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.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

As of August 24th, I have been here as the Eastern Woodlands Administrator for two years. It has been an eventful journey, full of challenges and learning HUD processes. It has also been quite a change from working directly or indirectly for a Tribe. I have learned quite a few new things, many of which I’ve tried to pass on to the Tribes we serve to assist them in delivering top quality service from their IHBG and ICDBG allocations. This means things like making sure to get your Indian Housing Plan [IHP] on time, to making sure to follow the HUD procurement rules with any major project and reminding everyone to keep a good record of their environmental review prior to the release of your IHBG or ICDBG monies. These are not always exciting topics but they are vitally important.

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important to keep your program in compliance with HUD regulations. I was happy to see many of my former colleagues at the GLIHA meeting held at the Saginaw Chippewa facility, the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI. The weather was bright and sunny and the facility outstanding, so a special thank you is due to April Borton, Executive Director of the Saginaw Chippewa HA, as the host Tribes’ contact. It was a good chance to share information, see how GLIHA is keeping up with the times by maintaining and expanding its website at www.gliha.org and learning a few things on checking contractor compliance with Davis-Bacon wage rates or Tribally determined wage rates.

The Davis-Bacon wage rate session was especially instructive to me because it broke down how to comply with HUD rules, which require TDHE’s to follow either Davis-Bacon Wage rates or the Tribe’s Tribally determined wage rates. On a very practical level the instructor, Gwendolyn Tolbert, showed how to not just say you are following Davis-Bacon wage rates, but to check early on if a contractor is actually complying by submitting a true and correct certified payroll with hours and pay for each wage rate they say they are going to use. By checking the first week instead of later, TDHE’s are able to correct mistakes before they have to correct four or five payrolls retroactively. In addition, she mentioned that some contractors who underbid their contract tried to undo their mistake by asking workers for kickbacks. In the session, you learned how to check to see if contractors were paying into a union plan for fringe benefits or paying the worker directly with the fringe included in the pay rates. Other areas covered included how to request a wage rate not on the initial list from the contractor, how to interview workers to make sure they are being paid what the contractor says they are being paid and how to handle discrepancies in the certified payroll submissions. The bottom line was that failure to monitor is not an excuse if a laborer, carpenter or other skill tradesman is underpaid, the TDHE will still be on the hook for the underpayment, which makes it in the TDHE’s best interest to monitor its contractors early and thoroughly.

Since coming here, I have been able to coordinate and assist our office to improve services to our grantees. EWONAP has hosted an annual GLIHA/USET joint training in Des Plaines and Hollywood Florida respectively. These have been enthusiastically received. EWONAP plans to continue this effort in future years, subject to funding availability. In addition, EWONAP has provided vital on-site training and technical assistance for both GLIHA and USET members in greater numbers through the coordination and outreach of Mary White of our GM staff. Training onsite means Tribes and TDHE’s can spread knowledge throughout their staff instead of to a limited number that a TDHE might be able to afford to send offsite.

An additional accomplishment is that the EWONAP office has been able to increase our onsite monitoring visits from four per year prior to my arrival to eight to ten each year, giving concrete feedback to TDHE’s to make sure grants are being accounted for in accordance with HUD regulations. Keeping on top of compliance keeps the focus of the IHBG and ICDBG programs where they are intended to be: providing safe, decent and affordable housing and building or enhancing vital and necessary tribal facilities or infrastructure.

Lastly, and less noticeable to the outside, our office staffing has been stabilized at fifteen thanks to the commitment from our Deputy Assistant Secretary Byron and Principal Assistant Secretary Castro-Ramirez authorizing the positions needed to carry out the various programs ONAP oversees. This commitment has resulted in four new hires to the EWONAP staff this fiscal year. Improved staffing means we are able to process grants and the funding they represent more quickly so that they are available to Grantees to use to provide housing and housing services. In that vein, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jay Cook and David Barreras to the Eastern/Woodland Office of Native American Programs. David is our new Grants Management Specialist and Jay is our new Grants Evaluation Specialist. They both started in August and have begun learning ONAP’s policies and processes.

Finally, I would like to thank the EWONAP team for their role in helping me adjust to the Administrator position. The accomplishments of the office are indeed a team effort and are the result of a committed and talented group of professionals. It is due to their knowledge and commitment to excellence that we are able to do what we do. I am looking forward to working together to continue moving the needle forward on this extremely meaningful work.

Sincerely,

Mark Butterfield, Administrator
Eastern Woodlands
EWONAP WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

David Barreras has been named EWONAP’s new Grants Management Specialist. David joins HUD from a policy and compliance firm in Madison, WI, where he spent nine years as a Policy/Compliance Analyst. David specialized in education formula grants such as ESEA Title I, ESEA Title III, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Previously, David worked as a Policy/Project Management for Hewlett Packard and for AT&T. He has also served as a submariner in the U.S. Navy and holds a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, and a degree in Political Research from the University of Texas at El Paso. David is currently working on a M.S. in Operations & Supply Management from the University of Wisconsin.

Jay C. Cook has been named Grants Evaluation Specialist for EWONAP. Jay has extensive experience overseeing and monitoring federally funded grant programs/projects involving affordable housing, community development, economic development, public infrastructure construction and public facility rehabilitation projects, neighborhood revitalization and disaster recovery projects and programs. Jay joined us from AmeriCorps VISTA, where he developed new skills in grant writing, fundraising and resource development. He has also served as a Senior CDBG Program Representative in California, and previously enjoyed an 18-year career in real estate and mortgage sales. Having attained a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management earlier in his professional career, Jay is now nearing completion of his graduate studies and will soon earn a Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Administration from National Louis University.

Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabek Culture and Lifeways

EWONAP staff recently attended the GLIHA Quarterly Meeting at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant (Saginaw Chippewa), Michigan. In addition to having the opportunity to hear about the exciting work happening throughout the Region and to learn from each other’s successes and challenges, the group was invited to participate in a guided tour through the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabek Culture and Lifeways. The Center was created to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience. It promotes the society’s belief that the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is comprised of three bands of Ojibway (Saginaw, Black River, Swan Creek), who lived primarily in the Eastern region of what is now Michigan. Their ancestors lived in this area for hundreds of years prior to the appearance of European settlers. Two hundred years after their arrival, they claimed all but a few acres of the land where their ancestors had made their homes. The last treaties were signed with the United States in 1855 and 1864, establishing the Isabella Indian Reservation. Totaling over 130,000 acres, this land was divided into privately-owned allotments establishing a permanent home for their tribal membership.
The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) has re-opened the NTAA National Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Needs Assessment for Indian Country!

The NTAA IAQ Work Group has re-opened the NTAA National IAQ Needs Assessment in hopes that more Tribes will provide a complete picture of the IAQ needs in Indian Country. As you may remember, NTAA recently published a Final Report on the IAQ National Needs Assessment for Indian Country that can be downloaded here. While over 80 Tribes completed the Needs Assessment, the NTAA IAQ Work Group is hoping more Tribes can fill it out!

You and your Tribal community can help provide the facts needed to make the case to improve funding for IAQ in Tribal housing by filling out the NTAA’s Indoor Air Quality Needs Assessment here.

Since its founding in 2002, the National Tribal Air Association has been a leading voice for Tribal air quality issues, programs, and policies. With over 110 principal member Tribes, the NTAA’s mission is to advance air quality management and policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives. The NTAA established an Indoor Air Quality Work Group in order to bring greater attention to the many IAQ issues in Indian Country.

The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) is working to provide Tribes and the Federal Government with a national snapshot of Tribal housing Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) needs in order to demonstrate the need for increased funding to improve IAQ in Tribal housing. Please help by clicking on the link provided on the Needs Assessment and answering the questions to the best of your ability. Feel free to share this Needs Assessment with others in your Tribe who might have access to the information requested below and If you don't know all of the information requested below, feel free to skip the questions or write, "I don't know." NTAA encourages you to sit down at a table with staff from your housing and/or maintenance departments in order to help answer all the questions. This Needs Assessment is only for federally-recognized Tribes.

NTAA has extended the deadline for Tribes to submit the NTAA National Indoor Air Quality Needs Assessment for Indian Country until January 31st, 2017. Please feel free to share this Needs Assessment with others in your Tribe who might help you fill it out as we hope to have one assessment filled out by each Tribe in Indian Country.

To access a paper copy of the Needs Assessment to help you prepare to submit the online version, click here. Please allocate at least an hour to answer all the questions. When you are finished, simply click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey to ensure your answers are properly counted.
17th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference

Monday, April 3-Wednesday April 5, 2017, Westin Austin Downtown, Austin, Texas


17th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference

This conference is free of charge and designed for tribal leaders and employees of tribally designated housing entities, tribes, Native nonprofits, Alaska Native groups and Native Hawaiian organizations. The conference will bring together industry leaders with experienced tribal developers and young professionals to learn and share innovative practices on developing homes and businesses in Native communities. It will provide detailed instruction on securing funding for affordable housing developments, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, economic development, the New Markets Tax Credit program, asset management and compliance, architectural design and construction monitoring. These two federal tax credit programs have directly led to more than $1 billion of new and rehabilitated homes, businesses and services in Indian Country. The conference will again announce the winners of the Superheroes Awards at a special luncheon ceremony, which recognizes outstanding industry professionals who are making a difference in Native communities. Registration and award nominations will open this winter at www.travois.com. Registered attendees receive an invite to the welcome reception on Monday night and are provided free breakfast and lunch, snacks and materials over two days of conference sessions. For more information, contact Eden Rensing at 816-994-8970 or eden@travois.com.
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<td>Training participants at all experience levels will gain the confidence and knowledge to conduct efficient and effective procurement that complies with HUD and other funding sources requirements. This two-day training addresses procurement and contract management. Training topics will range from careful preplanning and the basics of purchasing to unique factors in tribal housing purchasing, the practical how-to’s of procurement planning and policy development, as well as specific regional issues. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice.</td>
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**Indian Housing Needs Study:** If you missed HUD's Tribal Housing Needs Study videoconference, or if you would like to view the videoconference again, please [click here](#). As a reminder, HUD is soliciting comments on the Tribal Housing Needs Study through August 23, 2016. Please submit written comments through one of the following methods: **By e-Mail** to Housing_Needs_Report@hud.gov. **By Mail** to Elizabeth Rudd, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8120, Washington DC 20410-0500.

**President Obama Announces 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference:** On Monday, September 26, President Obama will host the 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC. This will be the President’s eighth and final Tribal Nations Conference, providing tribal leaders from the 567 federally recognized tribes with the opportunity to interact directly with high-level federal government officials and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Each federally recognized tribe is invited to send one representative to the conference. This year’s conference will continue to build upon the President’s commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country and to improve the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Additional details about the conference will be released at a later date.

**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](#).
**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. For the complete list, visit [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html) and filter under Eligibility.

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<td>The U.S. Department of Education announces the FY 2016 Promise Neighborhoods Competition. Promise Neighborhoods, established under the legislative authority of the Fund for the Improvement of Education Program (FIE), provides funding to support eligible entities, including (1) nonprofit organizations, which may include faith-based nonprofit organizations, (2) institutions of higher education, and (3) Indian tribes. <a href="http://example.com">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</td>
<td>September 9, 2016</td>
<td>HUD announces the availability of a set-aside of approximately $15 million in HUD-VASH funding that will support approximately 2,000 units of project-based voucher (PBV) assistance. These PBVs will enable homeless veterans and their families to access affordable housing with an array of supportive services. <a href="http://example.com">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA)</td>
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<td>USDA announces the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program which furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the maximum speed eligible in rural areas. <a href="http://example.com">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy</td>
<td>Oct. 20, 2016</td>
<td>DOE announces $3 million to initiate the first steps toward developing and sustaining renewable energy and energy efficiency on tribal lands. Under this funding opportunity announcement, the Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations. <a href="http://example.com">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>United States Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (USDA)</td>
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<td>USDA is Seeking Water Applications for 2016! The program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. <a href="http://example.com">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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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:

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

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HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee
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HUD Healthy Homes
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HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing
HUD PIH Environmental Resources
HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs
HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program
HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program
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USDA Rural Development Grants
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Grants.gov
Federal Register Today
White House Native Americans Resources Page
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Native American Contractors Association
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