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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

**April, 8 2022**

**SUBJECT: ONAP ARP Recovery Training and Technical Assistance Initiative**

Dear Tribal Leader:

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2), which provided funding to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. In total, Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE), and Tribal Organizations have received over \$700 million to provide emergency assistance to Tribal communities as well as to address the public health risks posed by the housing shortage.

The accomplishments achieved over the last two years are remarkable, considering the loss, hardships, and barriers imposed by COVID-19 and the resulting impacts on housing operations, services, and construction. This additional funding has provided urgently needed new construction, infrastructure, and housing services. At the same time, it has increased demands on housing personnel, administrative and operational burdens, and accounting complexities.

To address these increased demands, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is launching an ARP Recovery Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Initiative to assist Grantees to successfully complete their ARP projects, compliantly report on and closeout the grants, and to resume normal operations.

This initiative will include individual Needs Assessments, targeted TTA, and national implementation trainings. Starting in May 2022, Grantees with open ARP grants will be contacted by ONAP's contracted TA providers to assess the needs, barriers, and constraints, if any, to the successful completion and compliant closeout of projects.

ONAP will develop and schedule national trainings on implementation of the ARP grants and to address common needs. Concurrently, targeted TA may be provided to certain Grantees with needs or barriers that are more effectively addressed one-on-one.

ONAP looks forward to supporting you in concluding your ARP projects and shifting your focus back to the "business as usual" of serving your Tribal members' housing and community development needs.

Sincerely,

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

Heidi J. Frechette  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of  
Native American Programs