

# EASTERN WOODLANDS OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

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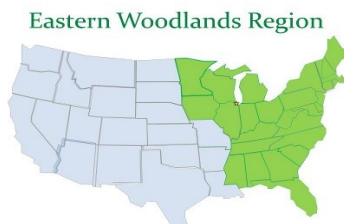
## EWONAP NEWS BULLETIN JULY 2020



**HUD's Office of Native American Programs** (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations. For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the [CodeTalk website](#).

**Join the EWONAP Newsletter Listserv** to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands ONAP Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Eastern Woodlands Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, and Training.

The **Eastern Woodlands Office** (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.



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### GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Our ONAP offices remain closed with an occasional foray into the Office to check for mail; however, we have almost fully transitioned to electronic correspondence. HUD is in the planning stages of considering how to resume business by allowing some workers to return to the Office once appropriate measures have been taken to protect workers from infection and the employee agrees to go in on a limited basis. The Pandemic has changed how government works and that will continue into the near future. We will all need to continue social distancing and change the manner in which we interact. For ONAP that means many more conference calls and Microsoft Teams meetings so that staff can interact similar to when we were all in the Office. Staff continue to telework, and the Office has been busy trying to get all the CARES Act funding out to our grantees. So far all but 14 grantees of 63 have been approved and two of those have stated they

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will not be applying for the CARES Act Indian Housing Block Grant (IHGB) allocation. So that means we are down to only 12 grantees needing to be processed once they file an application. ONAP is ready and willing to accept further applications for those who have not yet filed. The one condition is that all activities must be to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is possible that a notice could be issued giving grantees notice of a deadline to apply in the near future. If that happens, we will keep you informed.

Having weathered the bulk of IHGB CARES applications, EWONAP is now processing ICDBG CARES applications that came in. Five of these have been forwarded to ONAP HQ for final approval and the rest are being processed and should be completed in the coming days. Because these special IT grants are awarded on a first come, first served basis, it will be ONAP HQ, and not the Area ONAP offices, that will make the final determination based on the time the application came in the queue and the completeness of the application.

### ***ICDBG-Imminent Threat and Waivers:***

**Imminent Treat.** There still remains money in the FY 2020 ICDBG Imminent Threat program, which is available for disaster relief measures such as the repair of homes and buildings after a catastrophic event such as flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms, straight line winds and the like. Should your program suffer such an event immediately call your GM specialist to see if you might be able to receive funding from this program.

**Waivers.** Since the Pandemic has been so disruptive to regular business, ONAP and HUD have issued some across-the-board waivers of certain submission guidelines. For recipients in the regular IHGB program with fiscal years ending on September 30th, normally your IHP is due on or before 75 days prior to the end of your fiscal year, which would normally fall on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This IHP deadline has now been extended to January 17, 2021.

As this Pandemic continues, we must all remember to not give in to social distancing fatigue. We all feel it, but as the recent spike in case in Arizona, Florida and Texas demonstrate, the COVID-19 virus remains with us and one can't let down your guard. Recently, on a trip back to Wisconsin, I saw an old friend from my early days working for my tribe. Both our instincts were to hug and shake hands, but at the last minute we both realized that was not a good idea given our age and the possibility of transmitting the virus. No one knows who's asymptomatic and that is the scary part. Too many Tribal members, especially elders suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney disease, obesity and similar vulnerability factors.

Feel free to call or email your GM or GE Specialist with any questions you may have about these new programs and visit the Codetalk website regularly for updates on program guidance and [Frequently Asked Questions \[FAQs\]](#).

Warmest Regards,

[Mark Butterfield](#), EWONAP Administrator.

## EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

### FY2020 ICDBG AWARDS ANNOUNCED--PRESS RELEASE

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson **announced nearly \$120 million** in Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) awards to Tribes across the Nation. The ICDBG program provides funding to use in developing American Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons.

"President Trump made it clear from the moment he became President, the forgotten men and women of our Nation will be forgotten no more," said Secretary Carson. "Today's announcement of nearly \$120 million in funding to American Indian tribes will provide these communities with safe and affordable housing and advance economic development."

"HUD is committed to helping Native Americans thrive and the funding announced today will have a positive impact on building sustainable communities," said R. Hunter Kurtz, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

These funds, through the ICDBG program, will be used to support 107 projects on Tribal lands across the United States such as:

- A new drive-thru pharmacy,
- A new building for the local Boys & Girls Club of America,
- Repairs to a wastewater lagoon,
- The infrastructure necessary for a new housing development.

For a complete list of allocations and project descriptions, **[please click here](#)**.

Visit the Office of Native American Program's **[Indian Community Development Block Grant](#)** website for more information.

### VISIT ONAP'S [COVID-19 RECOVERY PROGRAMS](#) WEBSITE TO VIEW AND ACCESS:

ONAP Documents Available at: **[www.hud.gov/coronavirus](http://www.hud.gov/coronavirus)**

- Dear Tribal Leader Letter- Input Requested on ICDBG-CARES Act Grant Ceilings
- COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for IHBG and ICDBG programs
- IHBG CARES Formula Allocation Dear Tribal Leader Cover Letter
- IHBG CARES Formula Allocation by Region
- HUD CARES Act Native American Programs Funding Press Release
- Frequently Asked Questions for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs)
- ONAP Status and Recommendation of Temporary Moratorium on all Evictions and Foreclosures

### SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

Please send your accomplishments, press releases, events, news, and project photos to our Administrator Advisor, Kimberly McMorris at: **[Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov](mailto:Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov)**

## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

### SAMPLE ICDBG-CARES TRIBAL RESOLUTION

The Office of Native American Programs has developed a [Sample Tribal Resolution](#) for use to meet the requirements of the ICDBG-CARES Notice (Notice PIH 2020-11). The sample resolution addresses both (1) Tribal organizations that are applying on behalf of an Indian tribe, and (2) Citizen Participation.

### SECTION 184/184A DEAR LENDER LETTER 2020-08

The purpose of this [Dear Lender Letter \(DLL\)](#) is to inform lenders and servicers of an extension to the foreclosure and related evictions moratoriums originally issued in DLL 2020-04 and extended in DLL 2020-06 for borrowers with Section 184 or Section 184A guaranteed loans for an additional period through August 31, 2020. This DLL also extends loan processing flexibilities related to appraisals, verification of employment and IRS transcripts originally issued in DLL 2020-05 and extended in DLL 2020-06 to August 31, 2020.

### DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND TRIBAL LEADERS

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives and livelihoods of people everywhere, and HUD is all too aware that your operations, staff, and the families you serve are no exception. Life during a pandemic is new to all of us, and we adapt and adopt new ways to operate. Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) around our country are juggling operations and the implementation of evolving guidelines to help keep staff and residents healthy. As you continue to practice new ways of doing business, HUD is here to support you and your organization. To this end, we offer to you HUD's COVID-19 Emergency Planning Toolkit to assist with identifying key areas you should consider including in your own planning. Attached you will find the following:

**COVID-19 Quick Guide:** This document provides topics of consideration and information to help you develop strategies to address the impact of the pandemic on your community and stakeholders. It is not an exhaustive or exclusive list of resources. However, it includes online links to HUD's COVID-19 Information and Resources webpage, along with links to the Federal government's joint White House, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Coronavirus websites. It also provides a link to HUD's Public and Indian Housing website, where you will find the latest frequently asked questions and published information. In addition, it includes guidance on engaging your local partners that have a role in COVID-19 preparedness, response and recovery and provides you with guidance on addressing the impact this has on your staff and the people you serve.

**COVID-19 Interaction Playbook for Housing Partners:** This presentation highlights promising practices for safe distribution and social distancing that my team learned from your colleagues—PHAs, TDHEs, and industry groups—compliant with CDC guidelines.

**COVID-19 Guidance for Housing Partners:** This flyer summarizes CDC guidance and some of the promising practices for safe distribution and social distancing further discussed in the Interaction Playbook.

**Coronavirus Prevention:** This flyer should be shared with residents to promote CDC guidance to prevent the further spread of the virus.

In addition, I want to point you toward these resources available online:

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**—<http://hud.gov/coronavirus>: HUD's website includes up-to-date policy notices, frequently asked questions, and more information tailored to PHAs and to Native Americans.

**Pandemic Influenza Template**—<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/93250>: This document from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assists organizations to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan and a Pandemic Influenza Annex in response to a pandemic.

**PHA Disaster Readiness and Preparation Guide**—<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/PHADISASTERPREPGUIDE.PDF>: This 2016 PIH document describes PHAs' best practices based on local experience to address emergencies of all kinds. As many of you are aware, June is the start of Hurricane season. We urge those located in hurricane prone areas to revisit your readiness and preparedness plans and take into consideration COVID-19 and changes that may have been or will be necessary to ensure social distancing at emergency shelters. HUD encourages you to seek additional advice from local emergency management and disaster response agencies and from federal agencies such as CDC and FEMA.

We recognize these are challenging times filled with uncertainties and hope you find this toolkit helpful. Thank you for your dedication to ensure the health and safety of your staff, residents, and communities.

## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS (CONTINUED)

The Office of Native American Programs is working tirelessly to support all of our Tribal housing partners as we deal with the impact of COVID-19 as a Nation. The safety and security of Native American families, Tribal housing staff, and all in Indian Country is our top priority. For more information and resources related to COVID-19, please visit:

[www.hud.gov/coronavirus](http://www.hud.gov/coronavirus)

**ONAP Documents Available at:** [www.hud.gov/coronavirus](http://www.hud.gov/coronavirus)

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG-CARES) and Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG-CARES) Resources

[Frequently Asked Questions for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities \(TDHEs\) \(June 1, 2020\)](#)

[ICDBG CARES Implementation Webinar Training Slides \(PDF\)](#)

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter: ICDBG-CARES Implementation Training \(May 19, 2020\)](#)

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter: ICDBG-CARES Implementation Notice \(May 15, 2020\)](#)

[ICDBG-CARES Implementation Notice \(May 15, 2020\)](#)

[Dear Tribal Leader: Publication of IHBG-CARES Implementation Notice \(April 22, 2020\)](#)

[IHBG-CARES Implementation Notice \(April 22, 2020\)](#)

[IHBG CARES Program Guidance \(April 22, 2020\)](#)

[IHBG CARES Formula Allocation by Region \(April 2020\)](#)

[IHBG CARES IHP Form \(must check the IHBG CARES box for abbreviated version\) \(April 22, 2020\)](#)

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter: Input Requested on ICDBG-CARES Act Grant Ceilings \(April 15, 2020\)](#)

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter: COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waiver Authority \(April 14, 2020\)](#)

[COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for Indian Housing Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs \(Page 31\) \(April 10, 2020\)](#)

[IHBG CARES Formula Allocation Dear Tribal Leader Cover Letter \(April 3, 2020\)](#)

[HUD CARES Act Native American Programs Funding Press Release \(April 3, 2020\)](#)

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter: ONAP Status and Recommendation of Temporary Moratorium on all Evictions and Foreclosures under ONAP Grant Programs \(March 25, 2020\)](#)

[HUD Guidance on Eligible Uses for Community Development Block Grant Funds to Support COVID-19 Responses \(March 16, 2020\)](#)

For any questions about these resources, please contact the Office of Native American Programs via [CodeTalk@hud.gov](mailto:CodeTalk@hud.gov)

## TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

TRAINING/EVENT	WHEN AND WHERE	DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION
<b>HUD and the FCC</b>	<p><b>WHEN:</b> Tuesday, July 7 at 3:00-4:00 PM EST</p> <p><b>WHERE:</b> Webinar/ GoToWebinar</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION:</b> All attendees must register <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	The webinar focuses on FCC's Lifeline Program and how it might benefit the customers that EnVision Centers serve. <a href="#">Lifeline</a> is a federal program to help make communications services more affordable for low-income consumers. The program lowers the cost of eligible low-income consumers' phone or internet bills by providing a monthly discount of up to \$9.25, and up to \$34.25 for residents on Tribal lands.
<b>Financial Management Training hosted by HUD/ NAIHC</b>	<p><b>When:</b> July 7-9, 2020 9:00am-4:00pm CDT</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> Registration for this training is FREE, but you <b>must</b> register to attend. Registration is available online at <a href="https://bit.ly/VirtualFinMgt">https://bit.ly/VirtualFinMgt</a>.</p>	Over the course of 3 days, participants will share their own stories and be introduced to accounting principles and systems, review program income requirements, and cover financial responsibilities associated with tribal housing and preparation for an A-133 audit. By the end of the session, participants will have improved their knowledge and capabilities in the performance of the finance department functions.
<b>The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region V Tribal Consultation</b>	July 23 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm CST and 1:00pm to 5:00pm EST.	<b>Dear Tribal Leader and Federal Tribal Liaisons:</b> Due to COVID-19, this year's HHS Regional Tribal Consultation sessions will be virtual. These sessions are designed to provide Tribal Leaders with the opportunity to address HHS on how the Department can improve Tribal outreach and coordination and to discuss programmatic and policy issues and concerns with Tribes. Tribes will also have an opportunity to schedule individual one-on-one consultations with Regions V by contacting <a href="mailto:Sam.Gabuzzi@hhs.gov">Sam.Gabuzzi@hhs.gov</a> or calling 312-758-9233. Please be advised all Tribes may submit written testimony <b>prior</b> to our Consultation at <a href="mailto:consultation@hhs.gov">consultation@hhs.gov</a> . If Tribes cannot attend the virtual consultation you can still submit written testimony by Friday September 4, 2020 to the same email address.
<b>Environmental Review hosted by HUD/NAIHC</b>	August 25-27, 2020, Chicago	<b>This 3-day training provides Indian tribes</b> ("tribes" also includes Native Alaskan villages) and other recipients of HUD's Office of Native American Program funding—Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) with specific instructions and guidelines for carrying out their responsibilities under the environmental review process according to 24 CFR Part 58: Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities.
<b>Whatever You'd Like</b>	When You'd Like It	<p><b>FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting for Grants Management</li> <li>• Board of Commissioners Training</li> <li>• Construction Management</li> <li>• Development Project Planning and Management</li> <li>• Financial Management</li> <li>• New Executive Director Training</li> <li>• Self-Monitoring</li> <li>• Policies and Procedures Update Workshop</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact Mary White at <a href="mailto:Mary.White@hud.gov">Mary.White@hud.gov</a> or 312.913.8762</b></p>

## OTHER RESOURCES

### HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) • Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Explore U.S. Federal Agency Resources for Native Americans: <https://www.usa.gov/tribes>
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/regs](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/regs)
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: [www.hud.gov/sustainability](http://www.hud.gov/sustainability).
- Federal Register Today: [http://www.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/fr-cont.html](http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html).
- Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- [Grants Available to Tribes on Health Issues](#)
- [Resources Available to Tribes on Health Issues](#)
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: [www.smallwatersupply.org](http://www.smallwatersupply.org)
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: [www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied](http://www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied)
- Southern California Indian Center: [www.indiancenter.org](http://www.indiancenter.org)
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.: <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: [www.nativecapitalaccess.com](http://www.nativecapitalaccess.com)
- Native Community Finance: [www.nativecommunityfinance.org](http://www.nativecommunityfinance.org)
- National Congress of American Indians: [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)
- National American Indian Housing Council: [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)

### FEDERAL PARTNERS

- [USDA Rural Development:https://www.rd.usda.gov/](https://www.rd.usda.gov/)
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): [http://www.rd.usda.gov/UEP\\_Grant\\_Program.html](http://www.rd.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html).
- [Department of Interior](#) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans): <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA): [https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start\\_page.do](https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do)
- [Indian Health Service](#) (IHS): <http://www.ihs.gov/>
- IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities): <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA): <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth)
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Money Smart materials can be found at [www.fdic.gov/moneysmart](http://www.fdic.gov/moneysmart)
- [US Department of Commerce - MDBA](#) (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
- Economic Development Administration [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov). [Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- [OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory](#) [www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html](http://www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – *Disaster Preparedness & Recovery* <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit#> FEMA - *Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff.* <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program\\_information.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html)
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: [www.sustainablecommunities.gov](http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov)
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – [www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources\\_rural\\_sustainability.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html)
- Social Security Administration - Public website [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)
- SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aiian/>
- Dept. of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: [www.planning.dot.gov](http://www.planning.dot.gov) MAP 21 [www.dot.gov/map21](http://www.dot.gov/map21)

## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NATIVE/TRIBAL ENTITIES

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal are eligible to apply. [Click Here](#) for the complete list and filter under Eligibility.

SOURCE	DEADLINE	DETAILS AND LINKS
<b>HUD Guidance on Eligible Uses for Community Development Block Grant Funds to Support COVID-19 Responses</b>	The guide can be found: <a href="#">HERE</a>	<b>HUD Quick Guide on Eligible Activities for Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Funds.</b> HUD recently posted a guide on eligible uses for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support coronavirus (COVID-19) responses. The guide is a quick reference tool for grantees, such as Tribes and TDHes, to use when contemplating how to address the effects of COVID-19 in their communities. While the language in the guide specifically references CDBG, ICDBG has the same eligible activities, and therefore the guide can be considered applicable for both programs.
<b>Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)</b>	<b>Open</b>	This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit <a href="http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm">http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm</a> .
<b>USDA WATER &amp; WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS &amp; GRANTS</b>	<b>Open</b>	USDA's <a href="#">Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program</a> provides loans/grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. <a href="#">Eligible Applicants</a> include federally recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. <a href="#">RDApply</a> .
<b>Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)</b>	<b>Open</b>	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm</a>
<b>U.S Department of Justice</b>	<b>Open</b>	<a href="#">Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities</a> DOJ announced the opening of the grant solicitation period for comprehensive funding to federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and tribal consortia to support public safety, victim services and crime prevention.

## The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage specifically



designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehab, the purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.

Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of March 2016, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 33,728 loans, which represents over \$5.4 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,938 loans have been made bringing \$565 million in private capital directly to Tribal Members. Tribes and TDHEs can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, [click here](#). For a map of eligible states and counties, [click here](#).

**If you are interested in becoming an approved 184 lender, contact [Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov](mailto:Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov).**

## HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program- Title

VI loans enable Indian Housing Block Grant recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG 'Need' funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#). ONAP's Office of Loan Guarantee has advised that Title VI loans are limited this fiscal year, so the first funded loans will go to applicants whose loan package is the most complete first. For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Kimberly McMorris at [Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov](mailto:Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov) or 312.913.8626. Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:



MOWA Choctaw HA	Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.
Iswa Development Corp.	Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.
Aroostook Band of Micmac	Construction of 17 units in two communities.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.
White Earth Reservation HA	Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.
Lac Courte Oreilles HA	Construction of 20 multifamily units.
Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA	Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing.
Red Lake Reservation HA	Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.
Lumbee Tribe	Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.



**Developing a New Project?**

**Revising your Policies and Procedures?**

**Reassessing Long Term Goals?**

**Let ONAP Help!**

## Free Technical Assistance

**HUD ONAP OFFERS  
FREE SPECIALIZED TRAINING  
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE  
GRANTEES**

### *How Does It Work?*

EWONAP Staff or consultants will develop materials tailored to meet your individual needs.

We can work one-on-one or train in small groups.

Training and Technical Assistance can be done remotely or on-site.

#### **Training and TA available on:**

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
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