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

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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.**

SWONAP (ABQ) MAILING ADDRESS NOTE: Correspondence mailed to the **SWONAP Albuquerque Office** **must use both** the physical address **and** PO Box or the correspondence will be returned. Please see address below:

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Coronavirus Information for HUD Recipients: HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson is a key member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. All federal agencies are working aggressively on a multi-layered, cross-agency public health response to this evolving situation. While the risk of infections for Americans remains low, HUD is encouraging housing counseling agencies to make the information below available to your employees and the clients you serve:

- [What you need to know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Stop The Spread of Germs](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Stakeholders are reminded to ensure that their responses remain faithful to obligations under the Constitution, Fair Housing Act and related regulations. Exigencies associated with important and timely response to issues surrounding COVID-19 are not the basis for unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or familial status.

HUD's Office of Native American Programs is Hiring!

ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Lead Grants Management Specialist, GS-13, Albuquerque, NM

Posting period: March 10, 2020 – March 17, 2020

Announcement number: 20-HUD-718

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/562323300>



Final Allocations Posted for the FY 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

HUD's Office of Native American Programs has posted the FY 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) final allocations to the [IHBG Formula page](#).

Dear Tribal Leader Letter- [Two-Year Notices of Funding Availability for ONAP Competitive Programs](#)

HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) recently revised the way in which it awards competitive grant funding. In previous years, ONAP awarded appropriated grant funds using a one-year Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). However, when ONAP competed grant funding appropriated for the recent Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive program, it awarded funding appropriated for both FY 2018 and FY 2019 under a single [two-year NOFA](#). Similarly, HUD recently posted a [two-year NOFA](#) for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program and is currently competing funding appropriated for both FY 2019 and FY 2020 under this competition. The decision to move to this new format was made, in part, to encourage long-term planning and to further support the development of larger projects. While the 2-year NOFA approach has its advantages, some Tribal housing practitioners have also informally expressed concerns to ONAP regarding this change in how ONAP awards competitive funds. As part of HUD's commitment to robust tribal consultation, HUD is requesting your feedback regarding this 2-year NOFA format for future planning. Specifically, ONAP is interested in hearing from you about whether this new format is practical and workable for you and your staff, and whether ONAP should continue to award competitive funding in the future using this two-year NOFA format. **View the entire letter and obtain additional info. for providing comments; [HERE](#).**

2020 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts a [Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment](#) (DWINSA) every four years to evaluate the infrastructure requirements of public water systems including community and not-for-profit, non-community water systems of federally recognized Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages. This survey and assessment informs the allotment of Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF). From the last survey on long-term tribal infrastructure needs conducted in 2011, the EPA set the 20-year investment requirements at \$2.7 billion for American Indian systems and \$593 million for Alaska Native Village systems. This estimate was achieved through a statistical sampling of 220 of the 791 American Indian water systems and 86 of the 165 Alaska Native Village water systems. Plans for the 2020 DWINSA aim to follow a similar format, however amendments included in the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) will also require the EPA to include a lead service line inventory in the Survey to estimate costs of replacement. On February 5, 2020, the EPA announced a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) for the 2020 DWINSA where tribal systems can submit feedback and concerns on the Survey. The EPA is particularly interested in tribal input on the estimated time burden to respond to the Survey questionnaire as well as the importance of including American Indian and Alaska Native Village systems in the sampling. **Comments must be submitted by April 6, 2020** through [Regulations.gov](#) under docket number: [EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0017](#).

Join BIA Consultation Sessions – March 2020

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy: Per [this letter](#), the U.S. Dept. of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs seeks to improve service delivery to Indian Country and Alaska Native villages for energy development and production. This includes consideration of consolidating energy related services within Indian Affairs. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Affairs will host the following tribal consultations on the realignment of these energy programs:

Date/Time	Location
March 10, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Central Time	Catoosa, OK 74015
March 19, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Mountain Time	Lakewood, CO 80841
March 26, 2–4 p.m. Eastern Time	Teleconference. 888-469-1348, Passcode 8011848

Indian Affairs looks forward to working with you to enhance and modernize services to better meet your needs and support Tribal economic development, self-determination, and self-governance. For more information on the Office of Indian Energy, visit our [website](#).



The IRS office of Indian Tribal Governments has updated [Publication 4268, Employment Tax for Indian Tribal Governments \(PDF\)](#). The revised publication:

- Provides information to tribes regarding employment tax matters as they pertain to federally recognized Indian tribes and their wholly-owned entities.
- Assists tribal entities in meeting their federal employment tax responsibilities.
- Provides key information on special topics related to tribal entities.
- Includes tips for maintaining good records & hyperlinks to IRS publications & forms mentioned in the guide.
- Includes information about the Tribal Social Security Fairness Act of 2018.

The tribal community can find answers to many questions on [IRS.gov/tribes](https://www.irs.gov/tribes). If you have a question on any tribal tax matter, visit [Contact ITG](#) for a list of ITG offices that may be able to help you.

FREE ONAP Workshops: Save the Date for the upcoming Training Workshops: visit [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

Apr. 14-15: Tribal Council Roles & Responsibilities – Sacramento, CA Register at: www.NAIHC.net

April 28-29: Tribal Housing Policies – Phoenix, AZ Register at: www.NAIHC.net

May 12-13: Tribal Housing Board and Executive Director Training – Reno, NV Register at: www.NAIHC.net

June 2-4: Indian Housing Plans/Annual Performance Reports - Phoenix, AZ Register at: www.firstpic.org

June 16-18: Tribal Housing Admissions & Occupancy - Reno, NV Register at: www.firstpic.org

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/>

2. TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS:




Conferences & Event	Date/Location	Description
Understanding Program Income under NAHASDA	March 10-11 Oklahoma City, OK	FREE. Participants at this 2-day training will gain a better understanding Program Income under NAHASDA. Training provides an overview of program income, and discusses sources of program income and how to calculate it. Participants will learn how to appropriately spend and report program income. Training will include a case study. Register at http://newregistration.firstpic.org/
Tribal Housing Excellence (THE) Development Essentials	March 17-19 Aurora, CO	THE Development Essentials course provides participants with the essentials of the housing development process. In an interactive classroom setting, participants will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The various partners involved in the development process.• How to determine the financial feasibility of a project.• The considerations in housing project underwriting.• The benefits of leveraging IHBG with other available resources from Title VI to Low Income Housing Tax Credits.• How to apply these development principles to a case study, and their own housing projects. THE Development Essentials course is for Tribes and Native communities that are NAHASDA



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		recipients. Participants will come away with concepts and strategies they can put to practical use in their communities. The wait list analysis tool can generate data from their own wait lists, make the case for particular paths to action and supports efforts to raise outside funds for housing programs & development. Register at: https://www.events.rcac.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=1980
HUD Environmental Review (ONAP)	March 17-19 Oklahoma City, OK	This 3-day training provides specific instructions and guidelines for carrying out 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: Event Details and Registration
How to Prepare a Housing Needs Assessment	March 18 Webinar 11:00 am - Noon	Free Webinar Hosted by Dept. of Commerce A strong Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) is the basis for understanding your community and its housing market. It is the foundation for understanding how to plan for housing all economic segments of the community, and housing for people at all stages of life. An HNA will help to identify the gaps between the diversity of housing needs within a community and the supply of housing that is available. This free webinar provides info. on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to scope your housing needs assessment. • Common sources of housing data and ideas for presenting housing data. • How to use the HNA to identify mismatches between housing needs and housing supply. The Dept. of Commerce is partnering with the Municipal Research & Services Center to present this webinar. Register here .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging Workshop (HUD/ONAP)	March 24-25 Webinar	Free Workshop designed to help Tribes and TDHEs learn how HUD's Title VI loan can help build more homes today by leveraging resources. Course discusses the advantages of the Title VI program & the loan process. Participants may individually discuss with ONAP staff individually whether the project is financially feasible and discuss potential funding sources. Register here . All registrants will receive webinar log-in details several days prior to the event.
5th Annual Tribal Nations Training Week	March 28-Apr 4 Anniston, AL	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 https://cdp.dhs.gov/apply 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 David.Hall@fema.dhs.gov or 866-213-9548.
20th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference	March 31-Apr. 2 San Antonio, TX	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. Superhero Awards ceremony celebrates Travois 25th anniversary! To Register and for more info.: https://travois.com/news-events/annual-conference-information/
Rental Housing Development Finance Professional Certification	Apr. 6-10 Seattle, WA	National Development Council (NDC) and HDC are partnering to present the first training (HD420) of the Rental Housing Development Finance Professional Certification program. HD420 takes a detailed look at the analysis, financing, and development of affordable rental housing. Among other topics, participants will learn the underwriting criteria used by lenders and the rates of return demanded by private equity investors in order to determine their investment in a rental housing project. Course also explores methods practitioners can utilize to attract the maximum amount of private capital to rental housing projects, and techniques to fill financing gaps with public resources. More Info at: https://www.housingconsortium.org/calendar/#!event/2020/4/6/ndc-rental-housing-finance-certification-training Register: https://nationaldevelopmentcouncil.asapconnected.com/ClassDetail.aspx?pk=1651580
Tribal UST Boot Camp	April 7-9 Dallas, TX	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: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste .
Competency Based Training for Housing Professionals (NLC)	April 7-8 Hollywood, FL	Competency Based Training Workshop for Housing Professionals: Train the Trainer. To Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/competency-based-training-workshop-train-the-trainer-tickets-85774877969



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GSAs Federal Acquisition Service Training (FAST) 2020	April 14-16 Atlanta, GA	The Native Nations Gathering (NNG) 2020 at GSAs Federal Acquisition Service Training (FAST) 2020 event. FAST 2020 and NNG is one day, April 14 to build awareness and promote to Tribal Nations. NNG 2020 will provide the perfect mix of training, technology, innovation and networking. There will be presentations on GSA Multiple Award Schedule, SmartPay charge card program, travel programs, GSA Fleet and obtaining excess property; and the best part - these presentations are specifically for Tribes/Tribal organizations. For more info. visit www.gsa.gov/FAST or contact Florence Francis at Florence.francis@gsa.gov
TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT TRAININGS	April 28-May 1 Univ. of NM Albuquerque, NM	Apply innovative approaches to tribal relations, mandated consultation, and negotiating with Tribes. Join an engaging, collaborative, skills-based course with seasoned expertise. Learn More DAY 1: CULTURAL AWARENESS -- Understanding, Insight, and Communication (April 28) DAY 2: TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT 101 -- Planning and Transforming Relationships (April 29) DAY 3: MANDATED CONSULTATION -- Rules, Regs, and Relational Strategies (April 30) DAY 4: NEGOTIATING WITH TRIBES -- Sovereignty and the Interest-Based Approach (May 1).
Tribal Housing Admissions & Occupancy Training - AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Convention	 May 5-6 Seattle, WA	Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA) hosts this two-day training during the AMERIND NAIHC Annual Convention on May 5-6, 2020. Admissions & Occupancy is a two (2) day training designed to enhance the job performance of Admissions and Occupancy staff and other tribal housing professionals working on Admissions and Occupancy issues. The course will cover Admissions and Occupancy program management with topics to include: the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Course also examines how maintaining high standards in the Admissions and Occupancy program affects the overall management of tribal housing programs. Register at: https://www.tfaforms.com/4800782
AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Convention & Tradeshow <i>Power of the Past – Force of the Future</i>	May 5-7 Seattle, WA	AMERIND and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) host this joint Annual Convention featuring a two-day trade show as well as topical training sessions that provided up-to-date information on issues that impact tribal housing programs and that directly relate to administration of programs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). This is an exciting opportunity to network with Tribal housing professionals, tribal leaders, administrators, and other tribal housing and community development stakeholders. Visit NAIHC for more info.. Join the SWTHA Triannual Meeting , May 4, 2020. Click here for more info.
21st Annual National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	May 27-29 Tulsa, OK	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 www.nau.edu/ntfaq
Indian Housing Plan/Annual Performance Reports (HUD/SWONAP)	June 2-4 Phoenix, AZ	 FREE TRAINING! Save the date and watch for more details at www.firstpic.org .
Tribal Housing Admissions & Occupancy (HUD/ONAP)	 June 16-18 Reno, NV	FREE TRAINING! Housing Admissions and Occupancy responsibilities are at the heart of the rental housing program. Participants will learn how Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) policies & program requirements impact the Admissions & Occupancy (A&O) process. Tribal Housing 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. Participants at this 3-day interactive training will receive instruction based on real-life examples on how to successfully operate an effective A&O program. Participants will also receive guidance on and take part in interactive exercises on the "A-to-Z" of A&O program. Training topics include eligibility, wait lists, rent calculations, collections, inspections, and lease compliance. Discussions will be held on how Admissions and Occupancy staff may need to collaborate with maintenance on tasks such as work-order processing, unit turnaround, and tenant education on the basic maintenance of the unit. To Register, visit https://newregistration.firstpic.org/eao/
Internal Controls for Tribal Programs (NLC)	June 17-18 Hollywood, FL	Internal Controls for Tribal Programs. Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/internal-controls-for-tribal-programs-training-june-17-18-2020-tickets-70769550631
National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC)	Aug. 31-Sept. 4 Location: TBA	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 & Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world, with an emphasis on including our Elders & Youth. The NTICC will convene experts on climate change which will include a balance of Western Science & 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 itep@nau.edu



3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

Agency/Source	Deadline To Apply	Additional Information
American Indian Education	April 4	The AIEF program is one of the United States' largest grantors of scholarships to Native Americans, providing nearly \$450,000 to about 225 students each year. Of these, nearly half are the first in their family to attend college. In addition, we mentor and support scholarship recipients throughout the year, which makes a dramatic difference in their success rates. For more information and to apply click HERE .
Technical Assistance and Training Grants (USDA)	April 30	USDA is making grants available under the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program. These grants help rural communities with limited resources and staff access USDA funding for essential community facilities. Eligible recipients are public entities, private nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes. Funding priority will be made to organizations that have experience providing technical assistance and training to rural entities. Funds may be used to help rural communities identify financial resources, improve community facilities management functions, and prepare reports, surveys and applications. Electronic applications must be submitted to grants.gov by April 30, 2020, at midnight Eastern Standard Time. Paper applications must be submitted to the applicant's nearest USDA office by May 5, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. local time. More info. at: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-technical-assistance-and-training-grant
Tribal Opioid Response Grants	May 4	Grant program aims to address the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) using one of the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). In addition to focusing on OUD, recipients may also address stimulant misuse & use disorders, incl. cocaine & methamphetamine. The intent is to reduce unmet treatment need & opioid overdose-related deaths through provision of prevention, treatment, & recovery support services for OUD and, if so desired, stimulant misuse & use disorders. Learn More About This Grant
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
Rural Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees (USDA)	Open	Broadband Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by 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 .
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	- Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
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
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
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.



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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 (USDA RD/RUS)	Ongoing	Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees Program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.
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.
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.
Direct Home Loans for Native Americans - Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)	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 . 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.
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
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)	Open	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 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](#)
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRpK>
- 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/>
- 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.aiccz.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>
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Money Smart materials can be found at www.fdic.gov/moneysmart
- **US Department of Commerce - MDBA** (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mbda.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>
- 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/aiian/>
- 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

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. 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!](#)



Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen R. Lewis To Be Honored At NABI

2020 NABI Moves Back to Phoenix - The Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) Foundation has announced Governor Stephen R. Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community as its 2020 NABI "Phil Homeratha" Leadership Award recipient. Since its inception in 2003, NABI has chosen an individual making a difference in the advancement of Native American athletes to receive the NABI Leadership Award. Gov. Lewis will be honored on center court of the NABI Championship games. The NABI Educational Youth Summit & Basketball Invitational, better known as NABI, will take place June 21-27, 2020. The week concludes with the NABI Championship games, presented by the Phoenix Suns & Phoenix Mercury at Veteran's Memorial Coliseum on Saturday June 27. Opening ceremonies and all NABI games are open to the public. The NABI basketball invitational continues to be known as the largest national premier basketball tournament showcasing our Native American and indigenous youth. **For more info. about the NABI Foundation-** our sponsorships, how to donate, official game schedules, gym locations and official schedule of events visit www.NABIFoundation.org.

Summer Research Enhancement Program of Diné College - May 26, 2020 – July 31, 2020

Application Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2020

A 10-week program designed to prepare Native American freshman and sophomore college students for careers in public health and health research. The program has three stages:

Stage 1 Intensive 3-week training in Public Health Research Methods at Diné College, Tsaile campus

Stage 2 Six-week mentored internship in student's home community

Stage 3 One week data analysis workshop and presentation at Diné College

While participating in SREP, the students receive the following:

- \$3,920 stipend (distributed in installments);
- 7 transferrable college credits hours in Public Health (4 classroom and 3 practicum);
- Tuition, books and materials for the Public Health courses required for SREP;
- Room and board while at the Diné College Tsaile campus.

Applications at: https://www.dinecollege.edu/about_dc/summer-research-enhancement-program-srep/

For more info.: Summer Research Enhancement Program, Diné College, PO Box 580, Shiprock, NM 87420

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ALBUQUERQUE TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT TRAININGS – University of New Mexico [Learn More](#)

Apply innovative approaches to tribal relations, mandated consultation, and negotiating with Tribes. Join an engaging, collaborative, skills-based course with seasoned expertise:

DAY 1: CULTURAL AWARENESS -- Understanding, Insight, and Communication (April 28)

DAY 2: TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT 101 -- Planning and Transforming Relationships (April 29)

DAY 3: MANDATED CONSULTATION -- Rules, Regs, and Relational Strategies (April 30)

DAY 4: NEGOTIATING WITH TRIBES -- Sovereignty and the Interest-Based Approach (May 1).

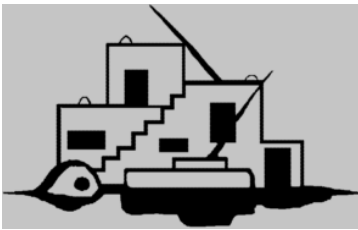
The IRS' Indian Tribal Government's webpage, [Volunteer Tax Assistance Resources for Indian Country](#), provides resources to help taxpayers situated in or near Indian Country to prepare their income tax returns. The webpage also includes a VITA-Site Locator which identifies some sites operating in 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](#).

INTER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA CENSUS 2020 ESSAY CONTEST

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. has announced an essay contest for American Indian/Alaska Native students residing in and attending a high school/college/university/ in Arizona. Click [attachment](#) for further criteria and application procedures. **Applications are due Friday, March 13, 2020** by mail or email. Click [HERE](#)

Consulting with Tribal Nations, is being offered again by the Dept of Interior (DOI) National Indian Programs Training Center. Below are upcoming dates and locations. You do not need to be a DOI employee to register. Visit the Website and search under the "Our Catalog" tab, upper right, and under the "Subject" search, lower left, for "Special Courses." <https://doi.gov/catalog.html?type=c#>

Region VIII AMERIND Scholarships: The Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) announces the availability of educational scholarship grants for Region VIII (Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas) funded under the AMERIND Risk Management Corporation's Annual Scholarship Program. The goal of the scholarship grant is to assist in the education of American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The grant may be used for post-secondary or graduate level courses at an accredited educational institution for a course of study that will result in an accredited vocational certification or degree. Click [here](#) for the application and more info. The deadline for receipt of applications is **July 10, 2020 by close of business**.



Hopi Tribal Housing Authority - Vacancy Announcement -

Executive Director: The Executive Director serves as the administrative and managerial office of the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, directing the operations of the organization in compliance with all applicable regulations. The Executive Director exerts a strong leadership role in planning, organization and implementing HTHA's Mission and Strategic Plan dedication to housing opportunities for Hopi. Click [here](#) for the job announcement and [here](#) for the job details. The closing date is **20 March 2020 @ 5:00 PM**



Mescalero Apache Tribe - Job Announcement - Executive Director

Executive Director: Accomplishes the Housing Department strategic objectives by planning organizing, and supervising all functions required to operate and maintain program activities. Ensures safe and sanitary living conditions for tribal members. Click [here](#) to download Job Announcement.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST, GS-1720-13 (DE) (INDIAN PREFERENCE)

Position serves as the Education Program Specialist in the U.S. Dept of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Office of Indian Education (OIE). The Office of Indian Education (OIE) supports the efforts of local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, post secondary institutions, and other entities to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Natives. For more info. click [HERE](#).

Student Summer Internship (SSI) Program - Short Internship Program (SIP): Native American high school and college students can apply for SIP. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and placements are made regularly. For more information and to apply, click [HERE](#).



Western Region Public Health Training Center - Student Project Stipends - The WRPHTC provides stipends to support public health and other health profession students conducting public health projects with public and non-profit organizations around the region through support from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) \$3,500 Stipends are subsistence allowances for students to help defray living expenses during the training experience, and are not provided as a condition of employment, or for tuition, fees, health insurance, or other costs associated with their training program. For more information click [HERE](#).

Native American Summer Research Internship (NARI) - The Native American Research Internship is a dynamic summer research opportunity for Native American undergraduate junior and senior students who are interested in Health Science research. The internship is located at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City Utah. It is a 10-week, paid summer internship, funded by the National Institutes of Health. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

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