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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 over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

Eastern Woodlands Region



Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP News Bulletin.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Mark Butterfield

Greetings!

Some of you might remember the scene from **Fractured Fairy Tales** where a little man in a moustache is following up the parade and sweeping up the poop left by the horses and elephants. Sometimes that is what a Housing Authority/Department's job is like—fixing mistakes and doing clean up! However tedious that job is, it is important that there is also a trumpeter at the head of the parade and people happily carrying banners and flags announcing the parade and its attractions. While the clean-up part is inevitable and not very glamor-

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ous, the other part of leading the parade is frequently ignored in the daily grind. Yet leading the Parade is also important.

The message here is to be proactive. To tell your story. To announce to the tribal and housing world that you are doing a vital and important job. Be that carrier of the banner, the trumpeter announcing what your housing program can and does do. So many of you do an outstanding job building, maintaining and running your housing program but fail to see the value in publicizing your successes. If it's possible, have an Open House prior to filling a new unit. Many people have it stuck in their minds that any low-income unit is shabby and substandard when that is the opposite of every new unit I have seen go into service in the past ten years or so. Take pictures. Create a Facebook page. Don't ignore it. Add and rotate pictures every so often so it doesn't get stale. Feature your workers so that people know who they are and what they do so they may contact them if they need help. Put your application and policies online so people know what to expect. Give outstanding tenant awards for keeping up their lawn or garden or unit free of clutter. Above all, use your imagination and try to emphasize the positive. Look at similar websites to get ideas; www.gliha.org for example.

Some Directors and programs desire to fly under the radar and not be noticed. However, one must ask one's self if that is really doing your program and mission a service? As a Director you are charged with maintaining and expanding housing to everyone who qualifies. If people don't know what you do, they may be less apt to criticize, but they might also be equally unwilling to support your housing program for the same reason—that they don't see its value! This happens precisely because they don't know what you do. However, if they know you are fair, honest, transparent and get the job done, you have a strong support base to improve and expand. Of course, always be willing to share the credit with those supportive of your program, be they a tenant or community member who is always pushing to improve their community or a commissioner, councilman, local official or Congressman who supports on-going funding for NAHASDA and Community Planning and Development (CPD for ICDBG projects).



Stockbridge-Munsee newly completed Elder complex

Sharing credit is a positive good for your staff who desire recognition and praise. It is said that it takes three or four positive comments to outweigh one negative one. So let your staff know that you recognize a job well done. Another good thing is to share your successes with the Tribal public and the wider community. Let them know how your agency contributes to the economy.

Best Wishes,

[Mark Butterfield](#), Administrator

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

EWONAP CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!



William "Nq̄wq̄cekǵize" Quackenbush

On November 14, 2017, EWONAP will host a celebration that includes guest speaker William "Nq̄wq̄cekǵize" Quackenbush, a Ho-Chunk Nation Preservation Representative. Mr. Quackenbush, who is also a Ho-Chunk Deer Clan Member, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Resources Division Manager will discuss the Ho-Chunk tribe's History: Past, Present and Future. The celebration, held in our Chicago office, will include various food items from the Native American culture. Tickets are on sale through November 9, 2017. Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov for more information.



EWONAP ICDBG IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING

The Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs recently conducted ICDBG Implementation Training for the 2017 ICDBG awardees. The training included all aspects of program requirements including Financial Management, the Electronic Line of Credit Control System (eLOCCS), Reporting, and Monitoring/Environmental Requirements. Additionally, the ICDBG Monitoring Review Process was covered.



EWONAP WEBINAR SERIES

Annual Performance Report (November 2, 2017, 2:00 PM—3:00 PM, EST): EWONAP will partner with the Native Learning Center to offer a webinar to review the Annual Performance Report (APR) process. Completing an Annual Performance Report as required by HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), can be overwhelming. This webinar will simplify the process by presenting a straightforward strategy to develop an effective and basic system to collect the information necessary to complete an APR. For more information and/or to register, [Click Here](#).

Audit Review (November 16, 2017, 2:00 PM—3:00 PM, EST): EWONAP will partner with the Native Learning Center to cover the step-by-step process Area ONAPs will follow when reviewing audits performed by Independent Public Accountants when HUD is or is not the cognizant or oversight agency, as well as audits issued by the OIG. Audits provide useful information about a recipient's financial position, use of its resources, internal controls, and compliance with HUD regulations. Findings Identified in the audits and the recipients' actions to resolve findings provide information for the risk assessment and on-site monitoring strategies. For more information and/or to register, [Click Here](#).

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

Please send your accomplishments, press releases, events, news, and project photos to our Administrator Advisor, Kimberly McMorris at:

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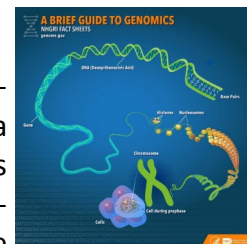
Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country, and how your great work is making a difference!

INDIAN COUNTY NEWS

NEW REPORT:

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES AND GENETICS RESEARCH

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and the NIH Tribal Health Research Office (THRO) assembled a genetics research resource for the recent Tribal Data Sharing & Genetics workshop at the University of New Mexico. The resource includes brief descriptions of NHGRI-funded education and research projects with American Indians and Alaska Natives, definitions of terms used in genetics research, and links to more in depth resources. The resource can be accessed on the THRO website. [Click Here](#) to view the resource.



WHAT IS "ONE HEALTH"?

"One Health" is a term that refers to the relationships between the health of animals, humans, and the environment. Did you know that OVER HALF of all infections in humans are spread by animals? One Health is an increasingly important idea discussed in public health. Since indigenous people often live in close contact with nature, One Health topics may be of special concern but may also already be well understood by many American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people according to traditional beliefs about health. The image below shows how cows contaminated with bacteria *E. coli* can cause people to get sick or die from eating salad. [Click Here](#) to read the research.




FREE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENERGY PLANNING

The U.S. Dept. of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs offers free, on request technical assistance to Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages. Tribes can apply annually to receive technical assistance with energy planning; housing, building energy efficiency, and resilience; project development; village power; and policy and regulation. The goal of the technical assistance is to address a specific challenge or fulfill a need that is essential to a current project's successful implementation. The intended result of this technical assistance is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward. For more info.: <https://energy.gov/indianenergy/technical-assistance/request-technical-assistance>.

EPA AWARDS PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION \$30,000 TO REDUCE DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION THROUGH WELL CLOSURES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 has awarded \$30,000 to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to increase community stakeholder awareness of drinking water problems, hazards, exposure, illness, and performance gaps through establishing an abandoned well-closure pilot program. The funding to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation comes from EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program, which provides critical support to organizations that otherwise lack the funding and resources to address the environmental challenges in their community. The program is designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Understanding the impacts of multiple environmental risks can help communities develop more effective solutions to their environmental and health concerns. The long-term goals of the EJSG Program are to help build the capacity of the affected community and create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments in the future. The program aims to engage approximately 580 local households through outreach and community events; establish well-closure procedures and tribal ordinances for the purposes of protecting groundwater resources and the health and safety of those utilizing groundwater for their domestic and agricultural needs; and close multiple wells in the initial phase of the program.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

TRAINING/EVENT	WHEN AND WHERE	DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION
NAIHC 2017 Annual Legal Symposium	December 3-5, 2017 	Housing and legal professionals from across the country working to address the availability and access to affordable housing for Native American families. The event provides a forum to discuss regulatory and legal issues in the tribal housing arena, as well as related community development issues. Bringing together legal practitioners, housing organizations, tribal housing authorities, law students, legal academics and other tribal leaders – Join more that 500 of your industry peers and foremost experts in Indian housing law and regulations. And, nearly 30 training sessions will be offered. Explore ideas, experiences, share insights and address emerging issues whether you are a seasoned legal practitioner or just beginning your professional path working in housing this is the event to attend. Click Here for additional information. <i>November 9th is the deadline for room reservations.</i>
NAIHC and UTTC	Ongoing CEU Opportunities	NAIHC and United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement that will allow participants receiving training at select NAIHC workshops to also gain Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the UTTC Office of Extended Learning. This is exciting news that will enhance tribal housing professionals' credentials and skill sets. The continuing education unit allows UTTC to record an individual's successful completion of various activities, allowing individuals to earn CEUs in order to maintain or increase expertise in a career field or renew professional licenses. Click Here to see the MOA.
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	<p>FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting for Grants Management • Board of Commissioners Training • Construction Management • Development Project Planning and Management • Financial Management • New Executive Director Training • Self-Monitoring • Policies and Procedures Update Workshop <p>Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762</p>

OTHER RESOURCES

Brady Education Foundation Seeks Applications for Program Development and Evaluation

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017 (Stage-One Applications)

URL: <http://www.bradyeducationfoundation.org/applicationguidelines.html>

Grants will be awarded for the development and evaluation of programs/projects designed to close the achievement/opportunity gap for children at risk for poor school outcomes.

Spencer Foundation Accepting Proposals for Conference Grants, Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

URL: <http://www.spencer.org/conference-grants-advancing-education-research>

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to help underwrite the cost of attending conferences and symposia that bring together scholars whose interests are related to the creation and sustainability of equitable educational spaces.

FY 2018 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant program, Application Deadline:

December 15, 2017, URL: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy-2018-environmental-workforce-development-and-job-training-ewdjt-grants>

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program, Application Deadline: December 4, 2017

National Institute of Food & Agriculture FY18 Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program funds two types of grants, Community Food Projects & Planning Projects. Goals: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; • Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; • Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and; • Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for efficient project operation; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. Eligible applicants include public food program service providers, tribal organizations, or private nonprofit entities, including gleaners.

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 more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.usa.gov/government-services-and-programs-for-native-americans).
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- 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>
- 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/infrastructure-water.htm>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- 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

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES

Grants.gov website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply. [Click Here](#) for the complete list and filter under Eligibility.

SOURCE	DEADLINE	DETAILS AND LINKS
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants	November 14, 2017	Two competitive Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs. Eligible applicants including territories, federally-recognized tribes, states and local governments may apply for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grants at https://portal.fema.gov . FMA grants are available to implement measures to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to structures insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) .
U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA	November 15, 2017	FEMA's vision is to serve as a catalyst that drives increased understanding and proactive action to help people in communities reduce their losses from natural hazards. Studies have shown that every \$1 spent equals \$4 of future damages mitigated. Two competitive Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs. Eligible applicants including territories, federally-recognized tribes, states and local governments may apply for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grants at https://portal.fema.gov .
United States Environment Protection Agency	November 16, 2017	<p><u>Assessment Grants (funded over three years)</u> - <i>Community-wide or Site-Specific Applicants:</i> Up to \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding or up to \$200,000 in petroleum funding. <i>Community-wide Applicants:</i> Applicants applying for both hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding may request a combined total up to \$300,000; however, the request for hazardous substances funding or petroleum funding cannot exceed \$200,000 for any one individual type of grant funding.</p> <p><u>Revolving Loan Fund Grants (funded over 5 years)</u> - Applicants, including RLF Coalitions, may apply for up to \$1,000,000 in hazardous substances funding and/or petroleum funding.</p> <p><u>Cleanup Grants (funded over three years)</u> - Applicants may: • request funding to address either a single brownfield site, or multiple brownfield sites, within each proposal.; • request up to \$200,000 in each proposal.; • submit up to 3 cleanup proposals.</p>
U.S. Department of Agriculture	December 15, 2017	FY 2018 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant program. USDA's Rural Housing Service (RUS) has opened pre-application period for its Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization Program. The program aims to maintain safe and affordable rental housing for low-income persons and farm laborers. Grant and loan options are available under this opportunity. For more information: http://bit.ly/2x2K3OP

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 2016, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 33,728 loans, which represents over \$5.4 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,938 loans have been made bringing \$565 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
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

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 Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov.

HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program- Title

VI loans enable Indian Housing Block Grant 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. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#). ONAP's Office of Loan Guarantee has advised that Title VI loans are limited this fiscal year, so the first funded loans will go to applicants whose loan package is the most complete first. For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Kimberly McMorris, at Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov or 312.913.8626. Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:



MOWA Choctaw HA	Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.
Iswa Development Corp.	Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.
Aroostook Band of Micmac	Construction of 17 units in two communities.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.
White Earth Reservation HA	Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.
Lac Courte Oreilles HA	Construction of 20 multifamily units.
Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA	Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing.
Red Lake Reservation HA	Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.
Lumbee Tribe	Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

Let ONAP Help!

Free Technical Assistance

**HUD ONAP OFFERS
FREE SPECIALIZED TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE
GRANTEES**

How Does It Work?

EWONAP Staff or consultants will develop materials tailored to meet your individual needs.

We can work one-on-one or train in small groups.

Training and Technical Assistance can be done remotely or on-site.

Training and TA available on:

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



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USEFUL LINKS

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