HUD’s Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations. For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the Codetalk website.

Join the EWONAP Newsletter Listserv to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands ONAP Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Eastern Woodlands Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, and Training.

The Eastern Woodlands Office (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers millions in IHBG, IHBG-Competitive, ICDBG, CARES Act, ARP & Section 184 funding.

Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP News Bulletin. Click Here to sign up.

Greetings, Mark Butterfield, EWONAP Administrator

Recently, we learned of the passing of Adrian Stevens of the Seneca Nation Housing Authority and Eric Willis of the Mississippi Choctaw Housing Authority. Adrian had served several years as Seneca’s Executive Director, as the NAIHC Region I Board member since 2014, and as NAIHC Board Chairman during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was also an active housing advocate within the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET). He served quietly and effectively, returning Seneca HA to an effective agency for its Tribal people and keeping NAIHC going after a vacancy occurred. When monitored and problems were discovered, he worked quickly and without fuss to correct any problems and assist people into finding places to live when a building was required to be repurposed. Eric Willis

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was the long time Executive Director of the Choctaw Housing Authority of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw. He was responsible for keeping some 400 units operational and finding funding to expand housing opportunities in Mississippi Choctaw’s six communities. Eric was also a quiet man who kept contact with the tribal leadership while trying to find funding for a large and growing waiting list. We at ONAP will miss the hard work of both these men who served Indian housing for many years and send our condolences to their agencies.

A date has been set for applicant training for the ICDBG NOFO recently announced in last month’s bulletin and in the Federal Register. A Dear Tribal Leader Letter outlining how to access the training was sent out August 24th. The training will take place on September 14 & 15 online using the intellor.com platform. The webinar will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 14, 2022; you may join the webinar 10 minutes prior – view in your time zone.

To join the conference, click: https://ems8.intellor.com/login/844834
Follow the prompts to connect audio by computer or telephone.
Event ID: 844834
To join via phone only: Dial 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694, Access Code 3606362#.

Recently, Midwest Tribal Leaders met for the first-time post Pandemic in New Buffalo, MI on August 10th and 11th. The number one concern of Tribal Leaders was the opioid epidemic and Meth use among their people. While most questions were addressed to the I.H.S., I was asked what HUD required Tribes and TDHE’s to follow. The response is that HUD does require that workers paid with IHBG and ICDBG dollars follow the Drug Free Workplace Act. Most other policies governing admissions and occupancy are up to the Tribe or TDHE to determine. That is what NAHASDA allows as Self Determination is in the title. Obviously, Meth use and manufacturing in a housing unit pose a risk of toxic contamination, which is why many TDHE’s and Tribes are testing each unit prior to occupancy for meth exposure to protect against the claim that it was the prior tenant, or the “Not Me” defense. Meth labs are sufficiently toxic to render a unit uninhabitable for a long time and will cost tens of thousands to rehabilitate, so many Housing Authorities have passed rules making that a permanent bar by such a tenant forever. Some leaders were concerned that this only creates a class of homeless people, which is a valid concern. Such decisions must be balanced against the safety and health of the whole community for taking a unit out of use also decreases housing availability. The NAIHC and Regional Housing Associations are excellent resources for this discussion as there is more than one approach.
REMINDEERS

NAIHC Legislative Conference will be held September 19-21, 2022 in Washington, DC. HUD Secretary Marsha Fudge will provide keynote remarks on 9/20.  [Legislative Conference | National American Indian Housing Council (naihc.net)]. Attendees can discuss—with each other and with representatives of the federal government—the scope and impact of legislative issues affecting Indian Country. The event brings tribal housing representatives face-to-face with lawmakers, both during the conference and during Congressional visits on Capitol Hill. For assistance scheduling meetings with your Congressional delegation, key lawmakers, and federal agency representatives, please email Tremayne Nez at tnez@naihc.net.

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

- PIH 2022-23, 8/15/2022: Administrative Requirements for Investing Indian Housing Block Grant Funds
- PIH 2022-25 (HA), 8/16/2022: Voluntary Reallocation or Recapture of HUD-VASH Vouchers
- PIH 2022-26 (HA), 8/16/2022: Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a landmark, Federal law that provides critical housing protections to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (“survivors”). In March 2022, VAWA was reauthorized, expanding & strengthening safeguards for survivors. In accordance with HUD’s Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation Policy, HUD seeks your feedback on how to implement VAWA-like protections.  [Comments due by September 30, 2022 to Codetalk@hud.gov | Dear Tribal Leader Letters | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)]

At the end of every fiscal year, HUD suspends activity for the Section 184, Section 184A, and Title VI programs to reconcile financial accounts and set up accounting codes for the next fiscal year. The closeout period typically lasts several weeks, extending from the end of one fiscal year through the start of a new fiscal year. HUD will begin its financial year-end closeout for FY 2022 for the Section 184, Section 184A, and Title VI programs on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Lenders may continue to submit requests for case numbers, cohort numbers, and loan guarantee certificates during the closeout period. Please read DLL 2022-05 for additional details. For questions, please reach out to Krisa Johnson, Director of the Office of Loan Guarantee at Krisa.M.Johnson@hud.gov.  [DLL 2022-05 FYE Closure 8-23-2022 Final updated 8242022 (govdelivery.com)]

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) - On September 7, 2022, and September 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, SNAPS and the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) will conduct two consultation sessions with Tribal nations to provide information and solicit feedback from Indian tribes on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). The program is designed to reduce the number of youths experiencing homelessness by developing and implementing a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Grant funds, which are competitively awarded, can be used to create direct assistance programs.

[Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) | Notices, Rules and Regulations - Public and Indian Housing | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)]

DOI 2022 National Tribal Broadband Summit - HUD’s Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs (Oklahoma City) is preparing proposals for the Department of Interior National Tribal Broadband Summit to be held virtually on September 13th, 20th, and 27th. The convening will bring together broadband industry experts to discuss how to make the best use of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Federal Broadband Connectivity Grant funds for Tribes, and how to plan for the future of wireless networks and digital economies on Tribal Lands. Event Link:  [https://www.do.gov/tribalbroadband]

Build America, Buy America (BABA) Tribal Consultation - HUD will be participating in a multi-agency Tribal Consultation on the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) on Sep 21, 2022 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada).  [Register in advance:  https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/wn_Qcl sy3bQwmD6dxmYiYkvA]
The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) at the Department of Treasury issued a Supplemental FAQs that amends the geographic eligibility guidelines for the FY 2022 Equitable Recovery Program (ERP) to include federally designated tribal service counties and service areas as "eligible Native areas" for the purposes of ERP (for the full explanation, please see page 5). FY2022_CDFI_ERP_Supplemental_Frequently_Asked_Questions_Approved_for_Publication.pdf (cdfifund.gov)

USDA recently released their 2022 edition of the Resource Guide for American Indians and Alaska Natives which summarizes USDA programs across four categories: agriculture, food sovereignty and traditional foods; Indian Country economic development; conservation and forestry; and research, extension and outreach. The guide also covers information on the 17 agencies of the USDA, with organizational charts, boards and committees, outreach and technical assistance, departmental regulations, executive orders and laws, and grant opportunities. American Indians and Alaska Natives 2022 (usda.gov).

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) 2022 Resource Guide for Tribes released by U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, on provisions supporting Tribes and Native communities. IRA was signed into law on August 16, 2022 with more than $720 million in direct climate resilience and energy funding will be available to support Native-driven climate solutions. 2022-08-16 (Final) SCIA IRA Resource Guide.pdf (senate.gov)

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of $70.8 million in grant funding to 166 Indian and Native American entities to help provide employment and training services to low-income and unemployed Native American adults and youth – including American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian adults and youth. The grants will fund the delivery of services – including academic, occupational and literacy skills development – to individuals in Native American communities to equip them to compete in today’s workforce, which will also promote the economic development and well-being of Indigenous people. US Department of Labor awards $70.8M in grants to expand employment, training services for low-income, unemployed Native
United South & Eastern Tribes (USET) Events

Upcoming Events – United South & Eastern Tribes (usetinc.org)

OMB’s 2023 Budget Tribal Consultation (9/12)
2022 National Tribal Broadband Summit (9/13, 20, 27)
USET 2022 Tribal Utility Summit (9/13-15)
Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference: Indigenous Led Conversations (9/15)
2022 National Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference (9/18-24)
National Tribal Telecommunications Association Summit (9/19)
17th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation (9/21-23)

OTHER EVENTS

10/12-13/2022—GLIHA Quarterly Meeting - Oneida Radisson, Green Bay, WI

10/17/2022—NLIHC Emergency Rental Assistance: A Path to a Permanent Program (full day) at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW., Washington, DC. Remote livestream option available, contact Tori Bourret at vbourret@nlihc.org

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10/18-20/2022 EPA Tribal Exchange Network Conference The 2022 Tribal Exchange Network Conference, hosted by the Tribal Exchange Network, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, and EPA, aims to expand trib- al capacity for environmental data sharing, management, and analysis. The event is free and will be held online and in-person in Flagstaff, AZ. The conference is now accepting proposals and requests for presentations and spon- sors/exhibitors. Submit a session proposal, Submit a sponsorship request

12/1-2/2022 - 2022 Center for Indian Country Development Research Summit Center for Indian Country Devel- opment Research Summit | Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (minneapolisfed.org)

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

Josephine Greenfield, Grants Management Specialist

Ms. Greenfield was previously employed as an Eligibility Manager with the State of Indiana where she reviewed eligibility and monitored budget regulations set by the Food Nutrition Services and Central Management. She also worked for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) assisting with the State response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and as a Disaster Recovery Specialist with SBA, where she responded to wide range of customer inquiries & provided detailed information to the public regarding federally declared disasters loan programs. Lastly, she worked as a Social Services Coordinator for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, engaging senior residents in doing needs assessments & exploring benefits and community services to help them maintain independent lives.

Josephine strives to provide excellent service and be a very diligent and willing team member. She is mother to four beautiful sons and a graduate of Governors State University.

New to EWONAP

John Shereikis, Grants Evaluation Specialist

Mr. Shereikis comes to HUD-EWONAP from Atlanta, Georgia after a 28-year career working in non-profits and state government, primarily in the areas of refugee resettlement, homelessness, and housing. He began as a volunteer at Lutheran Services of Georgia (now Inspiritus) assisting refugee families with all aspects of their resettlement in the United States, which inspired a desire to serve those in need of life’s most basic necessities. Over the next 13 years, He served as Program Manager for the Refugee Resettlement Program, and implemented a pro-bono immigration service for refugees focused on family reunification. He transitioned to another non-profit, HOPE Atlanta, serving for 9 years as the agency’s Director of Grants Management; and worked extensively with HUD grants that provided funding to address the housing needs of persons experiencing homelessness and those with other special needs, including Veterans and low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. With this extensive experience in managing all aspects of the grant process, and a desire to have a broader impact, in 2016, John went to work in the State Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), most recently serving as Interim Director. While at DCA, he supervised the administration of several statewide HUD programs including Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, Continuum of Care, HUD 811, and the Homeless Management Information System.

John has a M.A. in history from Southern Illinois University. He’s been married to his wife, Sholeh, for 16 years and their biggest joy in life right now is their 3-year-old granddaughter.
EWONAP works in a Flexiplace work environment supporting telework and virtual engagement. We are available by phone, virtual meeting; and in-person meeting by arrangement. Documents are recommended to be transmitted electronically.

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**National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)** is accepting nominations for 2023 Housing Leadership Awards. To submit a nomination, please email Benja Reilly at breilly@nlihc.org by Friday, September 9.

Every year, NLIHC celebrates leaders in the fight for affordable housing by honoring three individuals or organizations at the Housing Leadership Awards reception. The Edward W. Brooke Housing Leadership Award is named for the late Senator Brooke (R-MA), who championed low-income housing as a U.S. senator and as chair of the NLIHC board of directors after he left the Senate. The Brooke award goes to an exemplary housing leader with a record of fighting for affordable housing on the national level. The Cushing Niles Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award is named after NLIHC’s late founder, who has been referred to as the “godmother” of the affordable housing movement. The award goes to an individual who has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to achieving safe, decent, and affordable homes for low-income people over a long period of time. The Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award is named for former NLIHC President and CEO Sheila Crowley, who led NLIHC for more than 17 years. The Crowley award goes to an outstanding leader who has elevated the conversation around affordable housing for the lowest-income people in America.

Learn more about NLIHC’s 2022 Leadership Awards Celebration and honorees at: [https://bit.ly/3zNtU15](https://bit.ly/3zNtU15)
FROM THE FIELD

Grand Traverse Band (MI)

Grand Traverse Band is located in the northwestern part of lower Michigan and has a 6-county service area. They have their own engineering firm, Grand Traverse Engineering and Construction (GTEC), who act as their General Contractor, and their own broadband company. In terms of housing development, they successfully operate market rentals and workforce housing; and have tapped into LIHTC using RTHawk Housing Alliance.

They have recently been awarded 2 HUD grants to further their housing development efforts:

- ICDBG in the amount of $700,000 for water line infrastructure for a 78-unit housing development
- IHBG Competitive in the amount of $5,000,000 to build road infrastructure and 20 rental units.

EWONAP recently escorted HUD’s Region V Administrator, Diane Shelley & Michigan Field Office Director, Mike Polsinelli on a field visit to view some of the Tribe’s housing and community development.

Kchi-noodin Kaamdaaking Development in Traverse City, MI is a 4-phase development that will include 173 total units when complete - apartments, townhomes, elder duplexes and SF cottages. The grounds will also include a daycare facility, gym, pavilion, community center and a maintenance facility. The Tribe is also expanding workforce housing in Acme Township, MI in collaboration with their casino/resort.

Pictured (l-to-r) with Phase I of Kchi-noodin Kaamdaaking Housing Development are Ken Ockert, GTEC; Jane Rohl, Tribal Councilor; Becky Oien, Tribal Mgr.; Nicki Basch, Housing Mgr.; Diane Shelley, HUD Region V Administrator; Mike Polsinelli, HUD Michigan Field Office Director; David Arroyo, GTB Tribal Chairman.
Little Traverse Bay Band (MI)

Little Traverse Bay Band is located in the northwest part of lower Michigan and has a 27-county service area; Tribe’s home base is in Harbor Springs, MI. In terms of housing development, the Tribe successfully operates market rate rentals and USDA 515 (elder) units & manage site development for homebuyers.

EWONAP recently escorted HUD’s Region V Administrator, Diane Shelley & Michigan Field Office Director, Mike Polsinelli on a field visit to view Mtigwaakiis (Stand of Trees) Housing Development in Charlevoix, MI. Existing units in this area are all Gold LED certified and the new construction will have solar and wind energy tie-ins. Tribal Housing in this area faces challenges with public transit and multi-family water/sewer infrastructure without an existing community system in place.

Little Traverse Bay Band has recently been awarded an IHBG Competitive grant in the amount of $5,000,000 for the construction of 4 new apartment buildings with 38 units. They also used a Native architect for the project, Anthony Esson, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe (MI).

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!
Please send your accomplishments, press releases, events, news, and project photos ELECTRONICALLY to our Administrator Advisor, Cheryl Cloud at Cheryl.A.Cloud@hud.gov

Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country, and how your great work is making a difference!
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### USDA Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants (Section 504)

*For very low-income homeowners (loans) & elderly (grants & loans)*

*Maximum loan amount is $40,000; Maximum grant amount is $10,000*

*Loans can be used to repair, improve/modernize or remove health/safety hazards*

*Grants must be used to remove health/safety hazards*

*Property must be located in an eligible rural area*

For more information: [Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants | Rural Development (usda.gov)](https://www.ruraldevelopment.usda.gov)
The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehab, the purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing. Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of March 2022, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 53,340 loans, which represents over $9.4 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands Region, over 6,321 loans have been made bringing $977 million in private capital directly to Tribal Members. Tribes and TDHEs can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Single Family Home (1-4 units)

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, click here. For a map of eligible states and counties, click here. If you are interested in becoming an approved 184 lender, contact 184lenderapproval@hud.gov

HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program.

Title VI loans enable IHBG recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG ‘Need’ funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. Funds can be used to rehabilitate or construct new housing or community facilities, to build infrastructure, acquire land, to fund architectural and engineering plans, towards financing. Click here to see projects.

Contact Cheryl.A.Cloud@hud.gov for more information. Fund Leveraging Example:

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Development

HUD published a proposed rule on 7/19/2022, to amend the Federal Manufactured Home Construction & Safety Standards. Comments are due by 9/19/2022. [Federal Register :: Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards]

Occupyancy/Resident Services

CoHome has a housing model with inclusive homes for people with disabilities (neurodiverse) and their peers to live together as housemates. It’s person-centered supportive housing that includes community living, self-direction, life skills, transportation, employment opportunities and supportive services. First model home, located in New Jersey, was opened in 2018. [Inclusive Coliving | CoHome | Morristown]

Housing Services

Introductory Webinars on the Coc Special NOFO & other info can be found by following this link: [Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)]

Homeless

HUD releases a first-of-a-kind resources package to fund coordinated approaches to reduce homelessness and improve health services for vulnerable communities. $322 million will be available to enhance the community’s capacity to address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable individuals and families to housing, healthcare, and supportive services. Through this NOFO, HUD aims to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. Tribes are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting applications to HUD for the initial selection process in the Special NOFO is October 20, 2022. For more information, follow the link below.

Homeownership

Cubicasa, a real estate software company has a mobile app that enables homeowners to generate a floor plan sketch at no cost to them through a mobile scanning feature. [CubiCasa | Create a floor plan in 5 min for appraisals & real estate]

Habitat for Humanity’s Veterans Build Program focuses on five (5) areas - building, employment, volunteer engagement, education and honor - to provide volunteer, homeownership and employment opportunities to US Veterans, military service members and their families. [Veterans Build | Habitat for Humanity]

Maintenance/Modernization

National Center for Housing Management offers a certificated program for Maintenance Managers. Complete it in 1-week with four 4-hour days and an online test. [Certified Manager of Maintenance (CMM) - National Center for Housing Management (nchm.org)]

August 2022 marked the 85th Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act and there are several initiatives designed by Apprenticeship USA to expand registered apprenticeships. In addition, Apprenticeship.gov is a one-stop source to connect career seekers, employers and education partners with apprenticeship resources. [Homepage | Apprenticeship.gov]
FEMA Seeks Public Feedback on Wireless Emergency Alert System

FEMA is seeking public feedback on the upcoming national test of the Wireless Emergency Alert system (WEA). WEA is a public alert and warning system to disseminate timely and effective warnings to people in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster or other hazards to public safety and wellbeing. FEMA is required to test the public alert and warning system every three years. The tests help FEMA assess WEA’s geographic reach, along with additional key parameters outlined in the IPAWS Modernization Act of 2015. FEMA and other WEA stakeholders, such as the Federal Communications Commission and congressional committees, use the test to enhance and expand WEA to further improve emergency alerting capabilities, leading to a better prepared and more resilient nation. FEMA implements a survey to capture key technical performance factors of WEA, such as geographic coverage and carrier-related issues and non-technical aspects essential to WEA’s role in national alerting, including alerting effectiveness in reaching diverse populations and traditionally underserved populations. The survey assesses public awareness of the WEA system. Comments must be submitted before Sept. 6. To learn more and submit feedback, visit Regulations.gov.

Housing Management Services

Loan processing is an eligible activity under this element. Some additional revenue can be generated by becoming a certified loan packager for other lenders, such as USDA. Here’s a webinar on how to become a certified USDA loan packager: RD-SFH-BecomingAPackager.pdf (usda.gov)

Contracting a grant writer? The American Grant Writer’s Association (AGWA) has standards & ethics associated with compensation. AGWA Professional Standards and Code of Ethics. They also have online courses including how to start your own grant writing consulting business Grant Writing Online Course Selection (agwa.us).

Planning & Administration

Key housing affordability factors include the cost of rent and an individual’s wage. See how much do you need to earn to afford a rental in your state. Full report and Interactive map on their website. Out of Reach | National Low Income Housing Coalition (nlihc.org)
**DISASTER & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES**

FEMA Funeral Assistance - COVID-19 related funeral costs for deaths

FEMA_Advisory_FEMA_Monthly_Update_of_State-Specific_Funeral_Assistance_Information_20220801.pdf (govdelivery.com)

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program provides temporary discounts on monthly broadband bills for income qualifying households.

**Homeowner’s Assistance**

Homeowner’s Assistance Fund is to assist those experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19. Program provides financial assistance to help with mortgage payments, homeowner’s insurance, utility payments & other specified purposes (prevent mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utility or home energy services, homeowner displacement). Hardship must have been after 1/21/2020 and income eligibility requirements apply. Contact your Tribe/TDHE first. Other resources in your area can be found by searching here: https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/help-for-homeowners/get-homeowner-assistance-funds/

NAIHC has a tool to help locate COVID related assistance in your area, see link below.

Tribal Housing Assistance Resource Hub | National American Indian Housing Council (naihc.net)

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**DISASTER RELATED**

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Order Free preparedness materials here:

FEMA-ICPD Promotional Materials | Pueblo.gpo.gov

FEMA Tool to assist governmental officials estimate substantial damage for residential and non-residential structures per the National Flood Insurance Program requirements; assesses damage caused by flood, wind, seismic and other events.

Substantial Damage Estimator Tool | FEMA.gov

Disaster Readiness, Response & Recovery Webinar Series:

9/6-Building Fires  Register Today: PHA Disaster Readiness, Response and Recovery Webinar Series - HUD Exchange

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

FEMA 2022-2026 National Tribal Strategy (released 8/19/2022)

FEMA_National_Tribal_Strategy.pdf (nativenewsonline.net)

FEMA’s guide for initiating, developing & implementing MOAs/MOUs for mass care services.

How to Develop Agreements for Mass Care Services (nationalmasscarestrategy.org)
Semi-Annual Reports Due Soon!

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Regulations 29 CFR 5.7(b) require Federal agencies administering programs subject to Davis-Bacon and Related Act (DBRA) and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) labor standards to furnish a Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. Some HUD programs are administered by state and local agencies for labor standards compliance. HUD must collect information from such agencies in order to capture enforcement activities for all HUD programs in its reports to DOL.

The Semi-Annual Report is due in the Office of Davis Bacon and Labor Standards no later than Friday, October 7. If you do not anticipate any new contract awards or enforcement activity before September 30, why not submit your report now and get it off your “to do” list?!
### Training

**CodeTalk - Calendar of Events | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

NAIHC/HUD schedule & registration at: [https://naihc.net/training-schedule/](https://naihc.net/training-schedule/)

Native Learning Center schedule & registration at: [Training Events - Native Learning Center](https://naihc.net/training-schedule/)

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**USEFUL LINKS**

- HUD ONAP CodeTalk website
- EWONAP website
- HUD Indian Housing Block Grant
- HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant
- HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee
- HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee
- HUD Healthy Homes
- HUD ROSS Grant
- HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing
- HUD PIH Environmental Resources
- HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs
- HHS Tribal Programs
- HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program
- DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives
- USDA Rural Development Grants
- Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources
- VA Native Health Services
- Economic Development Administration
- GLIHA
- USET
- Grants.gov
- Office of Federal Register
- White House Native Americans Resources Page
- DOT Tribal Transportation Program
- EPA Water Topics
- HHS Native Asset Building
- Center for American Indian Economic Development
- Native American Contractors Association
- National Congress of American Indians
- National American Indian Housing Council
- DOE Tribal Energy Program
- DOE Weatherization Grants
- DOE Federal Energy Management Program
- EPA Tribal Grants
- Small Business Administration Loans
- CDFI Native American Initiatives
- VA Native American Direct Loan
- BIA Housing Improvement Program
- MAST
- GLITC
Free Technical Assistance

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https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/training

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- Maintenance
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- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!

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