



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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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SUBJECT: Tribal Consultation – Indian Community Development Block Grant – Imminent Threat Grant Ceilings and General Programmatic Improvements

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) appropriation includes a \$5 million set-aside for Imminent Threat grants. These grants are designed to help Tribal communities that have been or may be impacted by disasters, emergencies, and other threats. Tribes may apply for these grants through a non-competitive application process, and the funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all funding has been exhausted. You can find the program guidance [here](#).

Currently, the maximum grant ceiling is set at \$450,000 for non-Presidentially declared disasters and \$900,000 for Presidentially declared disasters. These grant ceilings have been in place for many years. HUD recognizes that since these grant ceilings were established, costs have increased for things, such as transportation, construction materials, and labor. Recently, ONAP increased the grant ceilings and rehabilitation cost limits for the ICDBG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to reflect higher costs.

In recognition of these cost increases and in keeping with the updates to the ICDBG NOFO, HUD is considering whether to raise the ICDBG Imminent Threat grant ceilings. HUD's goal is to ensure that ICDBG Imminent Threat grant awards are large enough to help Tribes address imminent threats while also ensuring that there are sufficient resources in a given year to award grants to Tribes that are impacted by disasters and other emergencies.

As part of HUD's commitment to the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and Tribal nations, we are seeking your input on this program.

Specifically, HUD is requesting your feedback on the following questions:

1. Should HUD increase the ICDBG Imminent Threat grant ceilings, and if so, what should the new maximum grant ceilings be?
2. Do you have any other suggestions on improvements that HUD could make to the ICDBG Imminent Threat program?

Comments should be submitted electronically to Codetalk@hud.gov by November 25, 2022.

Your feedback is critical. I hope that you will take the time to share your experiences and thoughts. Your continued commitment to Indian Country is vital to our collective efforts to ensure that Native American families have decent, safe, and affordable housing.

Sincerely,



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for Native American Programs