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November celebrates Native American Heritage Month and Veterans' Day.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day Federal Holiday and our offices will be closed. Regular business will resume on Nov. 12, 2021.

Nov. 15-16: White House Tribal Nations Summit

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Federal Holiday and our offices will be closed. Regular business will resume on Nov. 26, 2021.

FROM THE SWONAP ADMINISTRATOR, JODY MOSES



Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act 25th Anniversary. On October 26th HUD hosted a special Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) 25th anniversary event. More than 350 Tribal leaders, Tribal housing practitioners and others tuned in to join the event. Click here to watch HUD's NAHASDA 25 video short: <https://youtu.be/2NZoWA8Bm8k>.



White House Tribal Nations Summit will be held on November 15 - 16, 2021. HUD Secretary, Marcia Fudge, will be participating in the event to provide updates on ONAP's programs and progress in Indian Country.

Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11th. It is a time we honor those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Native Americans and Alaska Natives serve in the Armed Forces in higher proportion to their numbers in the population than any other ethnic group. Our Native Americans are deeply rooted to the land and have always defended it. So let us take time out on Veterans Day to honor our veterans and others who protect the land.

The **Indian Community Development Block Grant [ICDBG]** NOFO applications are in. The Rating and Ranking will occur later this year and results are expected to be announced in late January 2022.

November also celebrates **Native American Heritage Month**. Celebrating our rich traditions and culture, many southwestern Pueblos hold "Feast Days," during this busy holiday month.

Thank you.

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WHAT'S NEW ON CODETALK

2021 Tribal Nations Summit Nov. 15–16, 2021



The Summit allows Tribal leaders and officials from the highest levels of the Administration to engage in robust and meaningful dialogue on key issues, policy initiatives, and goals for Indian Country. Additional details about the Summit are forthcoming. Please register by Friday, November 5th, click [here](#).



Job Opportunities—Apply Now

- ♦ **Grants Management Specialist:** (2 positions - 1 in Phoenix, AZ, and 1 in Seattle, WA) Deadline: Nov. 17, 2021. For more info. and to apply, click [here](#).
- ♦ **Lead Grants Evaluation Specialist:** (1 position in Phoenix, AZ) Deadline: Nov. 17, 2021. For more info. and to apply, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities For Tribes/Tribal Entities: Click on the links below to search for current funding opportunities and application submission deadlines.

[Federal Register](#)

[Funds Available](#)

[Grants.gov](#)

- **[Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) Competitive](#) – Applications due 12/1/2021.** Under this NOFO, approximately \$95 million in IHBG Competitive Grants are available to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Native American families. In accordance with the FY21 Consolidated Appropriations Act, HUD will prioritize grant applications that will spur housing construction and rehabilitation.
- **[Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#) – Applications for existing CoCs due 11/16/2021** HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 **Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants** [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#)
- **[Tribal HUD-VASH\) Expansion Program](#) - Applications due 1/18/2022** [Tribal HUD-VASH Expansion Program NOFO](#) (DTL dated November 2, 2021)
- **[USDA: Rural eConnectivity Program](#)—Applications due 2/22/2022** USDA is making the funding available through the [ReConnect Program](#). Eligible applicants must serve an area without broadband service at speeds of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) (download) and 20 Mbps (upload), and commit to building facilities capable of providing broadband service at speeds of 100 Mbps (download and upload) to every location in its proposed service area.
- **Homekey 2.0 Funding Open to Tribal Entities – Applications due 5/2/22.** **Approx. \$72.5 million tribal set-aside.**—The California Dept. of Housing & Community Development's (HCD) Homekey grant funding is available to cities and counties, public housing authorities, and **Tribal Entities** within California. Funding can be used to create a broad range of housing types, including but not limited to hotels, motels, single-family homes, multifamily apartments, manufactured housing, commercial properties, and other existing buildings, and to convert them to Permanent or Interim Housing for the Target Population. For more info., visit [website \[r20.rs6.net\]](#).



TRAININGS, CONFERENCES & EVENTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FREE ONAP Training Workshops: For current information,
visit [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

Upcoming ONAP Virtual Training Opportunities

Nov 8-10 [NAHASDA Essentials](#) Virtual Training

Interactive three (3) day online training with a half day (11/15/2021) available for participants to schedule a one-on-one session with the trainer. The training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with latest regulations, program guidance, and PIH Notices. A thorough review of eligible families and eligible activities including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation and housing and crime prevention services will be provided. Other major topics to be addressed include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, calculating income eligibility and adjusted gross income, moderate-income family assistances, income verification.

When: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. AKST [Register Here](#)

Nov 9-10 [Labor Standards](#) Virtual Training

This training course provides guidance for recipients and sub-recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG) on the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, as well as related statutory requirements such as the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the option of adopting Tribally Determined Wage Rates as allowed under NAHASDA. **When:** 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET [Register Now](#)

Nov 16 [IHBG CARES Module 3: Managing Your Housing Department or TDHE](#)

— This webinar, the third in a series, will provide Tribes and TDHEs with information on how to continue housing operations during a pandemic, such as COVID-19. Agenda items will include continuing administrative and routine housing operations, staffing policies and protocols, and conducting business in a virtual environment. **When:** 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)

Nov 16-18 [Development Planning: Part 3 Training](#) Virtual Training

This 3-day training provides an overview on the last step of the development process - Operations and Project Management of a development project. The training topics will include: transition from development to operations, asset management vs property management, organizational structures, day-to-day operations, process and need for policies and procedures, operating budget, and housing counseling. **When:** 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. MT [Register Here](#)

Nov 17-18 [Low Income Tax Credits](#) Virtual Training

The course will focus on how to develop, finance and manage Tribal affordable housing projects primarily utilizing NAHASDA, Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC), and other gap financing programs.

Discussion will include the necessary steps when planning an affordable housing project, information about how to prepare for and navigate the LIHTC application and closing process; secure appropriate GAP financing, leverage NAHASDA funds; manage investor expectations; and comply with program rules and requirements. **When:** 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET [Register Now](#)

Dec 7-8 [Meth Decontamination & Remediation](#) Virtual Training

Manufacturing or smoking methamphetamine (meth) contaminates residential properties with dangerous and toxic chemical compounds that become airborne and deposit onto walls, ceilings, appliances, floors and carpet, mattresses and any personal possessions exposed. These chemicals pose a health risk to occupants and a potential liability to property owners. AAHA is hosting a two (2) day training on Methamphetamine Decontamination. This training course will cover aspects of meth lab and meth user (smoking) site decontamination/remediation and clean up. Attendees of the course will learn the tools and skills necessary to decontaminate a building or dwelling where meth has been smoked or produced. **When:** 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. AKST [Register Here](#)

Dec 7-9 [NAHASDA Intermediate Training](#) Virtual Training

This virtual 3-day training will provide attendees with comprehensive information regarding NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics that will be covered include the IHBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available.

When: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. PT [Register Here](#)

Click [here](#) for all Training Opportunities

MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Additional training opportunities in November:

Nov. 9: Using tax credits to pay for 70-85% of your big housing effort: 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST - Tribes across the country have used the LIHTC program to develop or rehabilitate more than 5,900 housing units in Indian Country. The program has provided more than \$831 million of equity for tribal housing projects with funds that do not have to be repaid. Learn more about how to meet the housing needs in your tribal community. Click [here](#) for more info. and to register.

Nov. 10: Using the New Markets Tax Credit program to cover 20-35% of your big economic development effort: 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST - Tribes across the country have used the NMTC program to develop more than \$570 million of critical economic development in Indian Country. The program has provided more than \$122 million in equity proceeds for tribal economic development projects. Learn more about how this valuable financing resource can be used to meet the economic development needs in your community by financing health care facilities, schools, government and administration buildings, community facilities, infrastructure and more! Click [here](#) for more info. and to register.

Nov. 16: Explaining LIHTC for Homeownership: 1:00 p.m. CST - In the free, one-hour training, the panelists will introduce the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and outline the path to homeownership through the program. The webinar will focus on the financial considerations and compliance, reporting and inspection requirements for new development and the conversion of existing LIHTC homes to homeownership. Click [here](#) for more info. and to register.

Nov. 30: Accessing Capital for Housing and Economic Development Efforts: 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST - Tribes use funding from NAHASDA every day but most are unfamiliar with a tool that can provide five times the Need portion of the Formula allocation through a 95% loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This course will provide an in-depth look at another important tool for tribal housing development. This tool is ideal for filling financing gaps and to use debt strategically by taking advantage of the cost of capital today, rather than incurring those costs in the future. This tool provides another financing resource to build housing at scale and meet the community need immediately versus spreading effort over many years. Click [here](#) for more info. and to register.

The [Native Learning Center](#) (NLC) offers free housing-related training opportunities and resources to those working in Indian Country. Below are this month's trainings for Native communities.

Falmouth Institute—Training for Tribes & Tribal Organizations
PLEASE [CHECK THE TRAINING CALENDAR](#) FOR ALL SCHEDULED CLASSES.



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Technical Assistance available for Tribes and TDHEs administering

Emergency Rental Assistance: HUD, through a unique partnership with the U.S. Dept. of Treasury, has made awards to technical assistance providers that can provide support to Emergency Rental Assistance grantees that would like assistance. Technical assistance can be provided to help Tribes and TDHEs with the design and administration of their ERA program. If you have a need for technical assistance, please send an email to Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.gov. E-mail should include your contact information, and topic areas where you may need additional support. HUD will review all requests and work to provide you with support, subject to the availability of funds. We will also work to make best practices available to you so that you can learn from the promising practices and policies of other ERA grantees.



MORE NEWS & INFORMATION FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

News and Information

- ◆ [NAIHC's Legal Symposium](#): December 6-8, 2021, Las Vegas, NV
- ◆ [Funding Announcements](#)
- ◆ [Training and Conferences](#)
- ◆ [Updated Healthy Home Checklist from EPA/CDC/HUD/DHHS](#)
- ◆ [Tribal Leaders Handbook on Homeownership](#)
- ◆ [Use Related Meth Contamination Report](#)
- ◆ [Tribal Emergency Rental Assistance – NAIHC Questionnaire](#)
- ◆ [Dear Lender Letter 2021-05](#) (HUD's Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program)

USDA ReConnect Program Webinars FY2022

USDA will host four webinars covering the ReConnect Program Regulation and the recently announced ReConnect Program FY2022 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). Presented by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service, this webinar will provide information about the [ReConnect Program regulation](#) published on February 26, 2021. The webinars will be presented twice; The second presentation will provide the same information as the first—NO NEW information will be added to the 2nd session. Register for the session that is most convenient for you.

November 9, 2021 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM ET [Register here!](#)

November 16, 2021 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM ET [Register here!](#)

November 10, 2021 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM ET [Register here!](#)

November 18, 2021 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM ET [Register here!](#)

Slides, a transcript, and a recording of each webinar will be posted on the [ReConnect website](#) after each session. You can also find registration links at the [events page](#) on the ReConnect website.

For more info., use the [Contact Us Form](#) on the ReConnect website.

HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: 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/>



FEDERAL PARTNERS:

[USDA](http://www.usda.gov) Rural Development <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>

[Department of Interior](http://www.dhs.gov) 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](http://www.ihs.gov) (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) <http://www.cdfifund.gov>

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

Social Security Administration - SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN)
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aiian/>

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/>





BITS & PIECES

Nov. 15–18: 2021 Office of Indian Energy Program Review

The U.S. Dept. of Energy's (DOE) **Annual Office of Indian Energy Program Review** will be held virtually Nov. 15–18, 2021. The annual Program Review is a tremendous opportunity for Indian tribes to meet, learn from other Indian tribes that are pursuing energy self-sufficiency, and share in each other's successes.. The 2021 Program Review will feature project status updates from tribes across the nation who are leveraging Office of Indian Energy grant funding to deploy energy technologies.. While the event is focused on currently funded projects, the Program Review is open to all of Indian Country. To learn more, visit our Program Review [web page](#). A link to register for the event will be updated on our [event page](#) once available.

House America: An All-Hands-on-Deck Effort to Address the Nation's Homelessness Crisis is a federal initiative in which HUD and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) are inviting mayors, city and county leaders, tribal nation leaders, and governors into a national partnership. *House America* will utilize [the historic investments provided through the American Rescue Plan](#) to address the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach. Through the American Rescue Plan, communities now have historic resources—70,000 emergency housing vouchers and \$5 billion in HOME Investment Partnership grants—to help more Americans obtain the safety of a stable home. Communities also have resources through the CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and other state, tribal, and local resources to re-house people experiencing homelessness and create additional dedicated housing units to address homelessness. *House America* provides communities with the focus, resolve, and technical know-how needed to deploy these resources to maximize impact. For more info., visit [House America | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

CalHome Program Disaster Assistance Applicants - NOFA Amendment

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will be releasing an **amended** 2021 CalHome program Disaster Assistance Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NOFA for approximately \$41 million will assist counties impacted by 2017, 2018, and 2020 disasters included in six Federal Disaster Declarations. The amended NOFA will be released in November 2021, due to the amendment the application deadline has been extended to December 2021.

For more info., email CalHome@hcd.ca.gov or visit our [CalHome webpage](#).

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