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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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Eastern Woodlands Region



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### GREETINGS FROM ADMINISTRATOR



Greetings,  
[Mark Butterfield](#), EWONAP Administrator

It is harvest time, a time with long standing traditions within Tribes who celebrated the Harvest at the end of the growing season. Corn, Squash, pumpkins, beans, wild rice (Mahnommen), cranberries and the preparation of baskets to hold food that would keep for the winter. November in the Ho-Chunk as well as many other Tribe's tradition is the time when deer or (cha) are harvested when they are at their peak in weight and health as they are ready to mate, as are Elk or Huwažuk. Ducks and geese could be hunted before they migrated. Feasts were held to celebrate this bounty and to share food and stories.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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While much of this is not regulated to prevent over harvesting especially of animals, it is still a time when tribal people go out to enjoy the nature around them. It is a time when food sovereignty programs are paying off with their harvest so that you can eat what you have grown and don't have to worry about the price tag at the grocery store.

November is also when we, as a Nation, honor our Veterans; who as most Tribal people know is a long-standing tradition predating the United States. Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. One of the ways ONAP has been able to specifically assist veterans is through the Tribal HUD VASH program whereby, a Tribe or TDHE with such a program can assist finding housing for a veteran who is homeless or at risk of homelessness by finding them a place to rent and paying the difference between what they can afford on their own and the fair market rent similar to a Section 8 voucher. The difference is that only Veterans can qualify and must be willing to accept services that can assist them to address any PTSD or TBI, AODA or other issues, such as limited mobility they might have. Currently, four grantees in the Eastern Woodlands area have such a HUD VASH program: Oneida in Green Bay, WI; White Earth and Leech Lake in Minnesota and the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Each grantee is allocated at least twenty (20) HUD VASH vouchers to assist homeless or near homeless Veteran tribal members find housing. Lumbee has developed a special section of houses for such recipients called Warriors Way in one of its communities.



The deadline for the NOFO for the Indian Housing Block – Competitive Grant has been extended Until January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time. EWONAP encourages all grantees to consider this opportunity. That is because even if you don't apply, planning and assessing your Tribe's needs ahead of time can lead to a successful application in the future by identifying what you might be missing for the current NOFO. Good Luck to all applicants.

The following Tribal Consultations are open:

ICDBG-IT Grant Ceilings and General Programmatic Improvements [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/DTL\\_ICDBG\\_IT\\_Ceiling.pdf10-11-2022](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/DTL_ICDBG_IT_Ceiling.pdf10-11-2022)

Consultation on Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) Enhancement Project; Attachment [TDAT Information Request FormHY-PERLINK "https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/DTL%20Tribal%20Consultation%20on%20Draft%20Radon%20Policy%2010-04-2022.pdf"10-04-2022](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/DTL%20Tribal%20Consultation%20on%20Draft%20Radon%20Policy%2010-04-2022.pdf10-04-2022)

Consultation on HUD's Draft Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process Notice; Attachment [HUD's Draft Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process Notice](#)

## REMINDERS

**PIH Notices Recently Released**—[Notices, Rules and Regulations - Public and Indian Housing | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

⇒ **PIH-2022-28 - Determining and Using Program Income Under NAHASDA**  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2022-28.pdf>

⇒ **PIH-2022-23 - Administrative Requirements for Investing IHBG Fund**  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2022-23.pdf>

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Consultation on HUD's Draft Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process Notice - [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) - [HUD's Draft Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process Notice](#) -  
Please submit your feedback electronically by 12/3/2022 to: [EnvironmentalPlanningDivision@hud.gov](mailto:EnvironmentalPlanningDivision@hud.gov).  
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**Dear Tribal Leader Letters** (Did you know that we publish all DTL's [here](#)? Be sure to check the page regularly for the most recent updates)

**[Dear Tribal Leader](#)**- Tribal Consultation – Indian Community Development Block Grant – Imminent Threat Grant Ceilings and General Programmatic Improvements

**[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)**- Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program – Extension of the Application Deadline for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

On September 30, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a Technical Correction to the FY 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant Program. As a result, applicants now have until 11:59:59 EDT on **January 24, 2023**, to submit applications via grants.gov. [View Letter](#)

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**[Consultation on Tribal Directory Assessment Tool \(TDAT\) Enhancement Project](#)**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is in the process of updating its Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) through the TDAT Enhancement Project. TDAT is a tool developed by HUD to assist HUD staff and its Responsible Entities (RE) in identifying the federally recognized Indian tribes to consult with per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), when assessing potential impacts a project may have on Tribal cultural resources and sites located on ancestral lands. REs are units of government who, as per regulation, assume the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and actions that would otherwise apply to HUD and can include Tribes.

**TDAT Information Session:** HUD will host a virtual webinar on **November 10, 2022**, to provide background and context on TDAT, its features, and its use for consulting with Tribes under Section 106. The TDAT Information Session begins at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. To join the session, click: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/845515>

**Tribal Consultation Session:** As a follow-up to the TDAT Information Session and to allow time for prepared remarks, HUD will host a virtual Tribal Consultation via webex on **November 17, 2022**, to solicit feedback on the TDAT Enhancement Project and the proposed Information Request Form associated with the project. The Consultation begins at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. To join the Tribal Consultation, click: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/845516>

In accordance with HUD's Tribal Consultation Policy, HUD is inviting Tribal leaders to participate in a 60-day comment period to solicit feedback on an Information Request Form that will be incorporated into TDAT as part of the TDAT Enhancement Project. Please send your recommendations or comments via email to: [TDAT\\_info@hud.gov](mailto:TDAT_info@hud.gov) by December 13, 2022.

**[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)** (October 11, 2022)

Attachment: [TDAT Information Request Form](#)

## NEWS

National American Indian Housing Council (**NAIHC**) announced on 10/7/2022 that Executive Director, Anthony “Tony” Walters, will be departing the organization in the coming months. Walters, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, has led NAIHC for five years and helped advance a tribal housing agenda in Congress and the Administration. Before joining NAIHC, Walters served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel to Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Prior to that he worked as a policy advisor in the Department of the Interior’s Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. He will remain to assist with the transition of a new E.D. Vacancy Announcement: [Executive Director at NAIHC | National American Indian Housing Council](#)

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The **U.S. Department of Labor** published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Oct. 13 to help employers and workers determine whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The proposed rule would provide guidance on classifying workers and seeks to combat employee misclassification. [US Department of Labor announces proposed rule on classifying employees, independent contractors; seeks to return to longstanding interpretation | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

Employees and employers can keep accurate records of hours on the job. The **DOL-Timesheet App** helps track regular work hours, break time, and overtime hours. The new version of the app also enhances the comments capability, offers multiple pay frequency options, and additional pay calculations. [Track Your Hours: Just Tap the App | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

**DOL Final Rule** - The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) issued a final rule to rescind its 2020 regulation that established a process under which the Department’s Office of Apprenticeship (OA) Administrator (Administrator) was authorized to grant recognition to qualified third-party entities, known as Standards Recognition Entities (SREs), which in turn were authorized to evaluate and extend recognition to Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs). This final rule also makes necessary conforming changes to the regulations governing the registration of apprenticeship programs by the Department. Final rule is effective 11/25/2022. [Federal Register :: Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration](#)

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The Native Farm Bill Coalition has released a new report with more than 150 suggestions on improving agricultural opportunities in Indian Country ahead of negotiations over the 2023 Farm Bill. The report is titled “**Gaining Ground: A Report on the 2018 Farm Bill Successes for Indian Country and Opportunities for 2023**”. [8b3589\\_763e8879ac2842c0baa45c586ddfd83a.pdf \(nativefarmbill.com\)](#)

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has published a recent **report regarding economic development in Indian Country**. This report was published in response to The Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2020 which includes a provision that GAO conduct a study on Indian economic development, which shows evidence of fragmentation and some overlap. Programs are fragmented across seven agencies: the U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and the Interior, and the Small Business Administration (SBA). Tribal organizations GAO spoke with said many tribes have limited capacity to identify and access programs and may not be aware of the federal assistance available. [Tribal Economic Development: Action is Needed to Better Understand the Extent of Federal Support | U.S. GAO](#)

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**2022-2026 USDA DEIA Strategic Plan** - [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Strategic Plan \(usda.gov\)](#)

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Families can access low-cost internet services through the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**. This Federal Communications Commission program, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, allows tens of millions of American households to reduce their internet service costs by up to \$30/month (or \$75/month on Tribal lands). The ACP also provides up to a \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider. **Enrollment is open now**, and it’s easy to apply. Find out if your household or that of a family member or friend is eligible at <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>. To learn more about the ACP, visit [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp) or call 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET.

## NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



**November is Native American Heritage Month**, commonly referred to as **American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month**.

U.S. National Native American Heritage Day is observed on **November 26**, a day after Thanksgiving.

American Indians are accorded special honor on this day, and their rich cultures, traditions, histories, accomplishments, contributions, and heritage are celebrated.

### "Celebrating Respect, Culture, and Education"



### **The Honorable Earl Pendleton, Vice President**

#### **Lower Sioux Indian Community**

The Lower Sioux Indian community led by Vice President Pendleton has endeavored to create a “seed to wall” blueprint for sustainable housing development within the community. Mr. Pendleton will provide a presentation on the Tribe’s Hemp Housing Project.

**November 16, 2022, 11:30am**

Presentation will be via TEAMS. Keep an eye out for the invite.

Hope you will join us!

## HOME OWNERSHIP

### **Section 184 Program Open for Fiscal Year 2023**

On August 23, 2022, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) issued [Dear Lender Letter 2022-05](#), which informed Lenders and other stakeholders that the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee (Section 184) Program would begin the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 financial closeout beginning on September 21, 2022.

The FY 2022 closeout process is now complete. We are pleased to announce that on October 12, 2022, ONAP opened the Section 184 program for FY 2023 and is processing requests for case numbers, cohort numbers, and Loan Guarantee Certificates. Any requests received during the closeout period will be prioritized by the date of the request – with the oldest request being processed first.

The Section 184 program brings the dream of homeownership to thousands of Native American families annually. We look forward to seeing all the good that this program will do this year.

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### **Native American Direct Loan (NADL)**

The Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program through the Department of Veterans Affairs may help you get a loan to buy, build, or improve a home on federal trust land. You may be eligible for an NADL if you're a Native American Veteran or a non-Native American Veteran married to a Native American, and you meet all of these requirements.

#### **All of these must be true:**

- Your tribal government has an agreement—or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)—with the VA detailing how the program will work on its trust lands, **and**
- You have a valid VA home loan Certificate of Eligibility (COE), **and**
- You meet VA credit standards, **and**
- You have proof that you make enough money to cover the mortgage payments and other costs of owning a home, **and** you'll live in the home you're using the NADL to buy, build, or improve.

[Native American Direct Loan | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

[Native American Direct Loan \(NADL\) - Tribes with Memorandums of Understanding \(MOUs\) - VA Home Loans](#)

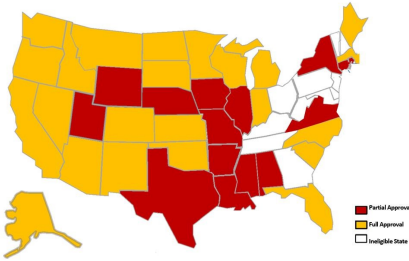
Wells Fargo has a new program, ***Banking Inclusion Initiative***, designed to accelerate the access of unbanked communities to affordable mainstream accounts and have easier access to low-cost banking. They're focusing on Black and African American, Hispanic, and Native American/Alaska Native families, who account for more than half of America's 7 million+ unbanked households. Of the more than 7 million households in the U.S. who don't have access to traditional bank accounts, no group is more impacted than Native Americans. According to the FDIC, more than 16 percent of AIAN households are currently excluded from the banking community – outpacing the number of unbanked and underbanked Black and Hispanic households. In contrast, only 2.5 percent of white American households are unbanked. The costs of financial exclusion can be substantial. Unbanked individuals frequently struggle to build credit or save for long-term goals. Many rely on high-cost alternatives like check cashing, money orders, and payday loans. They're also assisting those who are underbanked and underserved, who may have a bank account yet still use high-cost, non-bank services.

[Banking Inclusion Initiative | Wells Fargo](#)

Wells Fargo seeks to increase access to digitally-enabled transactional accounts and meaningful financial education. Through this initiative, they have a number of projects that are designed to specifically address the needs of Native Americans. One is a partnership with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), which has developed a curriculum called, Native Financial Cents: Supporting Financial Capability for Native Americans (NFC).



## 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 2022, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 53,340 loans, which represents over \$9.4 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands Region, over 6,321 loans have been made bringing \$977million 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
- Single Family Home (1-4 units)

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 [184lenderapproval@hud.gov](mailto:184lenderapproval@hud.gov)

## HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program-

Title VI loans enable IHBG 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. ***Funds can be used to rehabilitate or construct new housing or community facilities, to build infrastructure, acquire land, to fund architectural and engineering plans, towards financing.*** [Click here](#) to see projects.



Contact [Cheryl.A.Cloud@hud.gov](mailto:Cheryl.A.Cloud@hud.gov) for more information. Fund Leveraging Example:

| Item                           | Tribe A            | Tribe B         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                                | Without Leveraging | With Leveraging |
| IHBG Annual Allocation of Need | \$500,000          | \$500,000       |
| Leveraged Funds (5 X Need)     | \$-0-              | \$2,500,000     |
| Total Funding                  | \$500,000          | \$3,000,000     |
| Average Cost Per Unit (CPU)    | \$125,000          | \$125,000       |
|                                |                    |                 |
| Number of Units Realized       | 4                  | 24              |

## FROM THE FIELD

### **Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (WI) Public Facilities & Improvement Project — 2018 ICDBG Addition/Renovation of Indian Child Welfare & Child Support Offices**

**4,666 square foot addition to an existing Tribal Government building and renovation of 983 square foot of existing space. Included 16 additional office spaces, a secured file storage area, a conference room.**

**Total construction cost was \$1,218,771;  
\$700,000 in HUD ICDBG funding & \$518,771 in Tribal funding**





## FROM THE FIELD

### LCO (WI) 2018 ICDBG Project



Prior to renovation, small offices did not allow for consultation with family or colleagues. There was no separate file room to store confidential records and no private restroom available for conducting UA's required by the Tribal Court.

This project improved case management services/outcomes for at least 40 children; vastly increased the agency's capacity and level of services provided by a public facility.

**Congratulations to the Tribe & community members on successful completion of the project!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INTRODUCTIONS

### Upcoming Events

**USET Tribes Calendar of Events:** [Upcoming Events – United South & Eastern Tribes \(usetinc.org\)](https://usetinc.org)

**12/6-8/2022—NCN Annual Policy & Capacity Building Summit** NIGA Conference Center, Washington, DC  
[Native CDFI 3rd Annual Policy and Capacity Building Summit](#)

**12/1-2/2022 - 2022 Center for Indian Country Development Research Summit** [Center for Indian Country Development Research Summit | Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis \(minneapolisfed.org\)](https://www.frb.org/research/indian-country-development-research-summit)

**2/7-9/2023 - 5th Annual Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference** - NLC, Seminole Tribe of Florida

**3/20-23/2023 - NLIHC's Housing Policy Forum 2023** - Washington, DC

ReGina J. Zuni is a citizen of the Pueblo of Isleta; born and raised on her ancestral tribal land in New Mexico. She attended local Bureau of Indian Affairs schools thereafter attended the University of Albuquerque and American University – in Washington, D.C. ReGina's career has always involved Native American issues and rights. Her Federal career included tenures with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Education and U.S. Forest Service. ReGina is a practitioner of Indian Law solely representing Native Americans as a Tribal Legal Advocate. In addition, ReGina was elected to serve as an Isleta Tribal Council Member. She also worked as a Senior Staff Consultant – Tribal Services for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation as well as other New Mexico Tribes. A strong proponent of open tribal government and transparency, ReGina established a social media forum enable allow tribal members to discuss tribal politics and Federal Indian Policy.

ReGina has two adult sons, two fur babies and a longtime partner. ReGina enjoys weaving traditional Pueblo regalia, drone aerial photography, writing, skeet shooting, and golf.



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WELCOMES NEW  
GRANTS  
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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (2022)

| NOFO           | Grant Opportunity Title   | Posted Date | Close Date |
|----------------|---|-------------|------------|
| RUS-REC-2022-2 | Rural eConnectivity Program (USDA) To facilitate Broadband deployment in rural areas. <a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a> | 08/04/2022  | 11/02/2022 |
| FR-6600-N-19   | Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>  | 09/06/2022  | 11/07/2022 |
| FOA-ETA-23-17  | FY2023 DOL Youthbuild <a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>   | 09/30/2022  | 11/08/2022 |
| AC-08-21-22    | FY2023 AmeriCorps State & National American Rescue Plan (ARP) Planning Grants <a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>         | 08/18/2022  | 11/14/2022 |
| FR-6600-N-48   | <b>Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive</b><br><a href="#">Search Grants   GRANTS.GOV</a>                                  | 07/26/2022  | 11/17/2022 |
| FR-6600-N-85   | Thriving Communities Technical Assistance <a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>   | 10/06/2022  | 11/22/2022 |

### HUD Seeks Tribal Feedback on ICDBG Grant Ceilings and General Programmatic Improvements

HUD announces Tribal Consultation efforts in regard to the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat Grants. Currently, HUD appropriations includes \$5 million in imminent threat grants designed to help Tribal communities that are impacted by natural disasters, emergencies, and other threats. Tribes may apply for these grants through a non-competitive first come-first-serve process. The debt ceiling for imminent threats is capped \$450,000 for non-Presidentially declared disasters and \$900,000 for Presidential declared disasters. These grant ceilings have been in place for many years. HUD recognizes that since these grant ceilings were established, costs have increased for things, such as transportation, construction materials, and labor.

As part of HUD's commitment to Tribal consultation, they are requesting feedback for this program.

Specifically, HUD is requesting feedback on the following questions:

Should HUD increase the ICDBG Imminent Threat grant ceilings, and if so, what should the new maximum grant ceilings be?

Do you have any other suggestions on improvements that HUD could make to the ICDBG Imminent Threat program?

Comments should be submitted electronically to [Codetalk@hud.gov](mailto:Codetalk@hud.gov) by **November 25, 2022**.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (2023)

| NOFO            | Grant Opportunity Title   | Posted Date | Close Date |
|-----------------|---|-------------|------------|
| AC-08-17-22     | FY2023 AmeriCorps State & National Grants<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>                          | 08/17/2022  | 01/04/2023 |
| FR-6600-N-34    | FY2022 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>           | 09/30/2022  | 01/11/2023 |
| FR-6600-N-52    | FY2022 Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>              | 09/21/2022  | 01/25/2023 |
| AC-08-18-22     | FY2023 AmeriCorps State & National Native Nations Planning Grants<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>  | 08/18/2022  | 04/05/2023 |
| AC-08-19-22     | FY2023 AmeriCorps State & National Native Nation Grants<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>            | 08/18/2022  | 04/05/2023 |
| RD-RBCS-23-RMAP | Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>                         | 08/31/2022  | 06/30/2023 |
| FR-6600-N-USP   | Authority to Accept Unsolicited Proposal for Research Partnerships<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a> | 09/07/2022  | 06/30/2023 |
| RD-RBCS-23-RMAP | Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program<br><a href="#">View Opportunity   GRANTS.GOV</a>                         | 08/03/2022  | 6/30/2023  |

**IHBG Competitive Grant Deadline has been extended to 1/24/2023!**

**Please reach out to your assigned Grant Management Specialist for more information.**

**Grants.gov has migrated to the Cloud. Scheduled maintenance November 19-21, 2022.**

***EWONAP offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day***

***and Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.***

***December News Bulletin Deadline: Monday, November 21st***





## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY RELATED

### **Development**

The New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) helps economically distressed communities attract private investment capital. This federal tax credit helps to fill project financing gaps by enabling investors to make larger investments than would otherwise be possible. Communities benefit from the jobs associated with investments in manufacturing, retail and technology. Communities also benefit from greater access to housing and public facilities such as health, education, and childcare. Calendar year 2021 Award Book published. [CY\\_2021\\_NMTC\\_Program\\_Award\\_Book\\_FINAL.pdf \(cdfifund.gov\)](#)

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### **Housing Services**

#### **Occupancy/Resident Services**

Native Americans are getting left behind in the remote work economy because they live in overcrowded housing at a higher rate than any other racial group. Report on an important facet of the pandemic economy that has affected how well Native Americans have been able to access employment over the past two years: their ability to work remotely compared to other racial and ethnic groups, by Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and Brookings Institution; co-authored by Robert Maxim, Mashpee Wampanoag. [Native Americans are getting left behind in the remote work economy \(brookings.edu\)](#)

#### **Homeless**

The HUD report provides estimates of homelessness in the U.S., focusing primarily on sheltered homelessness. The new report estimates that 1,253,000 people experienced sheltered homelessness in 2020, a 14% drop from 2019. HUD attributes this dramatic decrease in part to safety net measures – like eviction moratoriums – implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic that helped prevent new entrances to shelter. Health and safety concerns may also have made households less likely to enter shelters during the pandemic. Additionally, in some places, shelters closed or reduced their occupancy to encourage social distancing.

[The 2019-2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report \(AHAR\) to Congress \(huduser.gov\)](#)

#### **Homeownership**

USDA-RHS is implementing changes to the Single-Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) to update the requirements for Federally supervised lenders, minimum net worth and experience for non-supervised lenders, approved lender participation requirements, handling of applicants with delinquent child support payments, and builder credit requirements. Publicized 8/31/2022; this final rule is effective November 29, 2022. [Federal Register :: Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program](#)

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### **Planning & Administration**

New report (Turner Center for Housing Innovation) studied 21 organizations across the country, in both the urban & rural continuum, with different scales of funding on how they increased capacity to administer local ERA Programs. **Building Local Institutional Capacity - [Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Lessons-Learned-October-2022-Final.pdf \(berkeley.edu\)](#)**

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Every two years, HUD and the Census Bureau produce **the American Housing Survey (AHS)**, the most comprehensive analysis of the nation's housing inventory. The AHS covers a variety of important housing topics, including the composition and quality of the nation's housing stock; rents, mortgages and other housing costs; and neighborhood conditions. The AHS is used by the public, policymakers and professionals in many fields for research, planning, and decision making, as well as to understand the current state of our nation's housing markets and how they have changed over time. This survey includes a Table Creator, which can be used to create custom tables by geographic area, demographics, income, and other characteristics ([www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs/data/interactive/ahstablecreator.html](#)) and the Public Use File, which contains household-level survey responses ([www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs/data/2021/ahs-2021-public-use-file--puf-.html](#)). These data are available in the Table Creator and Public Use File for the nation and for 25 large metropolitan areas, including the 15 largest metropolitan areas. The Table Creator also includes estimates for nine states. The American Housing Survey (AHS) is the largest regular national housing sample survey in the U.S. and tracks housing units over time. This can provide us insights on how homes age and how the occupants of homes change. **The 2021 American Housing Survey results released on 9/29/2022** provides new insights on how our relationship with our homes changed during the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 when compared to the data from before the pandemic. [HUD and Census Bureau Release New American Housing Survey | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

## DISASTER & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

### FEMA's National Tribal Affairs

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has appointed the agency's first National Tribal Affairs Advocate, Kelbie Kennedy, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. As the first tribal political appointee in FEMA history, Ms. Kennedy will advise the agency and its Administrator on tribal affairs, while working to ensure that FEMA lives up to its treaty and trust responsibilities to tribal nations. Ms. Kennedy has spent her career working on issues related to tribal emergency management and resilience, homeland security, and public safety. Prior to joining FEMA, Kennedy worked for more than four years as the policy manager for national security and community safety initiatives for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). In her role at NCAI, she worked on national policy issues surrounding tribal emergency management and resilience, tribal homeland security, tribal border issues, violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women, public safety and justice, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and international Indigenous rights. Ms. Kennedy also played a pivotal role in the effort to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act earlier this year, restoring tribal nations' criminal jurisdiction over certain crimes. Kennedy was born and raised on the Choctaw Nation's reservation in southeast Oklahoma. She received her J.D. and certificate in American Indian Law from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law.

You can find the 2022-26 FEMA National Tribal Strategy and the National Tribal Affairs Advisor's Letter to Tribal Leaders at [Tribal Affairs | FEMA.gov](#)

### Treasury Released Tribal ERA Reallocation Round Amounts on 10/21/2022.

[ERA1 Tribal Reallocation Round Results \(treasury.gov\)](#)

### DISASTER RELATED

Older adults have been disproportionately impacted by disasters. FEMA Guide to Disaster Mitigation & Making the Connection to Older Adults [Guide to Expanding Mitigation Making the Connection to Older Adults \(fema.gov\)](#)

FEMA Disaster Assistance - [Home | disasterassistance.gov](#) 1-800-621-FEMA

Emergency Operations Center Guide - [FEMA EOC Quick-Reference-Guide Virtual Considerations](#)

Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov)

FEMA 2022-2026 National Tribal Strategy (released 8/19/2022) [FEMA National Tribal Strategy.pdf](#) ([nativenewsonline.net](#))

*Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most private non-profit organizations located in a declared disaster area and which have suffered substantial economic injury may be eligible for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).* [Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(sba.gov\)](#)

**The life you've built is worth protecting!**

**Protect your family  
and your property  
from disasters.**



# Training & Technical Assistance

[CodeTalk - Calendar of Events | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

NAIHC/HUD schedule & registration at: <https://naihc.net/training-schedule/>  
Native Learning Center schedule/registration at:  
[Training Events – Native Learning Center](#)



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- Or customize your own!



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[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/codetalk/training](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/training)

Complete form and submit to Mary White,  
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| 11/3-4/2022<br>Virtual                     | Procurement & Contract Administration - NAIHC  | <a href="#">Nov 3-4   HUD Virtual Training   Procurement &amp; Contract Administration   National American Indian Housing Council (naihc.net)</a> |
| 11/15-17/2022<br>In-Person<br>Chandler, AZ | NAHASDA & Tax-Credit Compliance Professional (NTCCP) Training Certification<br>NAIHC & Travois | <a href="#">Summary - Leadership Institute   NTCCP: LIHTC &amp; NAHASDA (cvent.com)</a>   |
| 11/17/2022<br>Virtual                      | Environmental Review—Reevaluation  | <a href="#">WebEx HUD Exchange</a>  |
| 11/29/2022<br>Virtual                      | Financial Wellness Part 1<br>Native Learning Center  | <a href="#">Financial Wellness Part 1 (adobeconnect.com)</a>  |
| 11/30/2022<br>Virtual                      | Financial Wellness Part 2<br>Native Learning Center  | <a href="#">Financial Wellness Part 2 (adobeconnect.com)</a>  |

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**We bid a fond farewell to Renata Thakurdyal, Grants Evaluation Specialist as she moves on to her next career adventure.**

**Thank you Renata for your good work here at Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs!**

**We wish you the best and much success in your new job!**

