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# **EWONAP NEWS BULLETIN JANUARY 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.

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

Eastern Woodlands Region



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## **GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

#### Happy New Year!



I hope that everyone had happy holidays. Here in Chicago it has been surprisingly warm with temperatures in the 50's most of Christmas week. Now it's the New Year and the IHBG Competitive Awards were announced at the NAIHC Legal Symposium in Las Vegas. If you couldn't find the announcement, you were not alone as because the details were not easy to find or publicized. The following Eastern Woodlands Tribes/TDHEs received awards:

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## **GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR (CONTINUED)**

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Saginaw Chippewas Indian Tribe of Michigan	\$3,967,260
Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority	\$4,845,656
Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority	\$2,250,000
Lower Sioux Indian Housing Authority	\$1,597,125
Choctaw Housing Authority (Mississippi)	\$5,000,000

#### **Total in EWONAF**

Eastern Woodlands would like to congratulate each of the successful awardees. As EWONAP was not the office who rated or ranked the IHBG Competitive Grants, we urge unsuccessful applicants to contact Hilary Atkin, GM Director in ONAP HQ to go over your scoring sheet to see why your application was not successful and how it could be improved in the future as it appears Congress will put more money into the IHBG Competitive Grant program in FY 2020.

**Funding**. Finally, it appears we have budget certainty. The budget was finally passed on December 20<sup>th</sup>. As of the December 27th, not all the HUD line items are easily found but there will be a continuation of funding for the IHBG and the IHBG Competitive Grant of \$646 million and \$100 million respectively. It appears at least \$1 million was set aside for the renewal of HUD VASH vouchers for Tribal Veterans on or near reservations. As in the past, the amount available for ICDBG funding will depend on the total amount allocated for the CPD Grants available to states, cities and counties, as it is a percentage of the total.

All Interim Funding requests should be sent to your GM specialist who can verify whether a Grantee has any money left in LOCCS and that there is an approved IHP on file and give you further instructions on how to apply for Interim funding. It is likely that a grantee would be eligible for up to 25% of their total grant as we are already three months into the fiscal year.

Grant NOFA. Last month this Bulletin listed that the Indian Housing Community Development Block Grant [ICDBG] 2020 NOFA had been released. Applications are for that ICDBG are **due February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 2020. This NOFA is issued to cover two fiscal years under one grant cycle. Grants will be awarded using FY 2019 and FY 2020 funds. HUD is accepting applications under this NOFA for both years' funding (FY-2019 and FY-2020). Applications passing screening and threshold requirements will be rated and ranked and funds will be awarded in descending rank order, starting with FY-2019 funds and continuing with the FY-2020 funds until exhausted. Training for this funding opportunity for EWONAP Tribes will be here in Chicago at the HUD Building on 77 Jackson Blvd, on January 15th, 2020. Grantees who did not get IHBG Competitive Grants will be able to focus their attention on the ICDBG process though the amount of money will be limited to \$700,000 per successful applicant. ICDBG projects include Community Centers, Recreational facilities, water and sewer projects, community facilities, solar and energy efficiency projects, LP to Natural gas conversions, library/computer access sites, economic development projects such as laundromats, child care facilities, rehabilitation of MHO units or 1937 Act units with significant need for upgrades are all possibilities.

Please forward any topics you might want the Bulletin to address in future issues to <u>Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov</u>.

Kind Regards, Mark Butterfield, Administrator Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs

## EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

#### Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Awards Announced

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced nearly \$200 million in grant awards to 52 Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across the Nation for new housing construction, housing rehabilitation, and critical infrastructure projects. HUD announced the grants during the 2019 National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Legal Symposium in Las Vegas.

These grants will be awarded through HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program to help construct approximately 1,200 new housing units for low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other Indian areas, and spur economic opportunities in distressed communities to help our neediest families. Additionally, our Tribal partners are maximizing this investment by leveraging an estimated \$90 million dollars in additional resources. Many of the grantees announced today are located in Opportunity Zones. Created under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Opportunity Zones aim to stimulate long-term investments in low-income communities.

The IHBG competition was extremely competitive. HUD received almost 200 applications from eligible Native American Tribes and TDHEs. Today's awards are the result of a thoughtful and rigorous application process. The following Eastern Woodland Tribes and TDHEs received grants:

STATE	TRIBE/TDHE	AMOUNT
New York	Akwesasne Housing Authority	\$4,787,173
Michigan	Bay Mills Indian Community	\$1,823,713
Mississippi	Choctaw Housing Authority	\$5,000,000
Minnesota	Lower Sioux Indian Housing Authority	\$1,597,125
Wisconsin	Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority	\$4,845,656
Minnesota	Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority	\$2,250,000
Michigan	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	\$3,967,260
Michigan	Sault Tribe Housing Authority	\$5,000,000
	TOTAL	\$29,270,927

#### NOFA Published for FY19 and FY20 Indian Community Development Block Grant Applications are due on February 3, 2020.

The Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability was posted on November 19, 2019. Applicants must be eligible Indian tribes (or tribal organization). Funding of up to \$65,000,000 is available through this NOFA from funds appropriated for FY 2019. Funding for FY2020 will be awarded through this NOFA and is subject to congressional appropriation. More information about the funding announcement may be found at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy19fy20cdgpforindiantribesandalaskanativevillages">https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy19fy20cdgpforindiantribesandalaskanativevillages</a>. All grants must be submitted through Grants.gov. To view the grant opportunity and submit an application package, visit <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=322606">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=322606</a>.

#### SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

Please send your accomplishments, press releases, events, news, and project photos to our Administrator Advisor, Kimberly McMorris at: <u>Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov</u> 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

#### **OPPORTUNITY ZONES PROVIDE CHANCE FOR REAL CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES**



Left photo: White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council Executive Director Scott Turner and Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan at the Indianapolis Opportunity Zone Summit.

Right photo: Deputy Assistant to the President, Office of American Innovation, Ja'Ron Smith, second from left, and Alfonso Costa Jr., HUD Deputy Chief of Staff (middle) at the Novogradac 2019 Opportunity Zones Fall Conference in Chicago.

Region V continues to engage with the Opportunity Zone initiative, a massive action to encourage financial capital investment in distressed communities. It is expected to spur economic development in disadvantaged communities and to reach \$100 billion in private capital investment. Scott Turner, Executive Director of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council, made several visits throughout Indiana and Ohio to lead summits with relevant stakeholders. HUD Deputy Chief of Staff Alfonso Costa Jr. was a featured speaker this fall in Chicago at the Novogradac 2019 Opportunity Zones Fall Conference where he highlighted the actions the Department has already completed to date to spur economic revival. Regional Administrator Galvan spoke at several conferences, including keynoting the Opportunity Zone Expo and kicking off the "Be Inspired Summit," a statewide event in Minnesota. More information and resources on the initiative is at <u>OpportunityZones.hud.gov</u>, a new website that was launched this fall.

#### JUSTICE PROGRAM'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE WILL SUPPORT 15 AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE STUDENTS TO ATTEND CRIMINAL JUSTICE-RELATED CONFERENCES.

To enhance diversity in the field of criminal justice, the U.S. Department of Justice will make it possible for Native American students to explore how their educational backgrounds apply to issues of crime and justice. They will meet researchers and practitioners engaged in similar work. Conferences will expose students to innovative and evidence-based scientific and technological solutions to justice issues. Eligibility, application and other crucial program details are available online at: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xpnAw</u>. Deadline for application is at 11:59 p.m. EST **April 15, 2020**.

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As a Loan Guarantee Specialist, you will:

- Review lender and Tribal loan packages for compliance with Indian loan guarantee program requirements.
- Evaluate loan files for compliance with sound underwriting decisions, prudent loan origination/ servicing practices and compliance with loan guarantee program requirements.
- Plans and conducts on-site reviews of financial institutions participating in the Section 184 Loan Guarantee program.
- Formulate guidelines and provide technical advice, guidance, and interpretation of complex policies and procedures regarding the Indian loan guarantee programs. <u>CLICK TO APPLY</u>

## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS (CONTINUED)

#### THE NATIONAL INDIAN COUNTRY TRAINING INITIATIVE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AEQUITAS, IS HOSTING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON THE PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY (NIPSVIC), A 3.5-DAY COURSE DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS TO REEVALUATE THEIR APPROACH TO PROSECUTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE CRIMES.

**WHAT:** The National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with AEquitas, is hosting the National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Indian Country (NIPSVIC), a 3.5-day course designed to challenge participants to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting sexual violence crimes.

WHY: The NIPSVIC will explore the complex issues faced by prosecutors in balancing offender accountability and the impact of criminal prosecution on victims. All <u>travel related expenses will be covered by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Educa-</u><u>tion</u>. In addition to practical case evaluation and litigation skills, the curriculum will examine the benefits of developing a coordinated, victim-centered community response; explain common injuries and relevant medical evidence, and offer guidance on the use of medical experts; explore ethical issues confronted by prosecutors; address the development and improvement of culturally -sensitive victim services; and offer prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes and the very nature of justice in sexual violence cases. The NIPSVIC will offer hypothetical case problems, role-playing exercises, small group discussions, mini-lectures, and faculty demonstrations. Rather than merely attending a series of legal lectures, participants will examine their current attitudes and practices by employing active case evaluation, preparation, and trial skills to respond to sexual violence in the varied contexts in which it occurs.

WHEN: January 14-17, 2020 WHERE:

U.S Department of Justice National Advocacy Center

1620 Pendleton St.

Columbia, SC 29201

**WHO:** The highly interactive format enables prosecutors from different jurisdictions, with varied levels of experience, to learn from one another and engage in "real-life" scenarios that are readily transferable to their everyday work.

TAP is funded by the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). TAP is co-managed by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ). For more information about TAP, visit: <u>www.justice.gov/tribal/</u><u>tribal-access-program-tap</u>.



#### SAVE THE DATE!

We're heading to San Antonio, TX, for the **20th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference** on Tuesday, March 31-Thursday, April 2, 2020.

This **one-of-a-kind educational conference** provides help for tribal entities interested in securing funds for affordable housing and economic developments in Native communities. We share tips and tools for using the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program and other financing sources like impact investments, grants and more. These two federal tax credit programs have directly led to

more than \$1.4 billion of new and rehabilitated homes, businesses and services in Indian Country. Travois staff, experienced tribal developers and industry partners will share best practices on how to move developments forward — planning, securing financing, architectural design, construction monitoring, asset management and compliance and more.

Outstanding industry professionals who are making a difference in Native communities will be recognized at the Superhero Awards ceremony, and we will celebrate Travois 25th anniversary! **Registration will open this winter.** Save the date and join us in San Antonio! **Questions?** Contact <u>comm@travois.com</u> or call 816-994-8970.

## TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

TRAINING/EVENT	WHEN AND WHERE	DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION
Self-Monitoring	February 4-5, 2020, Anchorage, AK	This two (2) day training to provide participants with a solid foundation for complying with the self-monitoring require- ments of NAHASDA and 2 CFR 200, and to provide strategies and insights that recipients can utilize to make self-monitoring an effective tool to accomplish their goals. This training will emphasize the development of local self-monitoring plans that are appropriate and effective for the size and needs of the re- cipient's program. The training will provide participants with the most current information on the requirements as well as the tools that are available to support recipient self-monitoring. Registration: To Register <u>click here</u>
National Tribal Crime Prevention Summit	February 4-6, 2020, Denver, CO	<b>FREE</b> forum for tribal leaders and federal agencies to discuss methamphetamine prevalence, opioid addiction, violence against women, and gang violence. Discussion of these topics will aid tribal leaders to come up with unified efforts for their community to combat these crimes. Participants will learn about how these topics affect housing and the greater tribal community. Register at <u>http://www.cvent.com/events/</u> <u>national-crime-prevention-summit/event-summary-</u> <u>5af4e881e40040c6a2035c151dd8c2ef.aspx</u> .
NAHASDA Essentials	February 11-14, 2020, Anchorage, AK	This three and a half (3.5) day training with the final half day (2/14/2020) being optional and available for participants to schedule a one-on one session with the trainer. The training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with latest regulations, program guidance, and PIH Notices. A thorough review of eligible families and eligible activities including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation and housing and crime prevention services will be provided. Registration: To Register <u>Click Here</u>
Uniform Guidance (HUD)	<u>View Webcast Page</u>	<u>2 CFR Part 200 – "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost</u> <u>Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</u> ," com- monly referred to as Uniform Guidance, became effective for all federal agencies and their grantees. This sweeping regulation replaced, combined, and streamlined eight previous sets of federal regulations. Presented by HUD's Office of Native Ameri- can Programs, below is a nine-part training session and addi- tional resource materials on implementing the Office of Budget and Management's New Uniform Guidance for the Indian Hous- ing Block Grant and the Indian Community Development Block Grant Programs.
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	<ul> <li>FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP!</li> <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> Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

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

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

#### FEDERAL PARTNERS

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

## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NATIVE/TRIBAL ENTITIES

<u>Grants.gov</u> website lists Open Grant Opportunities for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal are eligible to apply. <u>Click Here</u> for the complete list and filter under Eligibility.

SOURCE	DEADLINE	DETAILS AND LINKS
U.S Department of Homeland Security	January 31, 2020	View the DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Fact Sheet at <u>https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/</u> <u>documents/182171</u> . View the DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance and Fact Sheet at <u>https://</u> <u>www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/182169</u> .
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	February 3, 2020	NOFA Published for FY19 and FY20 Indian Community Development Block Grant The Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability was posted on November 19, 2019. Applicants must be eligible Indian tribes (or tribal organiza- tion). Funding of up to \$65,000,000 is available through this NOFA from funds appropriated for FY 2019. Funding for FY2020 will be awarded through this NOFA and is subject to congressional appropriation. More information about the funding announcement may be found at <u>https:// www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/</u> <u>fundingopps/fy19fy20cdgpforindiantribesandalaskanativevillages</u> All grants must be submitted through Grants.gov. To view the grant op- portunity and submit an application package, visit <u>https://</u> <u>www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=322606</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture	Open	Broadband Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by Ru- ral Utility Service (RUS) Telecommunications visit: <u>http://</u> <u>www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture	Open	USDA's <u>Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program</u> provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to house- holds 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 le- gal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. <u>Eligi- ble Applicants</u> : state and local govt entities, private non-profits, and feder- ally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit.
U.S Department of Justice	Open	<u>Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communi-</u> <u>ties</u> DOJ announced the opening of the grant solicitation period for com- prehensive funding to federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and tribal consortia to support public safety, victim services and crime prevention.

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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
- 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, <u>click here</u>. For a map of eligible states and counties, <u>click here</u>. **If you are interested in becoming an approved 184 lender, contact** <u>Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov</u>.

#### 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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**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
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



Office of Public & Indian Housing

Mary White, Grants Management Specialist HUD, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs 800.735.3239 - toll free 312.913.8762 - direct Mary.White@hud.gov

For more information, please contact >>>

U.S. Department of HUD, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs News Bulletin – January 2020 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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