



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

January 24, 2024

SUBJECT: New Deadline for Submitting FY 2024 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula Interim Funding Requests in the Grants Evaluation and Management System (GEMS)

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Office of Native American Programs is currently accepting IHBG Formula interim funding requests via GEMS through **February 15, 2024**. This deadline ensures that awards will be processed prior to March 1, 2024, which is the expiration of the Continuing Resolution (CR) under which HUD is currently operating. Any interim funding requests submitted after this date may not be processed before the expiration of the current CR.

Interim funding is an advance to your IHBG formula funds while under a CR. Grantees with a low balance of IHBG funds can request a partial award to maintain housing operations until a federal budget for FY 2024 is passed by Congress. A request for interim funding may only be granted if your FY 2024 Indian Housing Plan is currently in compliance and if you have a low balance in LOCCS. Refer to [PIH Notice 2021-28](#) (Providing Interim Funding to Recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants) for more information.

Interim funding requests should be submitted in GEMS. Please refer to the [GEMS Grantee Guide](#) for specific instructions on completing and submitting the request. This guide and other GEMS resources can be found on the [GEMS webpage](#). If you need assistance with logging into GEMS or completing the interim funding request in GEMS, please contact your Area Grants Management Specialist.

To ensure your Interim funding request is processed before the CR expires, please submit your interim funding request by February 15, 2024. Waewaenen/Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs