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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.

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.

For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the [CodeTalk website](#).

[Join the EWONAP Bulletin 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 Opportunities. [Click here to join](#). Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP Bulletin.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings! Well it's officially spring! I imagine some of you in Maine, Upper New York, Northern Minnesota, and Michigan still have snow on the ground, but we have sprung forward with Daylight Savings Time, the day is lengthening, and the number of warmer days are increasing.



With your Grant Agreements in hand, hopefully all signed and returned, spring means one other important thing. It's construction season and projects long delayed by the winter in the north can begin. However, don't forget to go through your environmental clearance certification prior to moving any dirt. Please be sure to create and retain your full record of your environmental checklist as it is one area HUD staff looks for when doing on-site monitoring. This could be a costly mistake *See* 24 CFR § 1000.20(b)(3).

HUD staff in DC are looking at how to streamline the process so any suggestions you might have in that vein should be forwarded to Elton.Jones@HUD.gov. HUD was tasked with trying to improve the process ➡

GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

across federal agencies, so we are particularly interested in issues where you have been delayed due to duplicative or non-accepted environmental reviews from different agencies be they IHS, BIA, Corps of Engineers, etc. HUD will be reporting back its progress on this to Congress sometime this summer so useful stories and proposed solutions should be submitted by mid-May to ensure they make the report.

Recently, our office became aware of some changes in both personnel and structure for a variety of grantees, therefore it is suggested that if you have a new ED or contact person that you send us an official notification by your Board or Tribal council naming that person as authorized to manage their IHBG program. Indeed, if you change from a TDHE to a Department or vice versa this is especially important as HUD is required to verify authorization of the official or entity named in the grant agreement prior to releasing funds for their intended purpose. This means that if you change your authorized official, whether it's an Executive Director or Finance Manager or and accountant, you will need to make sure the proper changes are also made in the eLOCCS system for the release of funds. No one wants to see a delay in this process when important payments are required to be made.

In conclusion, I wish you success in the many construction projections and renovations you are planning this coming construction season. Let us know if you have any big projects that have important ribbon cutting ceremonies, ground breaking or grand opening's planned as Secretary Castro would like to celebrate your success with you if possible. This will bring positive attention to the housing needs in Indian Country and help the IHBG and ICDBG program demonstrate its success to Congress and the Administration.

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

INDIAN COUNTRY

NAHASDA Reauthorization Update: On March 23rd, 2015 the House passed H.R. 360 that will reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). H.R. 360 will expedite required federal approvals, authorize tribes to blend housing construction money with sanitation facilities funding, launch a demonstration program for alternative privatization authority for Native housing, and carry out other reforms. To read H.R. 360, [click here](#).

The next step for Reauthorization will be the passage of the Senate bill S 710. There must be reconciliation of any conflicting language between H.R 360 and S.710. The Senate bill was introduced on March 11, 2015 and considered at a hearing on March 18, 2015. Click [here](#) to view a copy of S. 710 and [here](#) for a section-by-section analysis of the bill. To date, the Senate schedule does not reflect an upcoming hearing on this bill.

Environmental Review Streamlining Effort: The 2015 Senate Appropriations Report 113-182 directed HUD to collaborate with the other key agencies to develop a coordinated environmental review process to simplify Tribal housing development and related infrastructure needs. HUD has contracted with NAIHC to provide assistance in developing a coordinated inter-agency environmental review process to simplify Tribal housing development and its related infrastructure needs. The assignment will involve several components of data collection and Tribal consultation in order to effectively accomplish and implement a simplified system. The agencies will consult with Tribes and TDHEs and report their conclusions, recommendations, and any statutory changes that may be necessary to facilitate this process to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by May 1, 2015.

NAIHC will be reaching out to regional Tribal housing organizations for participants. If you have any question, contact Elton Jones, EWONAP Grants Management Director, at Elton.Jones@hud.gov.

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

Please check that your eLOCCS account is working properly. There have been reports of grantees that were blocked due to a lapse of 60 days without a log-in. If you need assistance, contact Wayne.Johnson@hud.gov.



HUD HEALTHY HOMES AWARD NOMINATIONS –due by April 30: HUD, in partnership with the National Environmental Health Assn. (NEHA), announces the first annual Secretary’s Awards for Healthy Homes. Many of HUD’s partners have been leaders in the movement to help residents have healthier places to live through groundbreaking work in reducing second hand tobacco smoke, reducing toxic chemicals through Integrated Pest Management practices, helping residents access healthcare, and generally working to promote policies that improve indoor environmental quality. HUD hopes to recognize Tribal achievements in this important work.

These awards will recognize excellence in healthy housing innovation and achievement in 3 categories: Public Housing/ Multifamily Supported Housing, Public Policy, and Cross Program Coordination among Health, Environment and Housing. The activities or policies nominated must show measurable benefits in the health of residents and be available to low and/or moderate income families. Applications must be submitted via email by April 30, 2015. [Click here](#) for the link to the award information and application. The Awards will be presented at the [NEHA Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition](#) in Orlando, FL.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Joins ONAP Senior Staff Meeting in Denver:

To read more about the newly appointed DPAS, Lourdes Castro Ramirez, and her extensive housing experience, [click here](#).



Left to right: SPONAP NAPS Bob Nelson and Administrator Wayne Sims; National Grants Management Director, Glenda Green; EWONAP Advisor Rebecca Halloran; SWONAP Deputy Administrator David Sutherland, Native Hawaiian Programs Director Claudine Allen; PIH Deputy Assistant Secretary Rodger Boyd; NPONAP Grants Evaluation Director Melissa West; EWONAP Administrator Mark Butterfield; NPONAP Grants Management Director Lori Roget; AKONAP Administrator Bill Zachares; PIH Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez; Chief of Staff Jennifer Jones; ONAP Loan Guarantee Director Thomas Wright; Senior Advisor to DAS Deana O’Hara; National Field Operations Director Ted Key; PIH Karen Newton Cole; NWONAP Administrator Ken Bowring (obstructed); NWONAP Advisor Amy Oakley; NPONAP Administrator Randy Akers.

Section 184 Loans in Eastern Woodlands Region– March 31st closed out the second quarter of the federal fiscal year. In the first half of FY 2015, 175 Section 184 Loans were made (with a value of \$28.5 million) in the EW Region. Year on year, this is an 52% increase in the number of loans (26% increase in funding) from March 2014. **Happy Housewarming!**

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

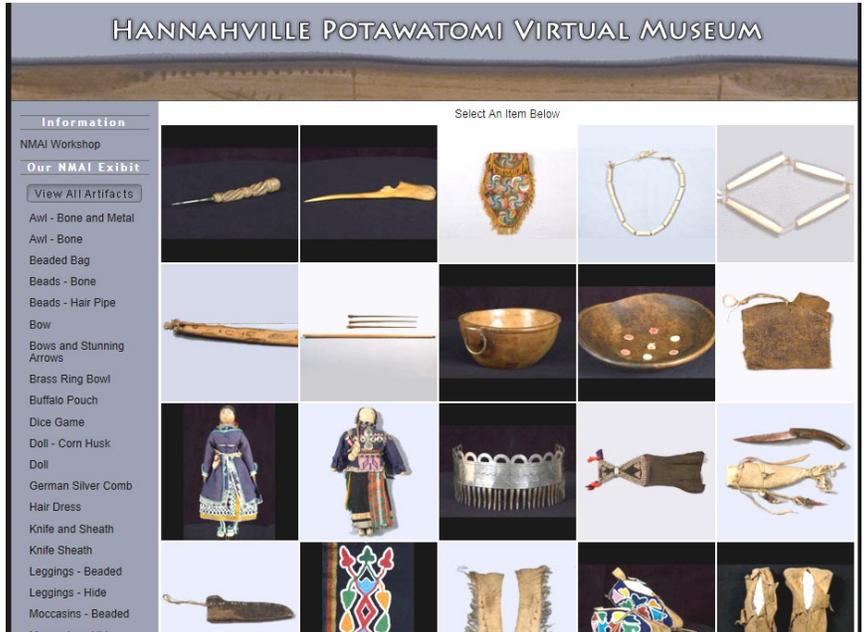


Above are some pictures of the students creating the media for the virtual museum.

Hannahville Students Preserve Culture-

In 2007 a team of students and staff from Hannahville Indian School, aka Nah Tah Whash PSA, flew to Washington, DC to participate in a Virtual Museum Workshop at the National Museum of the American Indian's Cultural Resources Center (CRC). The CRC is the state-of-the-art collections facility that houses over 800,000 Native American objects.

The goal of the workshop was to teach the students the technological skills needed to put together a virtual exhibition of Potawatomi culture. The result of this workshop is the Hannahville Potawatomi Virtual Museum that features high-quality pictures and descriptions of Potawatomi art, jewelry, clothing, and tools. To visit the museum, [click here](#).



EWONAP staff recently visited the Lumbee

Tribe for a monitoring review. Here are some photos from their trip of example units and of the Tribal Administration building. HUD IHBG is Lumbee's sole source of federal funding.



Please share your Tribe's accomplishments with us at EWONAP!

Send press releases and pictures to Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

Let ONAP Help!

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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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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 2014, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 27,000 loans, almost \$4.5 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,000 loans have been made bringing \$463 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](#).

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.L.Halloran@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.

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Tribal Economic Development Outlook Conference (CAIED)	April 9, Flagstaff, AZ	How will the Tribal economy do this year? What will impact your bottom line? What does the Tribal economic future look like? The 2015 Tribal Economic Outlook Conference will preview the conditions that will impact business, the economy, and your wallet in the year ahead. Hear what the experts are predicting for 2015 at the Tribal, state & local level. To register, click HERE .
Board Members and Tribal Officers Roles and Responsibilities under NAHASDA (HUD/ONAP)	April 15-17, Providence, RI	Most organizations are required to have a governing Board of Directors or Board of Commissioners along with regulations that require accountability to their stakeholders; therefore, understanding of roles and responsibilities is imperative for the success of the Tribal Housing Department or TDHE. This 2.5 day training session will give attendees an overview of what is entrusted and expected of them and discuss the development of capacity building and much more. For the full agenda, click here . To Register, click here .
NAFOA's 33rd Annual Conference	April 20-21 Austin, TX	Native American Finance Officers' Association hosts this 2-day conference featuring interactive discussions on important economic, legal & financial issues facing Indian Country, with a focus on investment education, policy & governance, accounting & financial reporting, & economic development. Attendees can earn up to 10 CPE credits. To learn more, click here Or visit www.nafoa.org
Construction in Indian Country National Conference	April 20-22 Scottsdale, AZ	This National Conference attracts Tribal leaders, development professionals, and experienced practitioners and educators working together to design and construct sustainable projects in Indian Country. It aims to educate tribes and industry by providing various informative workshops about the realities and opportunities, concerning construction in Indian country. For more information, visit http://ciic.construction.asu.edu/ Click to REGISTER . Questions? Contact Connie Gutierrez at connie@mcsource.net or call 480-990-1887.
Lead Renovation and Integrated Pest Management Healthy Homes Training	April 21-22, Cass Lake, MN	Held at Leech Lake Tribal College, this two-day course is tailored for renovators, housing managers and staff of care facilities and residences and is being made available to attendees through an EPA Region 5 grant. The goal is to reach the broadest possible Tribal housing employees and students at the community colleges to address their needs in making health and safety a part of their everyday lives. For more information or to register, call 701-777-0384.
Executive Director Training (HUD/ONAP)	April 28-29 Rapid City, SD	FREE. Participants at this 2-day training will learn how to successfully administer a housing authority/ housing program in the era of NAHASDA. Training covers the complex roles & responsibilities of an executive director (ED), development of policies & procedures, planning & budgeting, procurement, self monitoring, responsibilities and interaction with Tribal council & Tribal departments or agencies. Trainer will offer EDs tips and tools to assist the ED in leading and inspiring staff to bring their best to the job while managing equally complex policy, political, and fiscal realities. To register and for more info., visit http://www.firstpic.org/events/ .

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED
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Occupancy & Maintenance Training (HUD/ONAP)	April 28-29 Rapid City, SD	Participants at this 2-day interactive training will receive instruction based on real-life examples on how to successfully operate effective occupancy and maintenance programs. As part of the occupancy portion of the training, participants will also receive guidance on and take part in interactive exercises on the a-z of admissions and occupancy including eligibility, wait lists, rent calculation, collections and inspections. The maintenance portion of the training will discuss budgeting and oversight, policies, staff roles in carrying out a range of maintenance activities, work order systems, preventative maintenance, unit turn-around, health & safety violations, homeowner maintenance, and team safety. To register and for more info., visit http://www.firstpic.org/events/.
Lead Renovation and Integrated Pest Management Healthy Homes Training	April 28-29, Keshena, WI	Held at the College of Menominee, this two-day course is tailored for renovators, housing managers and staff of care facilities and residences and is being made available to attendees through an EPA Region 5 grant. The goal is to reach the broadest possible Tribal housing employees and students at the community colleges to address their needs in making health and safety a part of their everyday lives. For more information or to register, call 701-777-0384.
2015 Tribal Energy Program Review	May 4-7 Denver, CO	This annual program review is intended as a forum for tribes to meet and learn from other tribes. Recognizing the increasing interest of tribes in energy efficiency and renewable energy and the benefit of tribes learning from tribes, we are opening this meeting to Indian Country as a whole. The 2015 Tribal Energy Program (TEP) Review will include an overview of TEP and a series of presentations by tribes exploring or deploying weatherization, energy efficiency, and renewable energy technologies across the nation. There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required. Register now.
HUD Part 58 Environmental Review Training	May 5-7 Multi-Sites	<p>This FREE 3-day comprehensive training covers the basics of 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review regulations for covered, including a NEPA overview, request for release of funds (RROF) procedures, environmental assessment preparation and RER and appendix A forms, etc. There will also be a special briefing on HUD's Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) that is being rolled out in Region 9 in April and May. Please register for the office where you will physically attend the training thru the links provided below. There are limited spots in each location, so register early.</p> <p>Register: Los Angeles: 611 West 6th Street, room 813, Los Angeles, CA 90017</p> <p>Register: San Francisco: 1 Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104</p> <p>Register: Honolulu: 1132 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813</p> <p>Register: Phoenix: One N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004</p> <p>Register: Reno: 745 West Moana Lane, Reno, NV 89509-4932</p> <p>Register: Las Vegas: 302 East Carson Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101-5911</p>

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

GRANT WRITING: PROPOSAL WRITING FOR TRIBAL PERSON- NEL (NIJC)	May 6-8 Reno, NV	National Indian Justice Center offers this training session which is designed to provide participants with in-depth instruction on grant writing for Tribal programs. It will examine various grant sources for Tribal communities and present methods for writing successful applications. Participants will learn how to search for and target federal, state, and private grants and discuss electronic application procedures. Participants will also develop major sections of a grant proposal and consider how each of them would be reviewed. All attendees will receive a comprehensive training manual and a certificate of achievement. To register, click here .
FEDERAL INDIAN LAW (NIJC)	May 6-8 Reno, NV	National Indian Justice Center will conduct this training session tailored for the stewards of Tribal sovereignty including Tribal government officials, Tribal councils, Tribal court personnel and Tribal police officers. This training offers practical advice on protecting Tribal sovereignty in light of recent negative opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court. It examines the status of sovereign immunity, Tribal civil and criminal jurisdiction, adjudicatory v. regulatory jurisdiction and Indian gaming issues. This session is essential for new Tribal council members and others vested with the duty to administer Tribal government programs. Each participant will receive a comprehensive training manual and a certificate of achievement. To register, click here .
AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Convention & Trade Fair	May 12-14 Scottsdale, AZ	Convention will include many sessions including a “Financing Renewable Energy for Indian Housing” presentation to: • Discuss how a tribe’s development of solar, wind & other clean sources of energy can strengthen Tribal sovereignty through energy independence, promote Tribal environmental values and reduce energy costs; • Explain how formation of LLCs enables Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE,) otherwise unable to take advantage of tax credits, to obtain financing from investors through the federal renewable energy tax credits; • Describe the role of power purchase agreements, net metering & other issues relating to the economics of renewable energy. For more info, click here .
Federal Procurement (HUD/ONAP)	May 12-13 Sioux Falls, SD	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 source requirements. This 2-day training addresses both management and construction development procurement. Training topics will range from careful pre-planning 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 participate in hands-on group exercises designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. To register, click here .
Construction Administration (HUD/ ONAP)	May 14 Sioux Falls, SD	Learn how to manage construction in Native communities from the drafting table to the grand opening! Building upon the procurement principles taught in the May 12-13 class, this 1-day course will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to understand the process of construction administration. Training topics include basic skills, reading schematics and drawings, understanding the project manual, contracting, construction, and closeout. Topics include contracting for rehabilitation work and also special procurement and construction issues such as design build, force account, small purchase, and non-competitive. Attendees will participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. To register, click here .

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED
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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
2015 Tribal Drinking Water Conference	May 18-21, 2015 Sacramento, CA	This Conference explores “Taking Care of Business: Protecting Tribal Drinking Water” and how to ensure safe, reliable drinking water for all. Conference curriculum is structured to explore the connection of regulations, water conservation, operation & maintenance and Underground Injection Control (UIC) and how they are connected to protect your Tribal drinking water on a daily basis. Register here
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTF):	May 19-21, Battle Creek, MI	The purpose of the NTF is to provide environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, funding, and technical topics in air quality. The NTF is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and sponsorships from the entities listed below. For more information and to register, click here .
Tribal Financial Manager Certificate Program (ASU & NAFOA)	May 19-21 Tempe, AZ	The ASU American Indian Policy Institute’s (AIPi) & Native American Finance Officers Association’s Executive Education program is taught by nationally-recognized Native American Professionals. Tribal Financial Manager Certificate Program Features: Federal Accounting Standards and Principles, Developing and Using Internal Financial and Program Controls. Compliance with Office of Management and Budgets Circulars A-102, A-87, A-133, Key Tools for Developing and Managing a Budget. Government Fund Accounting Systems, Self Determination and Self-Governance, Financial Compliance and record keeping, Overview of Federal, State and Tribal Taxation affect Tribal Financial Management and Procurement Tools. More Information: http://www.aipi.clas.asu.edu .
Executive Director Training (HUD ONAP)	May 20-22, Amherst, NY	Today’s Indian Housing Executive Directors are challenged to develop exceptional management and problem-solving skills for program development while working with governing board members, tenants, community, and housing staff. This 2.5 day session provides a series of best practices as well as an opportunity for skill building that enhances Executive Director performance. For the full agenda, click here . To Register, click here .
2015 Better Buildings Summit (DOE)	May 27-19 Washington DC	This year’s Better Buildings Summit is expanding into new sectors and engaging a diverse set of market leaders. Better Buildings Summit selected topics include: (1) How to use data to improve building performance; (2) Emerging trends in state and local energy and climate planning; (3) Best practices in technology deployment and energy savings performance contracting; and (4) New developments in energy efficiency financing. Register now , view a draft agenda , and learn more .
Indian Housing Plan/ Annual Performance Report (HUD/ONAP)	June 2-3 Billings, MT	The IHP identifies need and describes the recipient’s plans for using the IHBG to carry out eligible housing activities. Participants will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the combined, automated IHP/APR form. Participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes & requirements. To register, click here .

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED
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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Composting Training	June 16-18, Minneapolis, MN Free lodging Applications are due by May 25th	ITEP is offering a new course developing Tribal composting programs. It will focus on: The Science of Compost; Identifying Your Sources and Potential Uses/Market; Site Design and Efficient Operations; Dealing with Composting Challenges; The Business of Compost; Funding Your Compost Program; Community Outreach. In addition to lectures and small group activities led by experts in composting, attendees will be taking a tour of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's compost facility. If you are interested, please email todd.barnell@nau.edu for an application.
NAHASADA Essentials and Grant Compliance	June 23-25, Chicago, IL	More info coming soon! To register, click here .
NCAI Mid-Year Conference	June 28 to July 1, 2015 St Paul, MN	Save the Date! For more info, click here .
HUD Grants Management and OMB Super Circular	July 7-9, Albuquerque, NM	Save the Date!
HUD Grants Management and Environmental Review	August 11-13, Cass, MN	Save the Date! To be held at Leech Lake Tribal College
BROWNFIELDS 2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE	Sept. 2-4 Chicago, IL	The 16th National Brownfields Training Conference attracts thousands of stakeholders to the “windy city” for 3 days of training, networking & business development. Since 1995, the National Brownfields Training Conference has been the most important stop on the calendar of anyone working to create better communities through cleaning up and reusing brownfield properties. To register, click here .
Training for Tribal Asset Building: Leveraging Resources	September 9 – 11, 2015 , Flagstaff, NM	While Tribes have made great strides towards improving housing conditions for their Tribal communities, there is still a need for Tribes/TDHEs to seek alternative resources that also embrace community and economic development. Join Qualified Instructors and Subject Matter Experts to review, analyze, and discuss the following Training Tracks: Tribal Housing is Self-Determination, Asset Building requires Tribal Capacity, Native Businesses strengthen Tribal Community. To register and book your travel accommodations, click here .

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](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's other Resources](#), [click here](#).

REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Meeting	When & Where	Description
USET Tribal Utility Summit	April 7-10, Rock Hill, SC	Hosted by Catawba Indian Nation. For more information, click here . To register, click here .
USET Semi-Annual Meeting	May 18-20, Mashantucket, CT	Save the date! USET Semi-Annual Meeting will be hosted by Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. For more information, visit http://www.usetinc.org/
USET Annual Meeting	Oct. 26-28, Choctaw, MS	Save the Date! USET Annual meeting will be hosted by Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. For more information visit: http://www.usetinc.org
GLIHA Meeting	August, TBD, Michigan	Save the Date!

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**



APPLY FOR, OR UPDATE YOUR CERTIFICATION TODAY!

Becoming a Lead-Safe Certified Renovation firm, renewing your certification, or updating your information is easy.

You can complete the process in minutes online.



[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](#).

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](#): 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](#).

[HUDUSER'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
Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program	Open	This program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women's leadership and capacity in Tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. For more information, click here .
EPA Tribal Training and Outreach Support for the American Indian Air Quality Training Program	April 3	\$1.6 MM available to: States, local governments, territories, Indian tribes, international organizations, public & private universities & colleges, hospitals, laboratories, & other public or private non-profit institutions. Funding to provide workshop training, internships, & technical support to Tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop, & establish air quality mgmt programs for lands under their jurisdiction & provides opportunity for American Indian students to pursue environmental careers in the field of air quality management. Applications must support progress in minimizing the threats posed by climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions & taking actions that help to protect human health & help communities & ecosystems become more sustainable & resilient to the effects of climate change. Visit funding opportunity announcement .
The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation 2015 Artist Fellowship	April 6	The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts and cultures. To apply for the 2015 Artist Fellowship, click here .
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program	April 10	The Dept of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance has released the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program FY 2015 solicitation . Funding for eligible entities to plan & implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to address targeted crime issues within a neighborhood as part of a broader neighborhood revitalization initiative.
Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant	April 14	This Dept. of Justice program seeks to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. ELIGIBILITY: States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and Tribal organizations. More at: https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15JMHCpsol.pdf
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (DOJ)	April 20	The goal of this U.S. Dept. of Justice program is to reduce crime and improve community safety as part of a comprehensive strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization. ELIGIBILITY: States, units of local governments, nonprofit organizations, & Indian Tribal governments. Link to RFP: https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15BCJIsol.pdf

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

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Tribal Court Improvement Program	April 20	These grants to Tribal governments or to Tribal consortia, on behalf of Tribal courts or courts for Tribal consortia are designed to increase & enhance the engagement of the entire family in court proceedings related to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification, guardianship and adoption. Grant funds will provide Tribal courts the opportunity to: (1) conduct assessments of how to handle child welfare proceedings and to make needed improvements, (2) ensure children's safety, permanence, and well-being needs are met in a timely & complete manner, (3) provide for training of judges, attorneys, and other legal personnel; and (4) make improvements based on assessments. Grant funds may not be used to hire attorneys or judges, fill vacant court positions, or otherwise supplant funding for Tribal government positions. For more info, click here .
Community Economic Development Projects (HHS)	April 24	This U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services program provides funding for projects aimed at business development opportunities and creating employment for individuals with low-income located in geographic areas with a demonstrated need. For more info, click here .
Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (USDA)	April 24	The primary objective of this program is to support State and Tribal Government programs that encourage owners and operators of privately held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make that land available for access by the public for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation. ELIGIBILITY: State or Tribal Governments. For the RFP, click here
AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants	April 29	This funding opportunity for federally-recognized Indian Tribes is designed to target resources on a core set of challenges: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. 2015 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Notice of Funding Availability or http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2015_AmeriCorps_Indian_Tribes_Notice_Final.pdf
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) (USDA)	April 30	REAP helps agricultural producers & rural small businesses reduce energy costs & consumption and help meet the Nation's critical energy needs. REAP has two types of funding assistance: Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Assistance provides grants and guaranteed loans to agricultural producers & rural small businesses to purchase & install renewable energy systems & make energy efficiency improvements to their operations. Eligible renewable energy systems for REAP provide energy from: Wind, solar, renewable biomass (incl. anaerobic digesters), small hydro-electric, ocean, geothermal, or hydrogen derived from these renewable resources. Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grant is available to a unit of State, Tribal, or local government; instrumentality of a State, Tribal, or local government, and others. USDA will accept and review loan and grant applications year-round. For more info, click here .
Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives	April 30	<i>Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Enabling New Scholarship through Increasing Access to Unique Materials</i> is a national competition administered by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) for digitizing collections of rare and unique content in cultural memory institutions. The application process has two phases. The initial proposal round is open, and anyone interested in applying for a grant. The final proposal round is by invitation only. For more information, click here .

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NEH CHALLENGE GRANTS	May 5	Capacity-building grants intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities or to provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects. Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply. Click here for more information.
Coordination of Tribal TANF & Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse/ Neglect	May 5	These U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services grants offer opportunities for Indian tribes and Tribal consortia that administer Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs to develop more effective and efficient strategies to meet the unique needs of at-risk Tribal service populations. Indian Tribes and Alaska Native regional nonprofits that administer a Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or consortia are eligible. Click here for the RFP.
EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program	May 8	Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized Tribal governments and eligible interTribal consortia. The EPA is seeking grant proposals for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) for FY 2016 work plan program development activities. The goal of the GAP is to assist tribes in developing the capacity to plan and establish environmental protection programs and to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs. For more information, see the funding opportunity description .
Senior Corps Indian Tribes Funding Opportunities	May 14	Senior Corps seeks to increase the impact of national service in Indian Country by offering funding opportunities for new grants to Indian Tribes in geographic areas not currently served by Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and Senior Companion Program (SCP) grantees. CNCS intends to fund FGP and SCP Tribal grants that support volunteers age 55 years and older in activities that serve community needs and respond to the National Performance Measures. Funding opportunities for Tribal applicants incl.: 2015 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Indian Tribes Competition and 2015 Senior Companion Program (SCP) Indian Tribes Competition
FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (DOI/NPS)	May 15	DOI's National Park Service program to provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historical preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning, and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 2006. For more info, click here .
Offender Reentry Program (SAMHSA)	May 25	The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin. (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) (FY) 2015 Offender Reentry Program (ORP) grant program is designed to expand and/or enhance substance use disorder treatment & related recovery and reentry services to sentenced substance-abusing adult offenders/ex-offenders who are returning to their families and community from incarceration in state & local facilities including prisons, jails, or detention centers. More info. at: Offender Reentry Program
Veterans Cemetery Grants, VA	July 1	This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. For the NOFA, click here .

USEFUL LINKS

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| 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 |
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