



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

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SUBJECT: CARES Act Reporting Update

Dear Tribal Leader:

On October 23, 2020, the Department issued a [Dear Tribal Leader \(DTL\) 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 CARES Act 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) [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 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 continued delays in development, **CARES Act grantees will not be required to submit a quarterly report (July 1st through September 30th) for the October 10, 2021, deadline.** We apologize for this delay and hope to have a portal eventually available for CARES Act reporting.

Once the portal is available, we will provide training to CARES Act grantees. As with other grants administered by ONAP, grantees are to continue to submit SF 425's, Annual Performance Reports, Annual Status and Evaluation Reports, and Audits on CARES Act funding. Grantees should also continue to track CARES Act expenditures on a project or activity level.

CARES Act grantees should also continue to utilize FSRS to report contracts and subgrants that meet the necessary thresholds. If additional guidance is needed for reports, please see the links above. Please check for updates on CARES Act reporting on ONAP's [COVID-19 Recovery Programs webpage](#).

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 Area Office of Native American Programs.

Sincerely,

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

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Native American Programs