Leader:

On October 23, 2020, the Department issued a [Dear Tribal Leader letter](#) that outlines the reporting requirements under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. That letter was followed by a webinar on November 12, 2020, which covered the reporting requirements under the CARES Act, introduced the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), and introduced the FFATA Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS) to comply with a portion of those reporting requirements. You can find [slides](#), and a [video](#) recording of the webinar, along with other resources, on the Office of Native American Programs' (ONAP's) [COVID-19 Recovery Programs webpage](#).

ONAP continues to work in collaboration with HUD's CARES Act Compliance Response Team, the Office of Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Chief Information Officer to develop a simple, user-friendly portal so that Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities can fulfill their CARES Act reporting obligations with minimal additional burden. We anticipated having a portal available by now; however, because of delays in development, I sent out a Dear Tribal Leader letter on March 26, 2021, advising that CARES Act recipients would not be expected to submit a quarterly report for the April 10, 2021 deadline. Unfortunately, the delays continue.

Accordingly, **CARES Act recipients will not be required to submit a quarterly report (April 1st- June 31st) for the July 10, 2021 deadline.** We apologize for this delay and hope to have a portal available well in advance of the October 10, 2021 reporting deadline. Once the portal is available, we will provide training to recipients in advance of October 10th. As a reminder, grantees are still required to submit SF 425's, Annual Performance Reports, Annual Status and Evaluation Reports, and Audits. Grantees should also continue to track CARES Act expenditures on a project or activity level.

In the meantime, CARES recipients should continue to utilize FSRS to report contracts and subgrants that meet the thresholds. Again, for guidance on that reporting, see the links above. Also, please check for updates on CARES Act reporting on CodeTalk.

Thank you for all the important work that you do every day. Your continued commitment to Indian Country is vital to our collective efforts to ensure that Native American families have decent, safe, and affordable housing. HUD is always available to help you implement your programs effectively. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact your local Native American Programs Area Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'F'.

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Native American Programs