1. **What’s New!** Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates
   1. 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](http://www.hud.gov/codetalk) for the latest ONAP news and updates.

   **Feb. 13:** HUD’s ONAP to Host Opportunity Zone Webinar Series
   On **Feb. 13, 2020**, at 1:00 p.m. ET, HUD’s Office of Native American Programs will host [Opportunity Zones 101](#) - an introductory webinar for tribes and native communities. **To register:** [Click Here](#)

   Some of the questions that the webinar will answer, include:
   - What are Opportunity Zones?
   - Where are Opportunity Zones located?
   - How could Opportunity Zones impact Indian Country?
   - What should be considered before implementing an Opportunity Zone?
   - What are Census Tracts?

   To join the webinar:
   - **Step 1:** Dial into the conference: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694 Access Code: 5556669#
   - **Step 2:** [Join the conference on your computer](#).

   **March 4:** ONAP Best Practices Webinar Featuring Blackfeet Housing’s Glacier Heights Housing Development
   As part of ONAP’s National Best Practice Webinar Series, on **March 4, 2020**, ONAP will feature the Blackfeet Housing’s recent completion of 40 single family homes developed with a loan guaranteed under HUD’s Title VI program. In 18 of the homes (and a purchased duplex), they are housing 20 formerly homeless veterans and their families with the assistance of Tribal Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (THUD-VASH) funds. **To register:** [Click Here](#), **To join the webinar:**
   - **Step 1:** Dial into the conference: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694 Access Code: 9008325#
   - **Step 2:** [Join the conference on your computer](#).

   **Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Updates List of Federally Recognized Tribes**
   On Jan. 30, 2020, the Dept. of Interior published the current [list](#) of 574 Tribal entities recognized by and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by virtue of their status as Indian Tribes. The list is updated from the notice published on February 1, 2019 (84 FR 1200).
FREE ONAP Workshops: **Save the Date for the upcoming Training Workshops:** visit [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](https://www.hud.gov/)  
March 3-4: Financial Management and Reporting - Phoenix, AZ  
Register at: [https://web.event.com/event/be0bd588-cac3-46de-83e8-15d0b931fbaf/summary](https://web.event.com/event/be0bd588-cac3-46de-83e8-15d0b931fbaf/summary)  
March 24-25: Title VI/Loan Leveraging – Portland, OR  
June 2-4: Indian Housing Plans/Annual Performance Reports - Phoenix, AZ  
June 16-18: Tribal Housing Admissions & Occupancy - Reno, NV

**ONAP Vacancy Announcement** - **Supervisory Loan Guarantee Specialist GS-14**, Washington D.C.  
As a **Supervisory Loan Guarantee Specialist**, you will:  
- Administer staff requirements & procedures, administer work assignments, establish and interpret office policies, facilitate intra-office coordination & manage all administrative support to technical staff within the office.  
- Manage Office of Loan Guarantee (OLG) personnel actions that include developing crediting plans; implement the EPPES process; prepare processing award criteria and other personnel matters.  
- Work closely with the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Administrative Services and Management Division to ensure that OLG plans conform to the overall Federal and departmental policies and procedures.  
- Supervise and assist with the development of policies, program standards, procedures and guidelines for unique problems and issues in Indian, Alaskan Native areas and Hawaiian homelands.  
Closes: February 20, 2020  
To Apply, [Click Here](https://www.hud.gov/)

**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)](https://www.hud.gov/)  
- To live on a reservation, contact a local [Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE)](https://www.hud.gov/).  
- Locate your [state housing counseling agency](https://www.hud.gov/) or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the nearest agency.

**Native American Housing Programs**  
- [Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)](https://www.hud.gov/) - administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing for Native American families.  
- [Indian Housing Grant Programs](https://www.hud.gov/) 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)](https://www.hud.gov/) 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](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/](http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/)  

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<td>Enhancing &amp; Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities</td>
<td>Feb. 25-27 Albuquerque, NM</td>
<td>Curriculum delves into the components of a homeownership program helping practitioners determine what assets are in place, identify gaps, and outline next steps. For info., contact Susan Anderson at <a href="mailto:susananderson@enterprisecommunity.org">susananderson@enterprisecommunity.org</a>.</td>
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<td>March 3-4 Phoenix, AZ</td>
<td><strong>FREE.</strong> This course provides an overview of financial management, accounting and audit requirements that pertain to the use of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding for administration of tribal housing programs. Participants will learn about financial responsibilities applicable to tribal housing, how to develop operational and project budgets, Accounting principles and systems, Program Income requirements, 2 CFR 200 Audit requirements, and other financial management methods for sound program administration in accordance with the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Students will also participate in skill building exercises and case studies. Course objective is to provide tools to improve compliance, reporting accuracy, and performance in the financial management of IHBG funding awards. Register at: <a href="https://web.event.com/event/be0bd588-cac3-46de-83e8-15d0b931fbaf/summary">https://web.event.com/event/be0bd588-cac3-46de-83e8-15d0b931fbaf/summary</a>.</td>
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<td>5th Annual Tribal Nations Training Week</td>
<td>March 28-Apr 4 Anniston, AL</td>
<td>The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) hosts this training, which is completely funded for state, local, tribal and territorial emergency responders to include roundtrip airfare, meals, lodging, training and any equipment required during training. Visit <a href="https://cdp.dhs.gov/apply">https://cdp.dhs.gov/apply</a> to complete the online registration. Your FEMA SID number and Password will be needed/used throughout the registration process, leading up to your attendance, and while attending training. For more info., contact David Hall at <a href="mailto:David.Hall@fema.dhs.gov">David.Hall@fema.dhs.gov</a> or 866-213-9548.</td>
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<td>20th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing &amp; Economic Development Conference</td>
<td>March 31-Apr. 2 San Antonio, TX</td>
<td>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. Learn 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 celebrating Travois 25th anniversary! To Register and for more info., Contact <a href="mailto:comm@travois.com">comm@travois.com</a> or call 816-994-8970.</td>
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<td>Tribal UST Boot Camp</td>
<td>Apr. 7-9 Dallas, TX</td>
<td>Attendees will go into a large mockup of a UST facility, with access to everything both above ground, and below. In addition to classroom instruction (by Tribal and industry professionals), and hands-on training, attendees will visit a Tribal UST facility. All Tribal staff accepted to this course will have their lodging expenses covered by ITEP (but will be responsible for their travel and per costs). Find an online application at: <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste</a>.</td>
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<td>Competency Based Training Workshop for Housing Professionals: Train the Trainer. To Register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/competency-based-training-workshop-train-the-trainer-tickets-85774877969">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/competency-based-training-workshop-train-the-trainer-tickets-85774877969</a></td>
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<td>21st Annual National Tribal Forum on Air Quality</td>
<td>May 27-29 Tulsa, OK</td>
<td>The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) aims to support tribal programs by fostering information-sharing and networking opportunities that build tribal capacity in air quality management. The NTFAQ provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current regulatory initiatives and technical info., and share practical knowledge relevant to tribal programs. For more info., visit <a href="http://www.nau.edu/ntfaq">www.nau.edu/ntfaq</a></td>
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<td>National Tribal &amp; Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC)</td>
<td>Aug. 31-Sept. 4 Location: TBA</td>
<td>The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) hosts the US’ First Annual National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC) along with support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Resilience Program. The NTICC is open to all US tribal nations &amp; Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world, with an emphasis on including our Elders &amp; Youth. The NTICC will convene experts on climate change which will include a balance of Western Science &amp; Traditional Indigenous Knowledges. Topic areas will address impacts, assessments, adaptation, mitigation, implementation, and solutions. For more info., contact ITEP Conferences at 928/523-9555 or <a href="mailto:itep@nau.edu">itep@nau.edu</a></td>
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| Falmouth Institute                                                               | Feb – March Las Vegas, NV | Indian Housing Law  
|                                                                                   |                         | February 26 - 28 | Las Vegas, NV |
|                                                                                   |                         | Construction Inspection for Tribes and Tribal Organizations | February 20 - 21 | Las Vegas, NV |
|                                                                                   |                         | Management and Control of Tribal Assets and Property          | March 26 - 27     | Las Vegas, NV |
|                                                                                   |                         | Budgeting for Tribal Office Managers and Administrative Professionals | February 18 - 19 | Las Vegas, NV |
|                                                                                   |                         | Applying OMB’s Grant Compliance Requirements; Navigating the Super Circular’s Compliance Supplement | February 19 - 20 | Las Vegas, NV |
|                                                                                   |                         | Indian Country Indirect Cost Summit                            | March 18 - 19     | Las Vegas, NV |

| ONAP Trainings (FREE)                                                            | COMING SOON             | - Managing a Successful Strategic Planning Process  
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3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

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| FY2020 Environmental Literacy Grants  | Feb. 11, 2020 (Priority 2) | competitive funding opportunity for projects designed to build environmental literacy of K-12 students and the public so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience. This funding opportunity is soliciting 2 types of projects through separate competitive priorities.  
**Priority 1** will support new projects ($250,000 - $500,000 per project) located in Southern & Western Regions of US  
**Priority 2** will support the evolution of projects funded under the 2015-2016 funding opportunities from this program. The list of awards that are eligible can be found here: [https://go.usa.gov/xVGrz](https://go.usa.gov/xVGrz). Funding levels for this priority are $100,000 - $500,000 per project. For both priorities, eligible applicants are:  
- institutions of higher education;  
- K-12 public and independent schools and school systems;  
- other nonprofits, including community-based organizations and informal education institutions, such as museums, zoos, and aquariums;  
- state and local government agencies; and  
- Indian tribal governments in the United States.  
Read the full funding announcement [NOAA-SEC-033-2020-2006190](https://go.usa.gov/xVGrz) in Grants.gov for additional requirements. |
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<td>Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Promote the Mental Health of Children, Youth &amp; Families in AI/AN Communities (Circles of Care)</td>
<td>March 9</td>
<td>Grant Program provides tribal and urban Indian communities with tools &amp; resources to plan &amp; design a holistic, evidence and community-based, coordinated system of care to support mental health for children, youth, and families. These grants are intended to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving AI/AN communities. Circles of Care grant recipients will focus on the need to reduce gap between the need for mental health services &amp; the availability of such services for the target population. Program has strong emphasis on cross-system collaboration, inclusion of family, youth and community resources, and cultural approaches. SAMHSA plans to issue 17 grants of up to $310,000 per year for up to 3 years. <a href="#">Learn More About This Grant</a></td>
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<td>Rural Business Development Grants</td>
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<td>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: <a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants</a></td>
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<td>Rural Broadband Loans &amp; Loan Guarantees (USDA)</td>
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<td>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: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs</a></td>
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<td>USDA WATER &amp; WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS &amp; GRANTS</td>
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<td>USDA’s <a href="#">Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program</a> 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. <a href="#">RDAapp</a></td>
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<td>Drinking Water and Waste Disposal for Rural &amp; Native Alaskan Villages</td>
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<td><a href="#">Drinking Water and Waste Disposal for Rural and Native Alaskan Villages</a> 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.</td>
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<td>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans &amp; Loan Guarantees (USDA RD/RUS)</td>
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<td><a href="#">Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees</a> Program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.</td>
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<td>Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities</td>
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<td><a href="#">Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities</a> 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.</td>
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<td>Indian Land Tenure Foundation - Land Recovery Efforts</td>
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<td>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: <a href="https://www.ilf.org/grants/special-initiatives/land-recovery-efforts">https://www.ilf.org/grants/special-initiatives/land-recovery-efforts</a></td>
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<td>Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program (RCAC)</td>
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<td>Loan Program to create/improve/expand supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems &amp; other facilities serving rural communities by providing early funding to small rural communities to determine feasibility &amp; pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &amp;/or federal program funding. May also provide interim construction financing, &amp; intermediate/long-term loans for system improvements. Nonprofit orgs., public agencies &amp; 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 &amp; short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. Eligible projects incl. water, wastewater, solid waste/storm water facilities. Contact Juanita Hallstrom, <a href="mailto:jhallstrom@rcac.org">jhallstrom@rcac.org</a> or visit <a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a></td>
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<td><a href="#">RURAL LISC</a> (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) created the Community Facilities Fund to provide capital to help develop &amp; 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.</td>
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<td>Direct Home Loans for Native Americans - Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)</td>
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<td>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 <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-direct-loans">NADL program website</a>. General Program Requirements: 1. Applicant must be an eligible Veteran. 2. Tribal organization or other appropriate Native American group must participate in the VA direct loan program. The tribal organization must have signed a MOU with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, that spells out the conditions under which the program will operate on its trust lands. 3. Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility. 4. The loan must be to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American trust land. 5. The Veteran must occupy the property as his or her primary residence. 6. The Veteran must be a satisfactory credit risk.</td>
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<td>Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RA)</td>
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<td>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 &amp; 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, &amp; related maintenance. • Up to $500K for construction of a new water source, intake &amp;/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwg.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwg.htm</a></td>
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<td>National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” Grant Program</td>
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<td>Indian Loan Garanty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)</td>
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<td>This 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 <a href="http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm">http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm</a></td>
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4. HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)  
- Explore U.S. Federal Agency Resources for Native Americans: [https://www.usa.gov/tribes](https://www.usa.gov/tribes)  
- HUD’s PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHES: [https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/regs](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/regs)  
- HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: [www.hud.gov/sustainability](http://www.hud.gov/sustainability)  
- [Grants Available to Tribes on Health Issues](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm)  
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- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: [http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm)  
- Asset Building for Native Communities: [http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk](http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk)  
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: [www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied](http://www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied)  
- Southern California Indian Center- [www.indiancenter.org](http://www.indiancenter.org)  
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. [http://www.idrsinc.org](http://www.idrsinc.org)  
- Native American Contractors Association: [http://www.nativecontractors.org/](http://www.nativecontractors.org/)  

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce  
- Inter Tribal Council of California: [http://www.itcinc.org/](http://www.itcinc.org/)  
- All Pueblo Governors Council (of New Mexico): [http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html](http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html)  
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona [www.aiicaz.org](http://www.aiicaz.org)  
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California [http://www.aiiccal.org](http://www.aiiccal.org)  
- Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) [http://www.swtha.org/](http://www.swtha.org/)
FEDERAL PARTNERS:
- USDA Rural Development  https://www.rd.usda.gov/
- 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) Regional 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
- Department of Treasury CDFI Fund  http://www.cdfifund.gov
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Money Smart materials can be found at  www.fdic.gov/moneysmart
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities:  www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center –  www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Social Security Administration - Public website  www.socialsecurity.gov
  - SSA’s American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page  http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/ajan/
- 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

The IRS’ Indian Tribal Government’s webpage,  Volunteer Tax Assistance Resources for Indian Country, provides resources to help taxpayers situated in or near Indian Country to prepare their income tax returns. The webpage also includes a VITA-Site Locator that identifies some sites operating in or near Indian Country, which typically are staffed with volunteers familiar with the unique tax issues affecting Indian tribal members. The tribal community can find answers to many questions on  IRS.gov/tribes. For questions on any tribal tax matter,  Contact ITG  for a list of ITG offices that may be able to help you. To subscribe to the IRS/ITG mailing list, click  subscribe.


The Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) Report,  Overcoming Barriers to Sustainable Waste Management in Tribal Communities, has been published at:  https://www.epa.gov/tribal/infrastructure-task-force-tribal-solid-waste-management
Tribal Strategic Planning and Partnerships & Community Outreach online courses!

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) offers professional development training to new and seasoned tribal professionals through interactive online courses. The Tribal Strategic Planning/ETEP and Partnerships & Community Outreach courses are available Feb. 13 – March 20, 2020. These two online courses are fee-based and have instructors to ensure your individual questions are answered in a timely manner during the course period. Instructors: Sharon Hausam, Ph.D., AICP, Pueblo of Laguna, Planning Program Manager, and Ondrea Barber, former Director for the Gila River Indian Community’s Department of Environmental Quality and Manager for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division. These online courses contain assignments, quizzes, videos, examples, and other resources. You will continue to have access to course materials after the course end date. Register for TSP & ETEPs!

Tribal Strategic Planning: Ensuring Successful Development of Your EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP)

Provides tools and resources to develop tribally-specific approaches to strategic planning and addresses:
• Concepts of Strategic Planning
• Strategic Planning Process and Actions
• Developing an EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan
• Developing a Work Plan

Registration for this online course is $300. This course carries 1.0 continuing education unit (CEU) and requires approximately ten hours of total learning time.

Partnerships and Community Outreach

Provides tribally-specific tools and resources to engage your community in the development and implementation of their tribal work plans. Topics include:
• Importance of Partnerships and Outreach; Stakeholders; and Theories of Public Involvement
• Public Participation
• Developing Community Involvement Plans

Registration for this online course is $150. This course carries 0.5 continuing education units (CEUs) and requires approximately five hours of total learning time.

Register for Partnerships & Outreach!


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Remember to check www.hud.gov/codetalk for the latest ONAP news and updates.

Check out our HUD’s new website at www.HUD.gov