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HUD's Mission: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

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Join the SWONAP Newsletter Listserv to receive our Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Southwest Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, Training and more:

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1. What's New on Codetalk (www.hud.gov/codetalk)! Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

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 Homelands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations. **Read more** about ONAP's mission, funding programs, directory, & program accomplishments.

Check www.hud.gov/codetalk for the latest ONAP news and updates.



SOUTHWEST OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS (SWONAP)

SWONAP ensures that safe, decent and affordable housing is available to Native American families, creates economic opportunities for Tribes and Indian housing residents, assists Tribes in the formulation of plans and strategies for community development, and assures fiscal integrity in the operation of the programs. [Join Our Mailing List](#).

Service Area: Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico & Ysleta del Sur

- [Contact SWONAP Staff](#)
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IHBG Competitive Grant Program and Training webinars (Sept. 21-24 and Sept. 29-Oct. 2)

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter - Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\)-Competitive Grant Program:](#) 1) Corrected Application Package and 2) Training Sessions

The initial Grants.gov posting of the IHBG-Competitive Grant Program NOFA contained an omission error regarding the Certification for Opportunity Zone (OZ) Preference Points. The application package, via correction, now includes the OZ Certification form for applicants to download. Also, for any applicants that started the application process, the OZ Certification form has been removed from the downloadable instructions zip file. All applicants should download a new application package to ensure you are



accessing the most recent, updated materials. For further information and to view the changes, please visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=328626>

HUD will host two training sessions via webinar for eligible applicants on the IHBG-Competitive Grant Program NOFA. These sessions are being offered to provide multiple opportunities for potential applicants to attend and ask questions. One session will be held September 21st-24th from 12:30-5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and the other session will be held September 29th-October 2nd from 12:30-5:00 p.m. EDT. Please refer to the [agenda](#) for a breakdown of the webinar training topics.

NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

[Native Hawaiian Program Specialist](#), GS-13, Honolulu, HI

Closes: Sept. 28, 2020

As a Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, you will:

- Implement policies, program standards, procedures and guidelines (e.g. for use by program recipients and lenders) in response to the unique problems and issues related to Hawaiian Home Lands and other Native Hawaiian programs.
- Formulate guidelines and provide technical advice, guidance, and interpretation of complex policies and procedures regarding the Native Hawaiian loan guarantee programs to program participants, the financial community, and other entities.
- Respond to inquiries from program participants, identify technical assistance needs, and develop tailored packages (e.g. training packages such as handouts, PowerPoint, samples of completed forms etc.) to address those needs.
- Respond to inquiries, both written and oral, from members of Congress, public and private interest groups, NHHBG recipients, mortgagors, the financial community as well as GAO reports and IG inquiries regarding the Native Hawaiian program policies and procedures.

COVID-19 Recovery Programs UPDATE - HUD's Office of Native American Programs info. and resources related to COVID-19, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), visit: www.hud.gov/coronavirus

Quick Links to COVID-19 Resources to Support Tribal Entities:

- [The USDA Office of Tribal Relations New Website](#)
- [Indian Community Development Block Grant \(ICDBG-CARES\)](#)
- [State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program](#)
- [Coronavirus Pandemic: FEMA Assistance for Tribal Governments](#)
- [Indian Health Service: COVID-19 Information](#)
- [CDC Foundation: COVID-19 Corps Jobs](#)
- [CDC: Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Tribal Communities-Plan, Prepare & Respond](#)
- [SAMHSA Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19](#)

[View TTA Resources](#)

Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans - Contact the following offices for assistance:

- To live on public lands, contact the [Office of Public and Indian Housing \(PIH\)](#).
- To live on a reservation, contact a local [Tribally Designated Housing Entity \(TDHE\)](#).
- Locate your [state housing counseling agency](#) or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the nearest agency.

Native American Housing Programs

- [Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs \(ONAP\)](#) - administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing for Native American families.
- [Indian Housing Grant Programs](#)-provide financial assistance for Indian tribes to develop affordable housing and to provide housing activities on a reservation or Indian area. Guidebooks available.
- [Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#): provides home repair, renovation, replacement, & new housing grants



- Native Housing Resources/Tribal Court Clearinghouse (a project of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute): <http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm>
- Healthier Tribal Housing: Combining the Best of Old and New: <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/>
- RCAC Tribal Community Development Loans: <https://www.rcac.org/lending/az-nm-tribal-community-development-loans/>

Opportunity Zones Report Published - The Opportunity Zone report outlines best practices and features examples of community revitalization occurring across the nation. Access a copy of the report at https://opportunityzones.hud.gov/sites/opportunityzones.hud.gov/files/documents/OZ_Best_Practices_Report.pdf Additional resources for Opportunity Zones can be found at: <https://opportunityzones.hud.gov/>

How Community Development Financial Institutions Can participate in the Opportunity Zone program

The Opportunity Zone legislation was passed to motivate economic development and bring jobs to communities that have long been passed over. These distressed communities have been unnoticed by mainstream capital markets for too long, and now is the perfect time for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Opportunity Zone funds work together in low-and-moderate-income (LMI) communities. Learn more at: <https://www.opportunityzone.com/posts/how-community-development-financial-institutions-can-participate-in-the-opportunity-zone-program/>

2. TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS: * Subject to change *

FREE ONAP Training Workshops: *Due to COVID-19, many workshops have been re-scheduled or converted to Virtual trainings. For updated information, please visit [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)*

Conferences & Event	Date/Location	Description
Tribal Land Title & Recording Overview	Sept. 18 Via Zoom 10am-12 pm MDT	Tribal Best Practices / Lessons Learned Greta Armijo, Housing Director, <i>Pueblo of Jemez HA</i> ; Shirley Bellson, Tribal Realty Supervisor, <i>Zuni Pueblo Realty Dept.</i> ; Sheila Herrera, Exec. Director, <i>Tiwa Lending Services (Isleta)</i> ; Moderator: Dave Castillo, CEO, <i>Native Community Capital (Laguna)</i> . Register at: https://enterprisecommunity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GxaAVpDTCC1U54Hxo1ncw
HUD Part 58 Environmental Review Trainings	Sept. 2-24 FREE, Live, on-line trainings	The HUD Region IX OEE offers free , live, on-line training to help “responsible entities,” public housing authorities, other HUD grantees, and consultants undertaking HUD environmental reviews gain a better understanding of federal environmental requirements and procedures. Training is designed for individuals who prepare environmental reviews pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 for jurisdictions in Region IX. The 3-day, Part 58 training that Region IX OEE hosts annually and in-person is delivered via Adobe Connect over eight, 2-hour sessions this year. Dates, times & topics of each session are below. Registration is limited to the first 250 participants for each session. All sessions are recorded. For more info., contact your local Field Environmental Officer: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/hud-environmental-staff-contacts/#region-ix-regional-and-field-environmental-officers Remaining Sessions: Session 7: Wednesday, September 23, 2020; 1 pm to 3 pm PDT Airport Hazards - Environmental Justice - Environmental Assessment Factors To register: https://hud.adobeconnect.com/e6vg2hrqbl2t/event/registration.html Session 8: Thursday, September 24, 2020; 1 pm to 3 pm PDT Request for Release of Funds - Implementation and Mitigation - HUD's Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) To register: https://hud.adobeconnect.com/eje6qysrby39/event/registration.html
National Tribal Broadband Summit (Virtual)	Sept. 21-25 Virtual Summit	Accepting Presentation Proposals at https://www.doi.gov/tribalbroadband The National Tribal Broadband Summit is a unique opportunity for Tribal Leaders, representatives of Tribal organizations, representatives of schools and school districts serving under-connected Native students, tribal libraries and cultural programs, federal program managers, and policy-makers at multiple levels of government to come together and share their innovations in expanding broadband access and adoption for tribal communities.
Environmental Review	Sept. 22-24	FREE 3-day training provides Indian tribes (“tribes” also includes Native Alaskan



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Training (HUD/ONAP)	Virtual training	villages) and other recipients of HUD's Office of Native American Program funding–Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) with specific instructions and guidelines for carrying out their responsibilities under the environmental review process according to 24 CFR Part 58: Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities. The environmental review process is required for all HUD ONAP assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users. Not every project is subject to a full environmental review (i.e., every project's environmental impact must be examined, but the extent of this examination varies), but every project must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other related environmental laws. Register at: https://web.cvent.com/event/33bf1d4c-c9d2-474a-b838-5972e6ddfc3d/summary?rp=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000
Developing and Financing Tribal Infrastructure (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 22-24 Virtual Training	FREE. Infrastructure is the backbone of any community and is necessary for everything from housing to business development to schools. However, financing infrastructure rarely comes from a single source. It can take a complex array of source to develop water/sewer, roads, and utilities. Timing funding with the phases of development is critical. This workshop will demystify infrastructure development and funding and identify different strategies for accessing resources. Register at: http://naihc.net/sep-22-24-developing-financing-infrastructure-registration-coming-soon/
Tribal Housing Admissions & Occupancy Training	Sept. 22-24 Virtual Training	<u>Admissions and Occupancy</u> FREE Virtual Training. Housing Admissions and Occupancy responsibilities are at the heart of the rental housing program. Often occupancy specialists are the face of housing to many residents. Participants can expect to gain an understanding how Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) policies and program requirements impact the Admissions and Occupancy (A&O) process. Board and management can learn more about developing and applying tribal policies and procedures that are clear, support staff, and promote equitable and compliant programs.. <u>Register Here</u>
Virtual Tribal Nations Market Research Training "Using GSA eTools"	Sept. 24 Virtual training 8-10 am	Tribal Nations have the ability to use GSA eTools to conduct their market research for products and services needed for Tribal Programs. Utilizing these GSA eTools will increase your program Market Research efficiency, as well as help save time and money. Register at: https://interact.gsa.gov/event-registration?id=701t0000000ThJ9AAK
Intermediate Financial Management & Reporting (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Virtual training	FREE two (2) day virtually delivered training on Intermediate Financial Management & Audit Preparation. The training will deliver highlights of best practices to ensure that the management and accounting of the NAHASDA funds are being observed and practiced in accordance with the NAHASDA statute and regulations. Participants will be given resources and tools that the HUD/ONAP program recipients (Tribes and TDHEs) can utilize to employ best practices in the fiscal and internal control management of their IHBG funds, understand and put into practices generally accepted accounting principles (GGAP) for Government accounting and understand the tools and procedures to ensure audit readiness and preparedness for the annual audit of Financial Statements and Single Audit. The training will include a review of relevant sections of the 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Guidance on audit requirements, review of internal controls, expenditure compliance, financial record keeping, the latest OMB Compliance Supplement for the NAHASDA program, and Year-end closing processes. Register at: https://web.cvent.com/event/6e8c9707-e3cd-4ddf-bc4b-894f8468abfe/summary?rp=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000
28th Annual EPA Region 9/ Tribal Conference	October – Virtual/dates TBD	Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the 28th Annual EPA Region 9/ Tribal Conference will be Virtual! The new virtual platform meeting will offer 2 days of breakout sessions spread out over the course of 3 weeks in October. Once the schedule is finalized, an agenda will be available. There will be no registration fees for this year's conference but individuals must register to gain access to all the sessions available. More information will be available soon at https://www.tribalepa.com/
NAFOA Virtual 2020 Fall	Oct. 5-9	NAFOA's <u>Virtual 2020 Fall Conference</u> will continue to convene tribal, state, federal,



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Conference	Virtual	and industry partners to discuss important economic issues facing Indian Country. The agenda is live and registration is open for NAFOA's Virtual 2020 Fall Conference .
NAHASDA Essentials	Oct. 6-9 Fairbanks, AK	Interactive 3 ½ day training that will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will learn regulations, program guidance, and PIH Notices. A thorough review of eligible families & eligible activities incl. rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation and housing and crime prevention services will be provided. Other topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, calculating income eligibility and adjusted gross income, moderate-income family assistances, income verification. Register here
4 th Annual National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Summit	Oct. 8 Virtual Summit	Summit is titled Advancing Substance Use Prevention in HIDTA Communities: Standards, Strategies, and Support . To register for this no-cost event, please click here . You will receive a registration confirmation email with log-in information for accessing the event. For more info., Visit www.hidta.org/adapt/
Tribal Land Appraisal Training (Fannie Mae)	Oct. 14 Virtual training	Homeownership on ancestral lands or tribal trust lands evokes a special place of heritage and culture. Affordable, conventional mortgages, like those offered by Fannie Mae lenders, can help tribal members achieve that goal. But the first step is understanding the process. Fannie Mae's "Tribal Land Appraisal Training" webinar will cover conventional lending at a high level and take a deeper dive into the appraisal. JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT: • Benefits and challenges of conventional financing on tribal land • Roles of tribal governments and other key stakeholders in conventional lending • How to assist appraisers in helping tribal members achieve homeownership. Register at: https://fnma.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=fnma&service=6&rnd=0.12586060707489422&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Ffnma.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b00000046806e545fe7bcb6e55eac2f8eb1e8444f7d4d9c9b28fbcfb9df103c8449ea185%26siteurl%3Dfnma%26confViewID%3D172117550756307210%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAASjgnxfd_qv9m9xqdcR3FLYthrXr9XZThiKZrElneoRvg2%26
Governance & Leadership in Tribal Housing	Oct. 27-29 Anchorage, AK	Interactive 3 ½ day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the roles and responsibilities of Board of Commissioners and Tribal Council members with regards to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Topics include; Fiduciary Responsibilities; Conflict of Interest; Procurement; Compliance and Monitoring; Admissions Requirements; Policy Requirements; and Decision Making. This course provides the foundation for Board of Commissioner and Tribal Council members to be successful in applying applicable rules and policies to conflict resolution and decision-making. Case studies, group discussions, and hands-on exercises will be applied to reinforce NAHASDA concepts. To Register click here
Tribal Project Implementation	Nov. 27-29 Anchorage, AK	This training will assist recipients by providing an effective process to plan and manage NAHASDA projects, which incorporates program requirements. The training will include case studies of several different types of affordable housing projects to enhance the effectiveness of the training. Training materials incl. management tools to support planning & development of projects. Although the training will not focus on compliance, NAHASDA requirements will be incorporated in the training material & project implementation process to facilitate successful project implementation. To Register click here

3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

Agency/Source	Deadline To Apply	Additional Information
DOE-Energy Technology on Tribal Lands	Extended to Sept. 30	DOE announced up to \$15 million in new funding to deploy energy technology on tribal lands. Projects selected are intended to stabilize or reduce energy costs and increase energy security and resiliency for Indian Tribes and tribal members. DOE is soliciting applications to install energy technology on tribal lands, specifically to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install energy generating systems and energy efficiency measures for tribal buildings; • Deploy community-scale energy generating systems or energy storage on tribal lands; • Install integrated energy systems for autonomous operation (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid) to power a single facility or multiple essential tribal facilities during emergency situations or for tribal community resilience; or • Deploy energy infrastructure or integrated energy systems to electrify tribal buildings. See the FOA for all eligibility requirements and how to apply.



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Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPPIR)	Sept. 30	USDA's Food and Nutrition Service provides USDA foods to income-eligible households living on Indian reservations and to Native American households residing in designated areas near reservations in OK.
WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants	Oct. 3	Orgs with water/power delivery authority to leverage money & resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on projects that seek to: (1) Conserve & use water more efficiently; (2) Increase production of hydropower; (3) Mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; (4) Enable farmers to make additional on-farm improvements in the future, including improvements that may be eligible for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding; (5) Accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States; (6) Provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought. Eligible entities incl. states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other orgs. located in Western US or US Territories.
Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2021	Oct. 28	Funding Opportunity Announcement No. BOR-DO-20-F013. Bureau of Reclamation. More info. at: https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/PKG00256420-instructions.pdf
Brownfield Multipurpose Grants	Oct. 28	Tribes are eligible. This US Environmental Protection Agency program provides funding to be used to conduct both assessment and cleanup activities, and to develop an overall plan for revitalization of the target area if a plan does not already exist. Go To RFP Link
FY2020 ROSS NOFA	New Nov. 19	PIH Announces Fiscal Year 2020 Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) - The ROSS grant program is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian Housing make progress towards economic and housing self-sufficiency by removing the educational, professional and health barriers they face. To help residents make progress towards self-sufficiency, HUD provides ROSS grant funding to eligible applicants to hire a Service Coordinator who assesses the needs of Public and Indian housing residents and links them to training and supportive services that will enable participants to move along the self-sufficiency continuum. In the case of elderly/disabled residents, the Service Coordinator links them to supportive services which enable them to age/remain in place. Tribes/TDHEs are Eligible Applicants. Access the FY20 ROSS Program NOFA here Additional Resources: FY20 ROSS NOFA Frequently Asked Questions Applicant Eligibility Requirements General Administrative Requirements and Terms For more info. , contact the ROSS Office at: ROSS-PIH@hud.gov and for regular updates, join the ROSS Listserv at: ROSS-SC-L@HUDLIST.HUD.GOV
HUD FY2020 IHBG Competitive Grant NOFA	NEW! Dec. 10	Grant NOFA link: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=328626 For more info. about this grant opportunity, direct inquiries to IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov . Information on NOFA training opportunities are coming soon. For additional info. about HUD's programs visit www.hud.gov/codetalk
USDA Business & Industry CARES Act Program	Sept. 15, 2021, or until funds expended	Business and Industry (B&I) CARES Act Program USDA is making available up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees to help rural businesses meet their working capital needs during the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, agricultural producers that are not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans may receive funding under USDA B&I CARES Act Program provisions included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
NCAI Stabilization Grants for Native-Owned Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus Pandemic	NEW! Open	Native-owned small businesses in tribal communities provide critical jobs and income to tribal citizens and their families while enriching the quality of community life by providing goods and services to local residents and the public at-large. With generous support from Google.org , NCAI is offering business stabilization grants in the amount of \$5,000 each to a total of 28 selected Native-owned small businesses that have been severely impacted by the curtailing of commercial activity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more info., eligibility criteria, and how to apply, click here .
Honor the Earth Native Food Security Grants	Open	Honor the Earth Native Food Security Grants Funding for native organizations working to create food security using traditional seeds, foods, and growing methods, as well as energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.
Rural & Tribal Passenger Transportation Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Rural and Tribal Passenger Transportation Technical Assistance The Community Transportation Association of America offers technical assistance for tribes and rural communities of less than 50,000 people to plan system start-up, transit service improvements, facility development, marketing, transportation coordination and staff training.
Community Facilities Fund (LISC)	Ongoing	RURAL LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) created the Community Facilities Fund to provide capital to help develop & improve essential community facilities in rural areas. This fund provides permanent and construction-to-permanent financing for rural community facilities, including health care centers, hospitals, educational facilities, and other nonprofit and public facilities in rural communities with populations under 20,000. Click here for more.
EDA CARES Act Funds	Ongoing	The Dept. of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) supplemental funds (EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance) intended to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. For more info. and to apply click HERE .



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Rural Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees	Open	USDA 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 Rural Utility Service (RUS) Telecommunications visit: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs
USDA WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS & GRANTS	Open	USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program provides loans/grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households 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 legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. Eligible Applicants include federally recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. RDApply .
Rural Business Development Grants	Open	Federally Recognized Indian Tribes are eligible. This program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities. More info. at: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants
Indian Land Tenure Foundation - Land Recovery Efforts	Open	The Foundation provides funding to Indian nations to support various aspects of land recovery with a focus on reacquiring alienated federal lands. Returning lands to Indian ownership and control is important to ensure that Indian people have access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. The Foundation supports a variety of initiatives to assist tribes in the development of plans to reacquire reservation lands. More info. at: https://www.iltf.org/grants/special-initiatives/land-recovery-efforts
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	Open	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm
Drinking Water and Waste Disposal for Rural & Native Alaskan Villages	Open	Drinking Water and Waste Disposal for Rural and Native Alaskan Villages USDA Rural Development offers this program to help extend access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in remote and extremely isolated parts of the U. S.
Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees	Ongoing	Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees USDA Rural Development Program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.
Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program (RCAC)	Open	Loan Program to create/improve/expand supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems & other facilities serving rural communities by providing early funding to small rural communities to determine feasibility & pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &/or federal program funding. May also provide interim construction financing, & intermediate/long-term loans for system improvements. Nonprofit orgs., public agencies & tribal governments are eligible. Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA and WY. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans & short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. Eligible projects incl. water, wastewater, solid waste/storm water facilities. Contact Juanita Hallstrom, jhallstrom@rcac.org or visit www.rcac.org
National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" Grant Program	Open	Program supports creative placemaking projects to help transform communities into lively, beautiful & resilient places achieving community goals through strategies that incorporate arts, culture, &/or design. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life & opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, & create or preserve a distinct sense of place. Eligible lead applicants are: • Nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organizations with 3-year history of programming; and • Local govt counties, parishes, cities, towns, villages, or federally recognized tribal governments. https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction
Direct Home Loans for Native Americans -	Open	Program makes home loans available to eligible Native American Veterans who wish to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Federal Trust land or to reduce the interest rate. Veterans who are not Native American, but who are married to a Native American non-Veteran, may be eligible for a direct loan under this program. For more info., visit the NADL program website . More at Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	- Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities	Open	Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities The U.S. Department of Justice announced the 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.
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, & Interest Subsidy Program	Open	This DOI program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: • An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group • Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives • A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm .



4. HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov • Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.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.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- [Grants Available to Tribes on Health Issues](#)
- [Resources Available to Tribes on Health Issues](#)
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a04700000ArRPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Southern California Indian Center- www.indiancenter.org
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- Training/Consulting/Distance Learning for Tribal Governments & Organizations:
 - National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net
 - FirstPic, LLC www.firstpic.org
 - Falmouth Institute: <https://www.falmouthinstitute.com/>
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

- Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **California**: <http://www.itccinc.org/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>
- All Pueblo Governors Council (of **New Mexico**): <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html>
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona www.aiccaz.org
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California <http://www.aicccal.org>
- Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) <http://www.swtha.org/>
- Nevada/California Indian Housing Association www.nevcal.org

FEDERAL PARTNERS:

- **USDA** Rural Development <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>
- 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) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- **Indian Health Service** (IHS) <http://www.ihs.gov/>
 - IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
 - Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- **Department of Treasury CDFI Fund** <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- **US Department of Commerce - MDBA** (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
 - Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov. Small Business Administration (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- **OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory** www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) –
 - Disaster Preparedness & Recovery <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit#>
 - FEMA - Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html

- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Social Security Administration - SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aian/>
- Dept. of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21
- Veterans Administration: Native American Direct Loan Program: <http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp>
VA Office of Tribal Government Relations <http://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/>

5. BITS & PIECES: Tribal News

Hand Washing Stations for the Navajo Nation



As we continue to battle the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, communities have grown increasingly aware of the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of illness. Residents with indoor plumbing can readily wash their hands thoroughly and often, however residents without are left finding other means to maintain personal hygiene and prevent the spread of COVID-19. For the Navajo Nation, the disparity in running water access was highlighted by the [Navajo Water Protect](#). According to the project, Navajo are 67 time more likely than other Americans to live without running water or a toilet. Among other challenges, these sanitary deficiencies hinder the Navajo Nation's ability to fight the spread of infection. In May, the Navajo Nation reached the [highest rate of infection](#) per capita than any other U.S. state. Since then groups have been working to bring running water to the Nation. Among them, the donation-dependent group WATERED, Water Acquisition Team for Every Resident & Every Diné, was founded to [purchase hand-washing stations](#) for families in need. Deliveries for these stations began in June. The Red Feather Development Group has taken a different approach by [building DIY hand-washing stations](#) using 32-gallon trash bins, PVC piping, and a foot pump. They teach community members how to build their own stations at workshops on the Navajo and Hopi reservations. While these hand washing stations are only a temporary fix to long-term infrastructure needs, they offer an immediate and innovative approach to provide limited running water and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 for many families in need.

September: National Preparedness Month

September marks [National Preparedness Month](#), a time for communities, families, and utilities to understand and prepare for natural or man-made disasters. At the utility level, countless disasters must be planned for by [assessing vulnerabilities](#) and developing [response plans](#) that ensures potential damages are mitigated or prevented. This includes natural disasters such as drought, flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, winter weather, algal blooms and more. We must also prepare for main breaks, [power outages](#), cyber attacks, theft, vandalism, source water contamination, and other potential threats. Altogether, there's a lot of emergency preparedness a small system has to take into consideration and luckily we're here to help. On our website you can find a variety of blogs that will assist you in your emergency planning under the tag [Emergency Response](#). We discuss everything from cyber-security to wildfires to compliance with the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA). These blogs often reference free online resources you can use to improve your emergency planning however you can use our [resource library](#) to search documents and online tools on your own. Remember that emergency preparedness isn't just about [writing an emergency response plan](#) and having it sit on a filing cabinet until your incident comes to fruition. Utilities should regularly review their protocols and practice response. This can involve hosting



a [table top exercise](#) in coordination with local agencies that might be involved in your response. During these exercises consider how your system might [communicate with the public](#) during these emergencies.

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