Subject: Tribal Consultation on Youth Homelessness and Funding Opportunities

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) administers the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). The program is designed to reduce the number of youth 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 for youth experiencing homelessness, including costs for housing and supportive services. Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are eligible to compete for these grant funds. More information about the program can be found on HUD’s website at: YHDP.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) included $72 million for YHDP grants with priority given to communities with substantially rural populations, as well as $25 million for system improvement grants. As part of HUD’s commitment to its Tribal Consultation Policy and the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes, HUD is seeking Tribal feedback on how these funds should be awarded.

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. The call-in details are below and will also be posted on CodeTalk.

September 7, 2022:
  • Webex meeting link: https://ems8.intellor.com/login/844611

September 15, 2022:
  • Webex meeting link: https://ems8.intellor.com/login/844908

HUD encourages written comments from Tribal leaders via email to CoCTribalConsult@hud.gov and enter “Tribal Consultation” in the subject line of the email.
Input from Tribal leaders is essential to the development of HUD’s programs.

Thank you for your interest in the Department’s programs.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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