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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](#).

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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.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings!

We are pleased to report that all Grant Agreements went out at the end of last month! Most of you have received your Grant Agreements and many have signed and returned them. For that I commend you. You will now be able to see your money in eLOCCS. For any Grantee who has not signed their Grant Agreement, I urge you to do so to gain access to your Grant money for the purposes you outlined in your previously-approved IHP. We are already in the height of summer, yet it's the last quarter of the Federal fiscal year. It is my understanding that a lot of audits are due soon, as well as, many 2019 IHPs will be due by July 17th-18th, so I know you are busy in reviewing your plans for the next fiscal year. Once again there will be a discrepancy between what you budget

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for in the initial IHP, which is based off of the President's budget of \$598,000,013.00 and what Congress eventually appropriates. The table of those projections is located here: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FY2019Estimate-Grant%20Summary.pdf>

While many of you may be wondering when the NOFA for the ICDBG is coming out, that depends on when OMB releases it for publication. After that, there is usually a 75-day period for grantees to consider if they will apply, followed by a period of evaluation by local ONAP offices and then waiting for all Offices to complete the rating and ranking of ICDBG applications. As always, there will be a pre-application review of the NOFA open to all eligible tribes and held here in ONAP's Chicago offices. Every year the NOFA has subtle changes which necessitates paying close attention to how the application will be rated. These are highly competitive applications with successful applicants usually scoring in the high 80's to low 90's.

Community Gardens. Now that it is midsummer and the middle of the growing season, one project that several housing programs have implemented are community gardens. These can either be elaborate with raised beds, tools, seeds staking and the like provided, or simple with allocating Housing or Tribal land into individual plots and encouraging tenants to plant their favorite vegetables. This reaffirms many Native American Tribes' connection to the land and provides fresh, organic safely sourced food. Gardening was here long before contact, with Oneidas among many tribes famous for growing corn, beans and squash in harmony with each other. The corn providing the structure for the beans to climb, while the squash plants provided nutrients to the soil. Moreover, it was the Pokenokets on the East Coast who introduced agricultural plants to the Pilgrims, using fish as fertilizer for corn. In my own experience in Alaska, clams provided abundant fertilizer for plants. This is another way to get back to good nutrition and overall health as many American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from a high rate of diabetes which was virtually unknown in pre-contact times. Added to that is the satisfaction of eating food you have grown yourself.

Already, many places in the Midwest are celebrating as sweet corn is beginning to hit the market. So perhaps another project to consider is sponsoring **a farmers' market in your community** with stalls and display stands available to tenants and tribal members at nominal cost so they can sell excess produce or crafts to increase their income. Items like dreamcatchers, corn husk dolls, baskets, moccasins, lacrosse or stickball sticks could be possible items. Even the creation of an online market place might be possible if you know the right kids with computer skills. Everyone has a cell phone and can post pictures of products for sale. Perhaps this can spark some ideas as the possibilities are far wider than hinted here. You just need the idea, persistence and hard work.

Best of Luck!

[Mark Butterfield](#), EWONAP Administrator

***POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI RECEIVES \$2.3 MILLION
IN INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM HUD***



HUD recently presented the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council a check for \$2.3 million. The funding award was announced as part of HUD's National Homeownership Month and the Pokagon Band's Home Ownership Workshop and Celebration.



Pokagon Tribal Council Members, Chair John Warren, HUD Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan, and Eastern Woodlands ONAP Administrator Mark Butterfield

"Responsible homeownership is a cornerstone of the American Dream," HUD Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan said.

"It provides families with safety and security and can serve as a wealth creation tool for the middle class while growing our economy and helping our communities prosper. We are very proud of all the Pokagon Band does to support its members in these endeavors and know they will put the new Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) award to great use."

John Warren, chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi says, owning a home is the basis of living the American dream.

"It's a holistic approach to a housing need. But when you think about it, it also lifts that person up because when you have the basics, food, shelter, then everything else just kind of falls into place. Because then you start feeling a good self-esteem about yourself," said Warren.

The funding is part of the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), an approach to housing for Native Americans enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Eligible IHBG recipients are federally recognized Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entity, and a limited number of state recognized tribes who were funded under the Indian Housing Program authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937.

The presentation took place during a home ownership workshop which included a panel discussion and a celebration that recognized tribal citizens who have previously taken part in the program.

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

Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country, and how your great work is making a difference!

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

National Native Homeownership Coalition and National American Indian Housing Council Survey tribal housing authorities to gain insight on their community Homeownership Programs

The National Native Homeowner Coalition (NNHC) is collaborating with the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) to survey tribal housing leaders about their perspectives on homeownership financing on tribal trust lands. NNHC members initiated this project after recognizing that the industry still needs more information on the following issues:

- The number of tribal homeownership programs across Indian Country
- Types of mortgage products being used
- Prevalence of manufactured housing
- Usage and challenges to implementing the HEARTH Act
- Experiences obtaining certified Title Status Reports
- Tribal experience on foreclosure, specifically right of first refusal
- Tribal interest in becoming HUD certified counseling intermediaries (whereby TDHEs can work directly with homebuyers and borrowers, helping mitigate risk and defaults)

NAIHC Executive Director **Tony Walters** will share the survey findings at the CIGD's [Homeownership conference](#) on July 10. In addition, the survey results will be shared with NNHC partners and lenders as a means to help develop more responsive initiatives and increase mortgage capital for Native communities.

HUD offers training courses for new and current housing counselors. Training, membership, and all webinars are free. Most webinars have a short online test to get continued education hours' credit and Certificates of Completion. To see all webinars at a glance, visit: <https://www.thecounselorscorner.net/webinar-calendar/>. To participate in a live, online training course, see the schedule below for each of the six HUD competencies necessary to prepare for the HUD housing counseling certification exam:

[August 21, 2018 - Housing Affordability](#)

[August 29, 2018 - Fair Housing](#)

[September 06, 2018 - Homeownership](#)

[September 25, 2018 - Avoiding Foreclosure](#)

[October 09, 2018 - Tenancy](#)

[October 25, 2018 - Financial Management](#)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Planning is underway for a **ONAP's National Native Asset Building Summit** taking place **September 11-12, 2018 in Denver, CO**. The Summit will highlight: Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), financial education tools, credit counseling, tribal trust land loans, and more.

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS (CONTINUED)



Day I - July 9, 2018

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mystic Lake Center

2400 Mystic Lake Blvd.

Prior Lake, MN 55372

[Register for Land Data for Promoting Indian Business and Homeownership on Reservations](#)

Day II - July 10, 2018

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

90 Hennepin Ave.

Minneapolis, MN 55401

[Register for Homeownership in Indian Country: Creating the Opportunity for Choice](#)

UPDATING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA). PUBLIC COMMENTS BY JULY 20TH

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is considering updating its implementing regulations for the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Over the past four decades, CEQ has issued numerous guidance documents but has amended its regulations substantively only once. Given the length of time since its NEPA implementing regulations were issued, CEQ solicits public comment on potential revisions to update the regulations and ensure a more efficient, timely, and effective NEPA process consistent with the national environmental policy stated in NEPA. Read the *Federal Register* [HERE](#)

ONSITE MENTOR PROGRAM

Does your Tribe have a solid waste management activity that they need some assistance with? The **ITEP On-site Mentor Program** has been successful in helping a number of Tribes get assistance from other Tribal professionals. If your Tribe is struggling with a solid waste management activity (transfer station management, implementing recycling or composting operations, minimizing hazardous substances in your waste stream, making tribally-owned facilities more sustainable, or other related activities) fill out application on the ITEP Mentor page (http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Waste/waste_mentors) to be considered for an Onsite Mentor opportunity. If your application is selected, ITEP will help to create a match and will facilitate the process from beginning to end, including providing funding to cover all travel expenses. **Applications for this quarter are due by Wednesday, July 25.** For more info., visit <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/> Or call (928) 523-9404 or contact Todd Barnell (Todd.Barnell@nau.edu) or Julie Jurkowski (Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu).

FY 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program

The overall goal of this program is to provide support to Indian tribes to improve services for victims of crime. Under this program, OVC is soliciting applications for funding to support a range of activities including needs assessment, strategic planning, program development and implementation, program expansion, and other activities to address the victim service needs of tribes. In developing the scope of activities allowable with this funding, OVC took into account input from tribal leaders and other stakeholders regarding needs for victim services in tribal communities. Applications are due **August 6, 2018**. [Click Here](#) for more information.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

TRAINING/EVENT	WHEN AND WHERE	DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION
NAHASDA ESSENTIAL	Reno, NV, July 24-26, 2018	<p>This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other topics covered include the IHBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training will be presented through case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures and hands-on exercises. Register at www.FirstPic.org/events</p>
NAIHC and UTTC	Ongoing CEU Opportunities	<p>NAIHC and United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement that will allow participants receiving training at select NAIHC workshops to also gain Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the UTTC Office of Extended Learning. This is exciting news that will enhance tribal housing professionals' credentials and skill sets. The continuing education unit allows UTTC to record an individual's successful completion of various activities, allowing individuals to earn CEUs in order to maintain or increase expertise in a career field or renew professional licenses. Click Here to see the MOA.</p>
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	<p>FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting for Grants Management • Board of Commissioners Training • Construction Management • Development Project Planning and Management • Financial Management • New Executive Director Training • Self-Monitoring • Policies and Procedures Update Workshop <p>Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762</p>

OTHER RESOURCES

The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration recently announced a new funding opportunity through its Tribal Opioid Response Grant Program

About this Grant: The program aims to address the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) using one of the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). The intent is to reduce unmet treatment need and opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and/or recovery activities for OUD. The program supplements current activities focused on reducing the impact of opioids and will contribute to a comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic. Tribes will use the results of a current needs assessment if available to the tribe (or carry out a strategic planning process to conduct needs and capacity assessments) to identify gaps and resources from which to build prevention, treatment and/or community-based recovery support services. Grantees will be required to describe how they will expand access to treatment and recovery support services as well as advance substance misuse prevention in coordination with other federally-supported efforts. Grantees must use funding to supplement and not supplant existing opioid prevention, treatment, and/or recovery activities. Grantees are required to describe how they will improve retention in care, using a chronic care model or other innovative model that has been shown to improve retention in care. [Click Here](#) for additional information.

Tribal Healthy Homes Grant

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Tribal Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Grant provides \$12 million (\$500K to maximum \$1M) to assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards. This program will assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to develop comprehensive programs to identify and remediate housing issues that contribute to health and safety issues in urban and tribal communities. Application deadline is July 18, 2018. [APPLY HERE](#).

Tribal Disaster Debris Management Training: August 28-29, 2018, Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 5, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Soaring Eagle Hotel Conference Center, 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858

U.S. EPA Region 5 is sponsoring a Tribal Disaster Debris Management Training in partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. This training is geared towards tribal staff involved in emergency management, waste management, public works, planning, and other areas. Debris management is an integral part of emergency management, especially in response to extreme weather or other disasters. Tribes that incorporate sustainable materials management into their disaster debris management plans will also be better prepared to handle disaster debris in a more efficient, environmentally beneficial manner. Tribal staff will have the opportunity to work in small groups with staff from other tribal and other governmental agencies to address issues vital to effective disaster debris management.

Please register by **August 6, 2018**, space is limited. To get more information regarding this training, email Dolly Tong at tong.dolly@epa.gov. To register, email Ms. Tong with your:

Name
Title
Affiliation
Address
Phone
Email

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES

[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
U.S. Department of Justice	July 23, 2018	BJA STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program: Among its provisions, the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018 authorized BJA to manage a grant program that would support efforts by state and local units of government and federally recognized Indian tribes to prevent and reduce school violence. In addition, the program may fund specialized training for school officials in intervening and responding to individuals with mental health issues who may impact school safety. This solicitation specifically seeks applications that address training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence and training school officials in responding to related mental health crises. Click Here for more information.
U.S. Department of Justice	July 25, 2018	Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative: DOJ's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) is designed to engage the full range of criminal justice policymakers and practitioners in the development of innovative strategies to improve the justice information sharing (JIS) and technology capabilities of state, local and tribal agencies. In order to be effective, Global's approach requires training and technical assistance (TTA) to adequately engage stakeholders; facilitate working groups and task teams; develop products and publications; and offer implementation support to the field. The FY 2018 Global solicitation is designed to enhance Global's ability to achieve its goals through the provision of TTA support. Please be advised that this is not a site-based funding opportunity. Click Here for more information.
U.S. Department of Justice	August 6, 2018	FY 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program: The overall goal of this program is to provide support to Indian tribes to improve services for victims of crime. Under this program, OVC is soliciting applications for funding to support a range of activities including needs assessment, strategic planning, program development and implementation, program expansion, and other activities to address the victim service needs of tribes. In developing the scope of activities allowable with this funding, OVC took into account input from tribal leaders and other stakeholders regarding needs for victim services in tribal communities. Click Here for more information.

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.

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 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.



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Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

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

Training and TA available on:

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



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USEFUL LINKS

HUD ONAP CodeTalk website	Grants.gov
EWONAP website	Federal Register Today
HUD Indian Housing Block Grant	White House Native Americans Resources Page*
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	DOT Tribal Transportation Program
HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee	Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force
HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee	Asset Building for Native Communities
HUD Healthy Homes	Center for American Indian Economic Development
HUD ROSS Grant	Native American Contractors Association
HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing	National Congress of American Indians
HUD PIH Environmental Resources	National American Indian Housing Council
HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs	DOE Tribal Energy Program
HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program	DOE Weatherization Grants
HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program	DOE Federal Energy Management Program
DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives	EPA Tribal Grants
USDA Rural Development Grants	Small Business Administration Loans
Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources	CDFI Native American Initiatives
VA Native Health Services	VA Native American Direct Loan
Economic Development Administration	BIA Housing Improvement Program
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