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.

Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP News Bulletin. Click Here to sign up.

Greetings!

EWONAP has had a busy month in May with the roll out of EPIC, which is the system that all Tribes and TDHEs will have to use to file their Indian Housing Plan [IHP] and Annual

From Left to Right: EWONAP Administrator Mark Butterfield; SWONAP Administrator David Southerland; ONAP Director Ted Key; ONAP Deputy Assistant Secretary Heidi Frechette; SPONAP Administrator Wayne Sims; NWONAP Administrator Ken Bowering (recently retired); NPONAP Administrator Randy Akers

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Performance Reports [APR] beginning in May. EWONAP recently hosted a training on EPIC here in Chicago that was well attended. Mary White has supplied the links to instructional materials and they should be available to watch at your leisure. Here are the links:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdJxSlyeg0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdJxSlyeg0&feature=youtu.be)
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The other notable accomplishment for ONAP is that the Formula Center finally published the FY 2018 allocations on the HUD website, so now everyone should know how much each grantee will be awarded minus any interim funding already received as an advance on the annual grant. [Click Here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdJxSlyeg0&feature=youtu.be) for the link to the formula. The amount of money appropriated to the Indian Housing Block Grant of IHBG is approximately $655 million. Just look on the spreadsheet under the Chicago Office [EWONAP] tribes. You may also see tribes that have money allocated under the formula but do NOT file an IHP because they have determined that they do not need this money for a variety of reasons. Since these Tribes do not claim their allocation it is reallocated into the pool for all tribes in the following year.

In addition, Congress appropriated another $100 million for competitive grants in the IHBG block grant program, meaning any Tribe with an IHP is technically eligible to apply for funds as a competitive grant. Congress has given hints on how they would like HUD to administer this money but no firm guidelines, other than to suggest a Tribe/TDHE should have administrative capacity to award the additional money and set a time limit that it should be spent by 2022, slightly shorter than the regular IHBG grants. How this money will be allocated has yet to be determined and the public will be notified by a Notice of Funding Availability or NOFA published in the Federal Register. However, given the emphasis on administrative capacity, Tribes or TDHE’s with outstanding audit or monitoring findings would be well advised to clear these up in order to show that they do have the administrative capacity and wherewithal to handle any additional grants.

On a more personal note, I was saddened to learn of the passing of one of our own, Carolyn O’Neill who served as the Administrator for the Southwest ONAP office in Phoenix until her recent retirement. Carolyn was always cheerful and upbeat as the Administrator in Phoenix and before that as Executive Director of the Sault Ste Marie Housing Authority prior to becoming a HUD employee. She was well liked by her HUD colleagues and her former employees at SSMHA. She is survived by her children and husband Ernie who was always by her side and shared her life’s journey. She did not wish a ceremony but simply asked that people donate to a charity of their choice if they so desired.

In addition, Ken Bowring, longtime Administrator in our Northwest office of ONAP retired at the end of May after a long HUD career with ONAP in Alaska, the SW office in Phoenix and in Seattle. ONAP will be advertising for this key position in the near future so don’t be shy if you feel you have the knowledge and experience to supervise anywhere from 12 to 20 people and provide grant management and evaluation service to 40+ tribes in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Mark Butterfield, EWONAP Administrator

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EWONAP Regional News—EPIC IS HERE!

**INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO USE THE EPIC APPLICATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF HUD-52737, THE INDIAN HOUSING PLAN/ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (IHP/APR), IHP AMENDMENT, OR IHP WAIVER.**

EPIC is an internet-based application that automates much of the process for completing and submitting IHPs/APRs, IHP Amendments, IHP Waivers, and Tribal Certifications. The Excel version of the form is no longer posted on HUDCLIPS, however, a fillable PDF version is available through the Area ONAPs for recipients with unreliable Internet service. Secure systems user IDs and passwords are required to log into EPIC.

All sections of an IHP or APR must be free of errors in order to submit the report in EPIC. Once all reporting sections have been completed and saved, the recipient can submit the report. When a TDHE prepares the IHP on behalf of a Tribe, a Tribal Certification is used. The certification must be signed by an authorized tribal official covered under the IHP. [Click Here for the EPIC User Manual for Recipients.](#)

EWONAP Grants Management staff recently conducted EPIC training for those recipients that have a 9/30 Fiscal Year End date and whose 2019 IHP would be due in July 2018. Thirteen tribes were represented at the session which was held in Chicago in the HUD Training Room. Attendees were able to get hands-on training on how to complete an Indian Housing Plan in the EPIC system. Some participants were able to actually complete their IHP submissions during the training period! An additional Epic training session will be held in September 2018 for those recipients whose plan is due in October 2018.

Additionally, Title I, Section 101 (b)(2) of NAHASDA (as amended), provides authority for HUD to waive the requirement to submit an IHP 75 days prior to the start of the program year for up to 90 days if the Secretary determines that an Indian tribe has not complied with, or is unable to comply with, the plan requirements due to exigent circumstances beyond the control of the Indian tribe. A request for a waiver can be submitted to EWONAP at any time before or after the IHP submission deadline. However, an extension may only be granted for up to 90 days after the original deadline. For example, if an IHP is due on July 18, 2018, (for program years beginning October 1, 2018), a request for a waiver may be submitted prior to or after July 18, 2018, but a waiver of the submission due date can only be granted for up to 90 days until October 16, 2018.

Please ensure your registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) is current. Only entities with active registration in SAM may access HUD funds.

**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)

*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**

**HUD KICKS OFF NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH 2018**

June begins National Homeownership Month, a time of year when the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and others mark the importance of owning a home and the impact it has on the lives of American families, local neighborhoods and to the nation’s economic health. This year’s theme is National Homeownership Month 2018: Find Your Place. Administration (FHA). During the housing crisis of a decade ago, FHA played a critical role in keeping affordable mortgage financing available for millions of qualified borrowers. Today, home sales are at pre-crisis levels and home prices on the rise in most parts of the country as millennials make up the largest segment of first-time homebuyers. Through FHA, and a national network of HUD-approved counseling agencies, HUD is working to make responsible homeownership a reality for millions of Americans. Administration (FHA). During the housing crisis of a decade ago, FHA played a critical role in keeping affordable mortgage financing available for millions of qualified borrowers. Today, home sales are at pre-crisis levels and home prices on the rise in most parts of the country as millennials make up the largest segment of first-time homebuyers. Through FHA, and a national network of HUD-approved counseling agencies, HUD is working to make responsible homeownership a reality for millions of Americans. Click Here for additional details.

Here are a few related events:

**Teaching the Next Generation Healthy Homes Principles** on June 12, 2018 2:00 PM EDT at: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1869803476103795459](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1869803476103795459). Webinar ID: 457-561-379

**Healthy Homes Youth App** on June 18, 2018 2:00 PM EDT at: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/775957631745905155](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/775957631745905155). Webinar ID: 737-740-651

**Protect Your Homes - The Top 5 Wind, Flood, and Fire Damage Defenses** on June 20, 2018 2:00 PM EDT at: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/176897264720750851](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/176897264720750851). Webinar ID: 680-753-227

**Hoarding** on June 27, 2018 1:00 PM EDT at: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3866793669075638531](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3866793669075638531). Webinar ID: 807-043-811

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**FY 2019 Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Estimates**

Published June 1st, FY 2019 Formula Estimates for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program are available [HERE](#).

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**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 CICD’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.
Day I – Land Data for Promoting Reservation Business and Homeownership Development
The Department of the Interior, the Tribal-Interior Budget Council, and Center for Indian Country Development come together to discuss the importance of accurate and complete land records, efficient business processes, and the role of land status in economic development.
This day will feature panels and interactive group sessions focusing on:

- Criticality of accurate and complete land records to Indian business and homeownership
- Land data needed to support the leasing process on trust lands
- Challenges to improving the quality of and access to accurate land data
- Tribal innovations and solutions to land data issues

Participants will leave more familiar with land data issues and the options to address them.
Register for Land Data for Promoting Reservation Business and Homeownership Development

Day II – Homeownership in Indian Country: Creating the Opportunity for Choice
The Center for Indian Country Development, Enterprise Community Partners, and NeighborWorks America continue the conversation with systems leaders to make homeownership a real opportunity and to launch the Tribal Leaders Handbook on Homeownership.
This day will feature the work of the National Native Homeownership Coalition and focus on making homeownership a real choice in Indian Country:

- Using data to improve lending practices
- Harmonizing federal policy and procedures
- Modeling innovative practices
- Creating real homeownership opportunities

Participants will gain clarity on larger systems-level changes needed to make trust lands available for homeownership and other community development purposes, and with a guide to real and practical steps to creating successful homeownership programs.
Register for Homeownership in Indian Country: Creating the Opportunity for Choice
# Training and Conferences

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OTHER RESOURCES

Tribal HUD-VASH Veterans Supported Housing Consolidation Notice
Published in the Federal Register, this Notice consolidates all Tribal HUD–VASH program requirements into one Notice and supersedes the prior Notices. This Notice also establishes HUD’s procedures for issuing renewal funding, subject to the availability of future appropriations. Read Full Notice HERE.

Tribal Healthy Homes Grant: Application deadline is July 18, 2018
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:

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Helpful Resources/Websites for Tribes and Tribal Organizations
Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.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
HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
Environmental Resources http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm
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
## 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.

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<td><strong>Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program</strong> The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Centers for Mental Health Services (CMHS) and Substance Use Prevention (CSAP), are accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program (Short Title: Native Connections). Click Here for additional information</td>
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<td>U.S. Department of Agriculture</td>
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<td><strong>Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant (CFTAT). Webinar – May 15 – 2:00 PM EDT</strong> The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. Click Here for additional information.</td>
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<td><strong>Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities:</strong> 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. Click Here for additional Information.</td>
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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

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:

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<td>Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.</td>
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