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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.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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.

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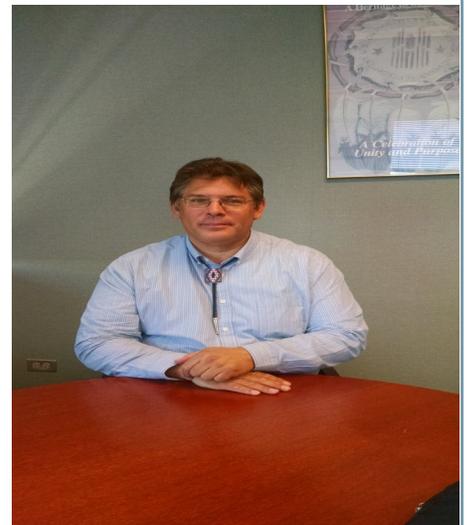
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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings from the Administrator *Mark Butterfield*

Well, it is finally starting to warm up and minutes are added to daylight every day now. March Madness will soon be upon us. If you have kids in Hockey, Basketball or Wrestling it's the end of the season and/or regional or state tournament time. We wish you and all your tribal members the best in their athletic endeavors. I would like to especially congratulate Ernie St. Germaine as the last of the original Birkebeiner skiers to still have finished the 50 kilometer course.



GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

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At 0.6 of a mile that translates into 30 miles. Ernie is a Lac du Flambeau Tribal member who has skied in every Birkebeiner since its inception. This year was its 43rd. He was also featured as the Spirit of the Birkie award winner (See below).

So no matter if you are young or old, we encourage you to keep active and live a healthy lifestyle. Too many American Indians and Alaska Native suffer from diabetes. Being active as our ancestors were helps prevent many of the factors that contribute to the onset of Type II Diabetes. Many IHBG recipients have included playgrounds, basketball courts- both indoor and out, walking trails, exercise equipment in Community Centers and the like to help tenants stay fit and live an active lifestyle. This is all part of a holistic approach to housing that goes beyond just providing a roof over people’s heads and encourages a more comprehensive view of community development. On a recent tour of Oneida Nation of Wisconsin’s new housing development they included access to a trail nearby for residents to get out and be active. ONAP encourages your personal and community efforts to improve tribal members’ health through comprehensive planning.



EWONAP will soon be offering ICDBG training to our successful grantees. Notices will be sent out soon. Currently we expect to offer this in person training March 22-23 in our Chicago Office and it is open to those Tribes who received an ICDBG grant for 2015.

Lastly, EWONAP would like to encourage your attendance at the USET/GLIHA training In Hollywood Florida from March 29-31st, being put on by the Native Learning Center of Florida, a division of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The training will focus on topics useful to your practice. The OMB Super Circular, Meth/Marijuana issues and how to prepare for a Monitoring Visit are topics that will be covered. It’s also a good time to escape the winter doldrums and get great training at the same time. We hope to see you in Florida. If not, we are here if you have any technical issues. Feel free to call your GM or GE Specialist if you get stuck on an issue and need assistance. The telephone numbers to all our staff are in the back of the Newsletter and you can always call our Program Assistant Teresa Stewart at 312-913-8756 and she can route you to the right ONAP employee.

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)



ONAP Annual Performance Reports (APR)	
Fiscal Year End	APR Due Date
December 31, 2015	March 31, 2016
March 31, 2016	June 30, 2016
June 30, 2016	September 30, 2016
September 30, 2016	December 31, 2016

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS



Red Lake Band Moves Forward With Major Solar Energy Projects

Articles written by Michael Barrett

On Thursday, February 18, 2016, the Red Lake Band signed agreements with the Winkelman Building Corp., Innovative Power Systems Inc. and the Olson Energy Corp., formalizing a renewable energy plan that will utilize solar power. There are three phases to this plan. First, they will address the process of adding equipment to buildings and solar energy training. Solar panels will be installed on buildings such as all three Seven Clans Casinos in Red Lake, Thief River Falls and Warroad, along with the Red Lake Government Center, the Red Lake Nation College, the Red Lake Humanities Center, the Red Lake Justice Complex, the Red Lake Boys and Girls Club and the hospital and nursing home. The equipment is expected to result in almost \$2 million per year in savings.



Red Lake Jobs and Community Development Facilitator Eugene McArthur said this plan fits in with the tribe's multiple commitments, which include preservation and conservation of the environment, providing an energy source which is compatible with tribal beliefs, improving the labor force, developing cost savings, diversifying the economy and providing clean energy for people. "Eighty percent of phase one will be completed by the end of 2016, and we are already in the negotiating process for phase two," McArthur said. "We hope to begin and start breaking ground on that by the end of the year. It's going a lot quicker than we had anticipated."

Phase two will focus on the development of solar energy farms on ceded lands, totally from 40-100 acres of solar panels. This goal will be to provide electricity, resulting in additional revenue for the Tribe. The third phase of the plan will be to develop a solar energy plant, which will produce solar equipment for the industry while providing jobs for the Red Lake Nation.

David Winkelman of Innovative Power Systems, in an interview with Lakeland Public Television, stated that Red Lake Schools use about \$40,000 a month worth of electricity, and all the other buildings \$20-40 thousand a month, which is a huge expense. They might require 30-40 acres of solar on the roof tops and on the ground to capture \$1.6 million a year savings in electricity. "Solar is a direct, cost effective and environmentally responsible way to provide energy where it's needed," Winkelman stated at the signing ceremony. "It will keep flowing as long as there's light. Even on a cloudy day, solar works. As long as there are photons in the air, solar panels will work." According to Innovative Power Systems, solar in Minnesota is growing faster than ever with both businesses and homeowners installing arrays to save in electricity costs and protect the environment.



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

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Some of the reasons for the project are that solar will lower electricity bills. It will help save the environment. Today tax credits and rebates make solar affordable. Solar is cheaper now than it has ever been while solar panels increase the value of homes. Minnesota weather is great for solar and since solar panels are built to last, panels will protect and insulate roofs. Minnesota has a competitive market for solar which keeps the cost down.

“Chairman Seki said it was a great opportunity for the Red Lake people, and he also spoke about natural resources and protecting the environment.”

"Solar panels will provide heat, light and energy without burning fossil fuels and coal, which harm our air, fish and wildlife," Seki said. "We owe it to our future generations to protect our environment, and we are doing our part here today."



The project would be financed by investors that would be gathered by the Olson Energy Corporation in Minnesota, and officials expect to break ground on the solar energy farm this fall, and the solar energy plant in two years, which will include a substation that will provide solar power for Red Lake Tribal members.

Before Thursday's ceremony, the Red Lake Tribal Council voted unanimously on Feb. 9, 2016 to approve the plan.

The solar equipment will be designed, engineered, procured, constructed and added to the facilities by Innovative Power Systems Inc. and Winkelman Building Corp. at a cost of between \$20-\$30 million. Olson Energy Corp. has developed a financial plan to assist in addressing the financial needs for the tribe's solar development.



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS



HUD AWARDS MORE THAN \$55 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

WASHINGTON—February 12, 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$55.5 million to 75 Native American communities throughout the country to improve housing conditions and stimulate community development, including construction projects and local jobs for low- and moderate-income families. The grants are provided through HUD’s Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program, which supports a wide range of community development and affordable housing activities. See attached list of grantees and read individual project summaries.

“Every family deserves the chance to have a decent home, economic opportunity and vibrant neighborhoods to call their own,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. “Today we make another critical investment in helping tribal nations address affordable housing and community development needs in their communities.”

The ICDBG program was established in 1977 to help Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages meet their community development needs. Federally-recognized Indian tribes, bands, groups or nations (including Alaska Indian, Aleuts and Eskimos,) Alaska Native villages, and eligible tribal organizations compete for this funding.

“The goal of the ICDBG program is to develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities,” said HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez. “Awardees can use the funding to rehabilitate or build new housing or to buy land for housing; for infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer facilities; and to spur economic development including jobs.”

This year’s projects include building or rehabilitating homes for many tribes. Other uses include the construction of a new energy-efficient health clinic by the Circle Tribal Community in Alaska. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas will use its grant to construct a Language and Cultural Learning Center to help preserve the language and culture of their ancestors. In Oklahoma, the Seminole Nation will be using its funding to construct the Seminole Nation Veterans’ Affairs Department.

Eastern Woodlands Region will receive \$4,648,764.00 to assist eight (8) Native American communities



EASTERN WOODLANDS ICDBG AWARDS

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MAINE

The **Aroostook Band of Micmacs** is receiving an ICDBG of **\$600,000** for construction of a four unit elderly housing complex. The housing complex will provide safe and accessible housing for elderly members of the tribe. The improvement of accessible housing for elders will promote mobility for elders who are currently challenged by their current living conditions. The housing will be constructed by the Four Directions Community Based Development Corporation.

The **Houlton Band of Maliseet Tribe** will be using its **\$600,000** ICDBG to renovate/construct a new day care center. The building will be energy efficient with solar hot water, bulk fed pellet furnace, LED lighting and Energy Star appliances. The new center will provide parents with affordable day care while they pursue employment and educational opportunities, and will be staffed 24-7 and on weekends to accommodate the employment needs of tribal members.

MICHIGAN

The **Hannahville Indian Community** is receiving an ICDBG of **\$600,000** for the expansion of its wastewater facility to meet the capacity demands of increased wastewater flows and loading at the facility. The expansion of the storage capacity is critical to the continued viability of the community by allowing community growth that would otherwise be slowed or stalled without the expansion project.

NEW YORK

The **Akwesasne Housing Authority** is receiving a grant of **\$600,000** for a housing rehabilitation project that will provide solar-generated power to the Sunrise Acres housing complex. Excess power generated by the solar panels will be used to provide electricity to housing units developed by the housing authority in future years.

WISCONSIN

The **Ho-Chunk Nation** is receiving an ICDBG of **\$600,000** for the development of a new Head Start facility to better provide early-childhood services and to assist in the improvement of the health and well-being of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Wittenburg community families. The facility will be fully accessible with green energy features which will help in lowering long-term energy costs and will include geothermal heating and cooling.

The **Lac du Flambeau Tribe** will be using its **\$600,000** grant for the construction of a cultural center that will include a shared entrance to the Tribal Museum, space to accommodate continual Native Arts and education as well as a stage and seating to accommodate 1000 spectators. Upon completion, the Center will provide a destination for Native Cultural gatherings, tourism, a venue for regional/national performances and will provide employment opportunities for low-income Tribal members.

The **Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa** will be using its ICDBG of **\$448,764** for the installation of 1,300 linear feet of potable water line and 1,150 linear feet of sewer line to support a twenty-four unit housing construction project on tribal lands in Bayfield, Wisconsin.

The **Sokaogon Chippewa Community** is receiving a **\$600,000** grant for the installation of solar facilities on 56 individual housing units and a tribal elder apartment building with housing units. In total, the project will allow 71 homes and 71 families to significantly reduce their energy costs. After installation, the residents of existing tribal housing units are projected to save approximately \$489 per year in reduced electrical costs.

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Partnership to Get \$7.9 Million for Habitat Protection



TRAVERSE CITY — A partnership led by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians will receive \$7.9 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to improve aquatic habitat and protect sensitive lands in Michigan’s northwest Lower Peninsula.

The project was among 84 selected for funding under a U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation program. The Tribal Stream and Michigan Fruit Belt Collaborative partners aim to improve habitat and passageways for fish and other organisms at 66 stream crossings and dams.

Land conservancies will purchase conservation easements to nearly 3,000 acres of specialty crop farm land. Officials say the easements will help ensure that the conservation projects are not undermined by changes in watershed hydrology.



President Barack Obama Meets with Tribal Leaders in DC

The Honorable President Barack Obama hosted 16 tribal leaders in Washington, D.C., on February 23, The Cherokee One Feather reported. The meeting, which presumably took place at the White House, coincided with the National Congress of American Indians winter session. Patrick Lambert, the recently-installed principal chief of the **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**, was among those in attendance.

“That was a head-of-state meeting,” Lambert told the paper. “Before I even finished the first five months of my administration, I got to sit down with the leader of the free world. I took that as a great honor.”

Lambert also discussed the visit on his official Facebook page. He said the meeting lasted well over an hour.

"I told him I know he likes Asheville and we are only an hour west, he said 'I have a helicopter and it shouldn't take that long,'" Lambert wrote last week.

The White House has not released the names of any of the other attendees but President Obama typically hosts a group tribal leaders prior to the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference. This year's event will be the last of his administration.



New Contact for EWONAP Bulletin!

Send your press releases, events & news, and project photos to Administrator Mark Butterfield at Mark.Butterfield@hud.gov

Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country.

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

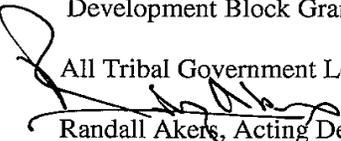


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PROGRAM GUIDANCE

PROGRAM: Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), Title VI, and Indian Community, Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

FOR: All Tribal Government Leaders and Tribally Designated Housing Entities

FROM: 
Randall Akers, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, PN

TOPIC: Using IHBG, Title VI, and ICDBG to Fund Broadband Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this guidance is to provide tribes and tribally designated housing entities with information on several nationwide initiatives to expand broadband connectivity in low-income communities. It also explains how the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), Title VI Loan Guarantee, and Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) programs can be used to assist in such efforts.

Background: On March 23, 2015, President Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum creating the Broadband Opportunity Council (BOC). The BOC was directed to research ways federal agencies could support the needs of communities seeking broadband investment. The BOC's report, which was issued on September 21, 2015, includes action items and milestones for each agency. For further information see:

<https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/broadband-opportunity-council>

ConnectHome Initiative: On July 15, 2015, President Obama and HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced the selection of 27 cities and one tribal nation to participate in ConnectHome. Through this partnership, eight internet service providers are partnering with mayors, public housing authorities, non-profit groups, and for-profit entities to bridge the gap in digital access for families with school-age children who live in HUD-assisted housing. For the Choctaw Nation, Cherokee Communications, Pine Telephone, Suddenlink Communications, and Vyve Broadband are working together to ensure that over 425 tribal housing residents have access to low-cost, high-speed internet. Best Buy is also offering computer training and technical support to expand the impact of broadband access for the Choctaw Nation. For further information see:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/connect-america> and

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2015/HUD No 15-090](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2015/HUD_No_15-090)

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED
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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Special Meeting Invitation from the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance	March 8 Sacaton, AZ <i>(Gila River Indian Community Governance Center)</i>	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), special meeting with OFCCP Director Patricia Shiu, OFCCP Deputy Director Thomas Dowd (Hopi), and OFCCP Director of the Division of Policy and Program Development Debra Carr from Washington DC. During this meeting we will share highlights of OFCCP's Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program (INAERP) and recent regulatory changes made to the laws enforced by OFCCP. You will also have the opportunity to share your ideas and comments on tribal employment rights and employment rights issues facing Indian and Native American wage earners and job seekers who are employed or seek employment with companies contracting with the federal government to supply goods or services. RSVP via e-mail by Friday March 4, 2016 to lujan.theresa@dol.gov or call the INAERP toll free number at 1 (844) 206-1836
Indian Housing Plan/ Annual Performance Report (HUD/ONAP)	March 8-9 Reno, NV	FREE TRAINING. Participants at this 2-day training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the combined, automated IHP/APR form. The trainer will provide a walk-through of the new Excel form, which simplifies completion with drop-down menus, auto-filling data, and more. Participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. All grantees are encouraged to attend this training. Registration for this training is FREE , but you must register to attend. Registration is available online at http://www.firstpic.org/events/ . Tribes may utilize Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds to cover travel-related expenses for this workshop.
HUD Part 58 Environmental Review Training	March 8-10 Seattle, WA	HUD Part 58 Environmental Training, March 8-10 in Seattle Washington. Course offers introductory to mid-level training for staff responsible for conducting environmental reviews under 24 CFR Part 58. Staff responsible for conducting environmental reviews under HUD's 24 CFR Part 58 regulations should attend. Recommended for staff who actively participate in the environmental review process. Register at: http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2668&update=N
"Composting Strategies for Tribes" (Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals)	Mar. 15-17, 2016 Tucson, AZ	The course is for employees of federally-recognized tribes and will focus on developing effective and sustainable composting programs for tribes. Strong emphasis on creating and running composting programs as businesses, incl. developing a business plan, researching creative funding opportunities and partnerships, equipment needs, facility design and operations, as well as the science of composting. Small group activities and a special field trip will also be included as part of this training course. Attendees will visit the San Xavier Co-op Farm to see a successful composting program that is a partnership between the Univ. of AZ's Compost Cats, the City of Tucson, and the Tohono O'odham Nation. To apply, contact Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu or Fax your request to 928-523-1266.
The Healthy Native Homes Roadmap: A New Online Guide for Affordable Housing Development		REGISTER HERE. Webinar showcases The Healthy Native Homes Roadmap, a new online guide for affordable housing development. Registration is at no cost but is required. Please register in advance. The Healthy Native Homes Roadmap is a short online guide that asks questions and provides recommendations for your new housing project and explain the five phases of development and the critical steps in each phase that are important for any project. For more info, contact Susan Anderson Program Director, Sustainability at 410-772-2714, or visit Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT	Mar. 21-24, 2016 Las Vegas, NV	For more information and to register, visit http://res.ncaied.org/res-las-vegas-registration/

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED
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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
2016 Eastern Woodlands ONAP Training and Regional Meeting	Mar. 29-31, 2016 Hollywood FL	This three-day interactive training is designed to address Tribal Housing needs. Training Topics Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Self Monitoring * Preparing for Monitoring Reviews * OMB Circular Guidance * Methamphetamine and Marijuana use in Tribal Housing
16th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference	April 4-6 Nashville, TN	This one-of-a-kind educational conference is free of charge to employees of Tribally designated housing entities, tribes, Alaska Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native-owned businesses! We invite industry veterans and young professionals to learn detailed instruction on affordable housing development, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, economic development, the New Markets Tax Credit program, asset management/compliance, architectural design and construction monitoring. Both tax credit programs bring private investor equity to create new homes and businesses in Indian Country. Visit www.travois.com/news-events/annual-conference-information for details and to register.
13th Annual Construction in Indian Country National Conference	April 25-27, 2016 Chandler, AZ	Mark your Calendars and Plan to Attend! Conference Theme: <i>"Intersection of Build Environments & Healthy Indigenous Nations."</i> To register and for more information, visit: http://register6.net/CIIC/
AMERIND Risk and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Annual Convention	May 8-11, 2016 Honolulu, HI	AMERIND Risk and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) host this combined event offering extensive training options. register today for this exciting opportunity to network with hundreds of Tribal leaders and housing professionals from across Indian Country. Download the convention flyer. Register today to participate as an exhibitor. Contact Minerva Diaz, MDIAZ@AMERINDRisk.org for sponsorship opportunities. Visit AMERINDRisk.org or NAIHC.net for more information.
Better Buildings Summit (Dept of Energy)	May 9-11 Washington, DC	DOE's annual event for partners & stakeholders to exchange ideas and best practices for improving energy efficiency of homes, buildings, manufacturing plants, & public facilities. Sessions incl. emerging technology innovation, creative organizational strategies, practical financing, strategic partnerships, data-driven decision-making, and future opportunities for scaling energy efficiency across your portfolio of buildings. Pre-conference project building tour and Partner Pavilion offer attendees an opportunity to engage informally with technology experts, network with peers, and more. For more, visit the Summit website .
Grant Writing Basics (HUD/ONAP)	Coming Summer 2016	◆ Grant Writing Tips and Techniques for successful applications for your tribal programs and projects!
Tribal Housing Executive Director Refresher Training	Coming Summer 2016	◆ FREE! Executive Director Refresher Workshop
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Executive Director Training • Self-Monitoring. • Board of Commissioners Training • Financial Management • Accounting for Grants Management • Construction Management • Development Project Planning and Management • Policies and Procedures Update Workshop Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762

For information about [NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training](#), [click here](#).

For information about [NAIHC's HUD ONAP Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information about [FirstPic's HUD ONAP Training](#), [click here](#).

REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Meeting	When & Where	Description
EWONAP Regional	March 29-31, 2016	Hollywood, FL. at the Native Learning Center, FL
7th Annual Tribal Utility Summit	April 19-21	Harrah's Cherokee Casino, Cherokee, NC
NAIHC/Amerind	May 8-11, 2016	Honolulu, HI at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki Beach
USET Semi-Annual	May 15-18, 2016	Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Atmore, AL

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)® is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. For more info, [click here](#).

[DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country](#): This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

[National Training and Education Resource](#): Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

[IRS's Indian Tribal Governments](#) office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

[EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#) requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and pre-schools built before 1978 have their firm certified by EPA, use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers, and follow lead-safe work practices. Learn more [here](#).



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[Free Online Permaculture Design Course](#): The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

[New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities](#): The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

[On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool](#): The US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

[HUD's Office of Environment and Energy offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages](#) on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

[EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance](#): This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

[HUD USER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes](#). The Guide is a new section of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research's website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. For the full guide, [click here](#).

[FindYouthInfo.gov](#) helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. To learn more, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

The [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

For the complete list, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and filter under Eligibility.

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program	March 18	Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$125,000. The DFC Program was created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-20). The DFC Support Program has two goals: Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults. For more info., click Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program
Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs	March 23	Development and Implementation Grants: More info. at: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=281122 Implementation & Expansion Grants: HHS DHHS Administration for Children and Families - OCC http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=281116
Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grants	March 31	U.S. Dept. of the Interior program seeks to assist Federally recognized tribes in preserving and protecting their significant cultural and historic resources. The long-term goal is to assist tribes in building sustainable preservation programs. Link to RFP: http://www.nps.gov/thpo/tribal-heritage/application.html
Accountable Health Community Model (HHS)	Feb. 8; Apply by March 31	Tribal Organizations are Eligible. This U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The model aims to identify and address beneficiaries' health-related social needs in at least the following core areas: housing instability and quality; food insecurity; utility needs; interpersonal violence; & transportation needs. More at https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm/
Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants	April 1	Grants to support activities that advance the operations of Native American libraries to new levels of service. Eligibility: Indian tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations. Entities such as libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are not eligible applicants, although they may be involved in the administration of this program and their staff may serve as project directors in partnership with an eligible applicant Link to RFP: https://www.imls.gov/nofo/native-american-library-services-enhancement-grants-FY16-notice-funding-opportunity
SAMHSA FY 2016 Grants	April 4	(FY) 2016 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance use disorder treatment services in existing adult problem solving courts, and adult Tribal Healing to Wellness courts. For more, visit Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
US EPA Environmental Education (EE) Grants	April 8	Tribal Education Agencies are eligible. Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Since 1992, EPA has distributed between \$2 and \$3.5 million in grant funding per year, supporting more than 3,600 grants. For more info., visit http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants
Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success	April 12	The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) (FY) 2016 Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) grants. This grant program addresses two of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20; and 2) prescription drug misuse among persons aged 12 to 25. More info. at: Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

The [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

For the complete list, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and filter under Eligibility.

Source	Deadline	Details and links
DOE Funding To Establish an Inter- Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Providers Network	April 14	Up to \$7 million available to establish an inter-tribal technical assistance energy providers' network to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native communities regionally. Under this initial pilot, the Office of Indian Energy seeks applications from Inter-tribal Organizations and Alaska Native Regional Corporations interested in establishing internal energy experts to provide technical energy assistance and informational resources to their member Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages.
(FY) 2016 Capacity Building Initiative for Substance Abuse (SA) & HIV Prevention Services for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Youth & Young Adults (HIV CBI) cooperative agreements	April 19	SAMHSA Program supports an array of activities to assist grantees in building a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining quality and accessible state-of-the-science substance abuse and HIV prevention services. The program aims to engage community-level domestic public and private non-profit entities, tribes and tribal organizations to prevent and reduce the onset of SA and transmission of HIV/AIDS among at-risk populations ages 13-24, including racial/ethnic minority youth and young adults, hereafter referred to as the population of focus. Applicants may elect to serve youth aged 13-17, young adults aged 18-24, or elect to serve both youth and young adults. Particular interest in eliciting the interest of college & university clinics/wellness centers & community-based providers who can provide comprehensive substance abuse and HIV prevention strategies to reduce the impact of substance use, HIV, & viral hepatitis in high-risk communities. Strategies must combine education & awareness programs, social marketing campaigns, and HIV & viral hepatitis (VH) testing services in non-traditional settings with substance abuse & HIV prevention programming for the population of focus. More at: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-004
Pre-Disaster Mitigation & Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants (FEMA)	June 15	<p>FEMA's FY 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs: PDM: The PDM program provides funds on an annual basis for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects for the purpose of reducing overall risk to the population and structures, while at the same time, also reducing reliance on federal funding from actual disaster declarations. FEMA is making \$90 million available for FY 2016 PDM grants. See the PDM webpage for more information.</p> <p>FMA: The FMA grant program provides funds on an annual basis so that measures can be taken to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA is making \$199 million available for FY 2016 FMA grants. See the FMA webpage for more information.</p> <p>States, Tribes and Territories, or Applicants, must submit their PDM and FMA grant applications to FEMA via the Mitigation eGrants system (MT eGrants) on the FEMA Grants Portal on the Internet at https://portal.fema.gov by 3 pm (ET) on June 15, 2016. Local and Tribal governments, or Sub-applicants, must submit planning and project sub-applications to their State/Territory Applicant agency. See the Mitigation eGrants System web page for info.</p>
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 .
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
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
Community Impact Grants (COCA-COLA Foundation)	Open	Grants to nonprofit organizations to support programs that focus on one of the following four categories: water stewardship; healthy & active lifestyles that lead to physical activity and nutritional education programs; community recycling; & education. http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/the-coca-cola-foundation

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Congress Extends Tax Breaks For Indian Country

On Dec. 18, 2015 the President signed into law the 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2016. Features of the Act important to Indian Country include:

- ◇ Extension of the Indian Employment Tax credit, accelerated depreciation for business property on Indian reservations and Indian Coal Production Tax Credit until Dec. 31, 2016;
- ◇ Extension of the New Markets Tax Credit program until Dec. 31, 2019
- ◇ Permanent extension of the Low Income Housing Credit program; and
- ◇ Extension of renewable energy, solar and wind tax credits to a reduction and phase out over the next 7-8 years.

HUD Releases Fair Housing Assessment Tool

On December 31, HUD released its long-awaited Fair Housing Assessment Tool, which includes the guided questions, data, maps, public participation process requirements and certifications necessary to complete an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). [Read more about the assessment tool.](#)

HUD and USDA Announce Third and Final Promise Zones Competition

HUD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have announced that they are accepting applications for the third and final round of Promise Zone designations. [Read more about Promise Zones and the application process.](#)

HUD is HIRING!

The following Vacancy Announcement has been posted on USAJobs:

Position: Supervisor, Native American Program Specialist GS-1101-15

Locations: Washington DC, DC

- Federal Status - Merit - Open to Federal Status Candidates - - **Closing Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016
- DEU - U.S. citizens; no prior Federal experience is required - - **Closing Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

All questions should be addressed to the Human Resources Specialist listed as the contact on the vacancy announcement.

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 December 2015, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 32,814 loans, which represents over \$5.3 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,897 loans have been made bringing \$558 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 David Thomas, at David.C.Thomas@hud.gov or 312.913.8774. 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.



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- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



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