Indian Community Development Block Grant
American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Tribal Consultation

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Purpose

- On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2) into law.

- ARP provides additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including $280 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program.

- This funding will be used to provide ICDBG Imminent Threat (ICDBG-ARP) grants to Indian tribes to eliminate or lessen problems that pose an imminent threat to public health or safety of Tribal residents.

- HUD is conducting Tribal consultation to inform how the Department will administer the ICDBG-ARP program.

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ICDBG-ARP

- On March 19th, HUD issued a Dear Tribal Leader letter to solicit feedback on the how the Department should administer ICDBG-ARP funds and provided the following proposed topics to respond to:

1. Maximum grant ceilings for the ICDBG-ARP.

2. Priority consideration for Indian tribes that submitted applications and were not awarded grant funds for ICDBG-CARES.

3. Eligibility for Indian tribes that were awarded an ICDBG-CARES grants

4. Other areas of consideration for the ICDBG-ARP Implementation Notice, program funding criteria, and other program requirements.

Provided Feedback

- Since HUD issued the ICDBG-ARP DTL, ONAP has received feedback covering the following themes

- Examples:
  - Give priority for eligible applicants that were not funded by ICDBG-CARES
  - Don't exclude Tribes that were previously awarded ICDBG-CARES funds
  - Grant ceilings "are fine"

  - We are looking forward to more today.

Discussion Questions

- How should ICDBG-ARP funds be awarded?

- Should priority consideration be given to unfunded ICDBG-CARES applicants? **HUD is strongly considering giving priority to Indian tribes that applied for ICDBG-CARES and were not awarded a grant due to lack of funding.**

- If HUD establishes this priority, how should that be done?

- Should the maximum grant ceilings for the ICDBG-ARP grants be higher than the maximum grant ceilings that HUD set for the ICDBG-CARES grants or remain the same?

- Should Indian tribes that were awarded an ICDBG-CARES grant be eligible to receive an ICDBG-ARP grant?

- Are there any other things that ONAP should consider as it develops the ICDBG-ARP program policies?

THANK YOU

Please send comments to: CodeTalk@hud.gov

Deadline for Comments: April 2, 2021