



# EWONAP INFORMATION BULLETIN JANUARY 2015



**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.

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Eastern Woodlands Region



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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings.** As the holiday season comes and we reach the shortest day of the year, I am grateful for the new challenges that I face and the many interesting people I have met. It is quite a year for change as the new Congress will come into session without the distraction of revisiting the budget for Fiscal Year 2015 as that was finally settled in the waning hours of the last Congress. While that brings us certainty as to how much money each program will receive, it left us all a bit disappointed that NAHASDA came so close to passage, having cleared the House. The New Year will bring new challenges and I am sure that TDHE's and Tribes will work with NAIHC to correct this unfinished business when Congress reconvenes with new members next year. One great development in December was that the HUD appropriations bill did have new authorization to administer Veteran's Administration Supportive



## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

Housing [VASH] vouchers in the coming year, which is a great new tool to help end homelessness for veterans in Indian country. Though we don't know exactly how it will work yet, EWONAP will pass on what information we get about VASH vouchers as we get them. As I mentioned when attending both the USET and GLIHA meetings this December, it would be a good idea to explore partnerships with nearby local Housing Authorities on how they administer VASH vouchers due to an expected requirement that the local PHA sponsor a TDHE's VASH vouchers.

So far this winter has been surprisingly mild given our recent experience with the Polar Vortex last year, but that does not mean the programs should relax. It is still important to be proactive about insulation and weatherization. Energy is often a major cost to tenants and if each unit costs 5 to 10% less to heat, it means there is that much more money to meet other pressing needs. Many studies have outlined that the greatest return on investment is refitting older buildings to be more energy efficient. News outlets have already highlighted that though gasoline prices have declined making heating oil in the Northeast cheaper; this has been offset somewhat by rising electricity costs. In the meantime, [Tribal customers in Michigan's U.P.](#) face steep price increases due to mining companies buying their power elsewhere.

Let us hope the winter continues without bitter cold and if it snows try to make the most of it. Having spent the majority of my life in Alaska and other northern climates like Wisconsin and Minnesota, I have learned to enjoy what I can, whether cross country skiing, skating, walking in the woods or watching our kids play hockey, basketball or wrestle. I would like to encourage you to send in pictures of winter activities your TDHE or Tribe sponsors for its members. Happy Holidays!

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

**[Veterans Choice Program](#)**- Many Veterans will now have the option to receive non-VA health care rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility. Beginning November 5, 2014, the new Choice Program will begin to cover non-VA care for eligible Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare. Veterans are eligible if any of these situations apply to you:

(1) You have been told by your local VA medical facility that you will need to wait more than 30 days from your preferred date or the date medically determined by your physician; (2) Your current residence is more than 40 miles from the closest VA health care facility; (3) You need to travel by plane or boat to the VA medical facility closest to your home; (4) You face a geographic challenge, such as extensive distances around water or other geologic formations, such as mountains, which presents a significant travel hardship

Every Veteran will receive a letter and a Choice Card in the mail with details about the program. Veterans will be eligible for the program and receive cards in three phases: (1) Veterans who may live more than 40 miles from a VA facility. (2) Veterans who are currently waiting for an appointment longer than 30 days from their preferred date or the date determined to be medically necessary by their physician. (3) All remaining Veterans enrolled for VA healthcare who may be eligible for the Choice Program in the future.

To set up an appointment with a non-VA provider, call the VA at 866-606-8198 and we will work with you to ensure you are approved for care in your community. For more information, [click here](#).

DOI [Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#) Success Story: The [Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation](#) in Oregon are seeing the benefits of the DOI's Land Buy-Back Program, part of the Cobell Settlement. Since offers went out in September, the Tribe has re-acquired 4,250 acres from willing sellers. Some \$4.16 million has gone to individual Indians so far.

"We have a lot of older tribal members thinking maybe they should sell," Bill Tovey, the Tribe's Economic and Community Development Director, told [The East Oregonian](#). "Mostly my staff just goes out and listens to people. We'll help them fill out their paperwork, and do whatever they need." About 36 percent of offers have been accepted, Tovey said.

## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS, CONTINUED

The Tribe anticipates the **Interior Department** has will send out a second round of offers early next year. The \$3.4 billion **Co-bell settlement** provided \$1.9 billion for Indian landowners who want to sell their fractionated interests. DOI will pay "fair market value" as required by the **Indian Land Consolidation Act**.

Since the program started last winter, DOI has successfully concluded more than \$300 million in transactions. Nearly 500,000 acres have been returned to tribes. More than \$750 million in offers have been extended since December 2013 so not all landowners accept them. The participation rate ranges from 30 percent to 40 percent on each individual reservation. To learn more about using this program to consolidated fractionated Tribal Trust land interests, **click here**.

## NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

**Tribal Nations to be Eligible for HUD-VASH:** From the H.R. 83 Consolidated Appropriations for fiscal year 2015, “*Provided further, That the [HUD] Secretary shall set aside an amount provided under this paragraph for a rental assistance and supportive housing demonstration program for Native American veterans that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas: Provided further, That such demonstration program shall be modeled after, with necessary and appropriate adjustments for Native American grant recipients and veterans, the rental assistance and supportive housing program funded under this paragraph, including administration in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs and overall implementation of section 8(o)(19) of the Act: Provided further, That amounts for rental assistance and associated administrative costs shall be made available by grants to recipients eligible to receive block grants under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.*”

As of January 5th, 2014, HUD ONAP awaits instruction on the implementation of the HUD-VASH programs for Tribes. Additional information will be shared as soon as possible but the bill requires an award announcement in the Federal Register 180 days from the signing of the bill, or roughly by June 10th, 2015.

To read the full passage from the Appropriations Bill (pages 603-604), **click here**.

**U.S. House of Representatives Passes H.R. 4329 - NAHASDA Reauthorization-** On December 2, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4329, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014 agreed to by a voice vote. This legislation authorizes and funds the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act at \$650 million through 2018.

In addition, it includes a new program, the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) which makes Indian tribes eligible to participate in a program that addresses homelessness of Native American veterans by providing housing and rental assistance program, and appropriates a 5 percent set aside. This program would be administered jointly by HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill is to be considered by the Senate once they reconvene in 2015.

**ELOCCS Conversion-** HUD is replacing the Line of Credit Control Voice Response System (LOCCS-VRS). All LOCCS users must convert to eLOCCS by December 31, 2014. If you missed this deadline, contact your **Grants Management Specialist**.



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## EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

EWONAP Administrator, Mark Butterfield attended the December meetings of both [GLIHA](#) and [USET](#). At both meetings, he met with Tribal leadership and members about their current concerns and endeavors. He stressed the urgency of converting to the new eLOCCS system to avoid any disruption in IHBG or ICDBG funding. For highlights of the USET Annual Summit in Verona, NY, [click here](#). For the agenda of the December Minneapolis GLIHA meeting, [click here](#).

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Tribal Government 101 (NLC)	January 6, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	Today’s Tribal governments provide basic infrastructure to homes, roadways, and facilities as well as a broad range of governmental services on and off Tribal lands. Tribal governance requires staff, directors, council, and other leadership to coordinate activities, engage in policy development, and so much more. This course will provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities to provide quality services to Tribal communities. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Environmental Reviews & Lead Base Paint (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 6-8, 2015, Sacramento, CA	Learn the ins and outs of environmental review. This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. To register, contact <a href="mailto:Pooja.Patel@icfi.com">Pooja.Patel@icfi.com</a>
Executive Director’s Refresher Course (NAIHC HUD/ONAP)	<b>Jan. 7-8,</b> 2015 Salt Lake City, UT	<b>NOTE DATE CHANGE:</b> <a href="#">NAIHC Executive Directors Refresher Course</a> . The ONAP Executive Director’s Refresher is intended to facilitate a unique peer to peer forum for veteran and new Directors alike. Indian Housing management has become increasingly complex where Directors have to work within laws, regulations, PIH notices, and other documentation which can stretch the limits of one’s knowledge needed to perform the job well. The Executive Director today is challenged to develop exceptional management and problem-solving skills. In this workshop we endeavor to provide opportunity for skill building and a series of tips and tools to support the Director in doing their complex job better. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Tribal Government 201 (NLC)	January 8, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	This course takes up where Tribal Government 101 left off. Now that you have an understanding of why Tribal governments exist and the authority to contract federal programs and provide service to their own tribal members, learn more about how Tribal governments operate. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .

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Strategic Planning for Housing (NLC)	January 13, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	Strategic Planning for Housing seeks to promote sustainable Tribal housing, Tribal government, community efforts, and small business growth within Indian Country. This webinar will share analytical and planning tools, as well as the theory behind them. The webinar series will explore strategic planning and feasibility studies to empower the success for non-profits, TDHEs and Tribes. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Jan. 13-14, 2015 Billings, MT	Leveraging the IHBG grant is a valuable NAHASDA resource. But many tribes are unaware of or have not used this tool to meet their housing needs. After attending this interactive workshop, participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about leveraging, using Title VI, Section 184 and other funding sources to finance tribal development. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Financial Management, Program Income and Basic Audit (HUD/ONAP)	Jan.13-15, 2015, Reno, NV	The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an orientation of the financial management systems necessary to achieve and maintain administrative capability in operating the Indian Housing Block Grant program. Participants will be provided with an overview of the financial and administrative requirements that pertain to the use of funds distributed to Tribes and TDHEs under the NAHASDA. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
FTA Tribal Transit Discretionary Grant Program Webinar Training	Jan. 14, 2:00-3:30 PM EST WEBINAR	The Federal Transit Administration is hosting a webinar training session for those tribes interested in applying for FY 2014 Tribal Transit Program discretionary funds. The webinar will outline eligible projects, evaluation criteria, and demonstrate how and where to submit FY 2014 discretionary applications. For more information, please contact Elan Flippin at 202-366-3800 or by email at <a href="mailto:Elan.Flippin@dot.gov">Elan.Flippin@dot.gov</a> . For more information on the FTA Tribal Transit Discretionary Grant Program, <a href="#">click here</a> . Link for webinar: <a href="https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/fta-tpm-ttp/">https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/fta-tpm-ttp/</a>
Leveraging Resources: National Historic Preservation Act (NLC)	January 14, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	Learn how the Historic Preservation process can be used to promote preservation of archaeological and sacred sites in each Tribe's historic range (which is not part of program compliance but is an opportunity to promote cultural preservation). This would involve contacting local governments in locations of the Tribe's historic range that use federal funding and asking them to include the Tribe into the environmental review process of their federally funded projects. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Planning and Housing: Feasibility Studies	January 15, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	Planning and Housing: Feasibility Studies seeks to promote sustainable Tribal housing, Tribal government, community efforts, and small business growth within Indian Country. This webinar will share analytical and planning tools, as well as the theory behind them. The webinar series will explore strategic planning and feasibility studies to empower the success for non-profits, Tribal housing development entities (TDHEs), Tribes, and for profit Tribal entities. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .

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Environmental Review Training (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 20-22 Anchorage, AK	HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers FREE Environmental Review training for recipients of HUD funding for various tribal projects. <b>Register here.</b>
Financial Wellness: Budget and Saving (NLC)	January 27, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	Course Objectives: • Learn how to outline a budget; • Learn how to pay yourself first; • Determine how to prioritize purchases; • Set Financial Goals; • Learn how to save even when you're living paycheck to paycheck; • Review Saving Instruments. To register, <a href="#">click here.</a>
Financial Wellness: Budget and Saving (NLC)	January 29, 2 pm to 3 pm EST  WEBINAR	Course Objectives: Who determines your credit score and what factors are considered; • Learn how to increase your credit score and keep it high; • Review how to clean up a problem credit; • Review the basics of spending; • Prioritize spending; • Discuss what financial freedom look like? To register, <a href="#">click here.</a>
Financial Management, Program Income & Basic Audit (ONAP/NAIHC)	Feb. 4-6 Reno, NV	The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an orientation to the financial management systems necessary to achieve and maintain administrative capability in operating the IHBG program. Participants will be provided with an overview of the financial and administrative requirements that pertain to the use of funds distributed to tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). For more info., and to register, <a href="#">click here.</a>
Accessible Housing (NLC)	February 10, 2 pm to 3 pm EST	Is your community accessible for the elders and Tribal members with disabilities? This Webinar will address various strategies to evaluate your community needs. We will discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act, housing accessibility, public building/Tribal office and impact of disability in Indian Country. To register, <a href="#">click here.</a>
On-line Environmental Review Resources (NLC)	February 11, 2 pm to 3 pm EST	With the implementation of HEROS, HUD's Environmental Review Online System, Tribes will be expected to place their environmental review on the web. This webinar is designed to help expose Tribes to the many on line tools and data systems that can aid the practitioner in the performance of an environmental review. This webinar will review USEPA's NEPAassist and HUD's ATEC, but other online resources (e.g. FEMA's map store and the US Fish & Wildlife Service IPaC (Information, Planning, and Conservation System)). To register, <a href="#">click here.</a>

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United National Indian Tribal Youth Mid-Year Conference	Feb. 11-15 Washington DC	Hundreds of UNITY youth councils members and delegates are expected once again to converge for historic meetings in Washington D.C. The 2015 UNITY Midyear Conference will take place February 11-15, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City hotel in Arlington, Virginia. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging (ONAP/ NAIHC)	Feb. 10-11 Phoenix, AZ	Fund sources are dwindling, so leveraging IHBG monies is essential as a valuable housing resource. But many tribes are unaware of important leveraging tools to stretch the precious dollars to meet the ever growing housing needs. This comprehensive 2-day course is designed to cover many aspects of the Title VI loan leveraging program and mixing of funding sources. Course instructors have multiple years of experience in blending Title VI and other Indian housing programs for successful housing development. Participants will gain knowledge & confidence to make informed decisions about leveraging dollars using Title VI, Section 184 and other financing sources for tribal development project. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
National RES – Reservation Economic Summit	March 9-12 2015 Las Vegas, NV	National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development hosts this annual event. Watch for more information coming soon or visit <a href="http://res.ncaied.org/">http://res.ncaied.org/</a>
NCAI Mid-Year Conference	June 28 to July 1, 2015 St Paul, MN	Save the Date. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .

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](#).

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Guides, Resources, and Tools

**EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager**<sup>®</sup> has been updated to improve its value to users while also providing a more secure online environment. 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. Visit [PortfolioManager.EnergyStar.Gov](http://PortfolioManager.EnergyStar.Gov) for more information, or [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**

**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

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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](#)**. Homeowners & renters can benefit from home improvements that promote energy efficiency & improve indoor air quality. Raising the bar on air quality & energy performance at home helps reduce heating & cooling costs, saves energy, and improves occupant health & comfort. To help consumers better understand the strategies and product options available to them, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has developed the Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. The Guide is a new section of our website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. Explore the new Consumer's Guide to identify strategies to improve energy efficiency & air quality in your home. For the full guide, [click here](#).

**[FindYouthInfo.gov](#)** is the U.S. government web site that 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. FindYouthInfo.gov was created by the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP), which is composed of representatives from 18 federal agencies that support programs and services focusing on youth. The IWGYP promotes the goal of positive, healthy outcomes for youth in four significant ways:

- **[Create and Support FindYouthInfo.gov](#)** which provides interactive tools and other resources to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan, implement, and participate in effective programs for youth.
- **[Create and Support YE4C.gov](#)**- This site is the home of the IWGYP's online youth engagement efforts. YE4C helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 engage in change on personal, community, and national levels.
- **[Identify and Disseminate Promising and Effective Strategies](#)**- IWGYP identifies strategies, tools, and resources accessible through FindYouthInfo.gov that will help promote effective community-based efforts addressing youth risk and protective factors. The Program Directory, provides visitors with information about such efforts. Communities can determine whether replicating these strategies will meet their needs.
- **[Promote Enhanced Collaboration](#)**- IWGYP identifies and engages key government, private, and nonprofit organizations that can play a role in improving the coordination and effectiveness of programs serving and appealing to youth. These partnerships and collaborations provide mechanisms to obtain feedback on how federal initiatives are translated at the local level; keep organizations informed about federal funding opportunities; and provide the IWGYP with communication mechanisms to reach regional, state, and local programs. 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
Environmental Justice Small Grants Program	Jan. 9,	The deadline has been extended to <b>January 9, 2015</b> . The EJSJG Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and/or public health issues within an affected community. The EJSJG Program is designed to help eligible non-profit organizations and Tribal communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks at the local level. In an effort to ensure that support reaches new areas, the Agency also is prioritizing funding to organizations that have not recently received an award under the EJSJG Program. For more information regarding the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program and to view the RFA, please <a href="#">click here</a> .
Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program	Jan. 9	This U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services program promotes the planning and development of healthcare networks in order to coordinate, improve and expand access to quality health care services and improve the rural health care system as a whole. Programs must be located in a rural county or eligible rural census tract. For the full NOFA, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Project for Public Spaces (PPS)	Jan. 9	PPS is offering Local and Tribal communities FREE technical assistance to address community challenges to becoming more livable and resilient. PPS is offering technical assistance with their Partners at Livability Solutions thanks to a grant from the EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. Learn more at <a href="http://www.pps.org/livability-solutions/epa/">http://www.pps.org/livability-solutions/epa/</a>
Museums, Libraries, & Cultural Organizations: Planning & Implementation Grants	Jan. 14,	These National Endowment for the Humanities grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Planning Grants support the early stages of project development; and Implementation Grants support final scholarly research and consultation, design development, production, and installation of a project for presentation to the public. Planning Grants: \$40,000 to \$75,000 over a period of 1 year; Implementation Grants: Maximum of \$1,000,000 over a period of up to 3 years. To read the RFP, <a href="#">click here</a> .
<a href="#">Generation Google Scholarships</a>	Jan. 15	The Generation Google Scholarship was established to help aspiring computer scientists from underrepresented groups (including Native Americans) excel in technology and become leaders in the field. Selected students will receive \$10,000 for the 2015-2016 school year. College students and current high school seniors are eligible. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> . To apply, <a href="#">click here</a> .

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<a href="#">Google's Anita Borg Scholarship for Women in Computer Science</a>	Jan. 15	Google Anita Borg Scholarship recipients will each receive a \$10,000 award for the 2015-2016 academic year. A group of female undergraduate and graduate students will be chosen from the applicant pool, and scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's academic background and demonstrated leadership. All scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Annual Google Scholars' Retreat in Mountain View, California in 2015. As an Anita Borg Scholar, you will participate in a unique program that includes professional development as well as outreach in your community which kicks off at the Scholars' Retreat. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> . To apply, <a href="#">click here</a> .
USDA Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity	Jan. 23,	The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA's) Forest Service is seeking applications to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood product markets throughout the US to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .
EPA Grant Funding Guidance for State and Tribal Brown-field Response Programs 2015	Jan. 31,	EPA Section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, authorizes a noncompetitive \$50 million grant program to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs. Generally, these response programs address the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfields sites and sites with actual or perceived contamination. This document provides guidance that will enable states and tribes to apply for and use Fiscal Year 2015 section 128(a) funds. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants	Feb. 9	Approx. \$76 MM available for FY 2014. Subject to appropriations, HUD Individual grant awards up to a maximum of \$30MM. NOFA & application package at <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> . CFDA # 14.889. Additional information, <a href="#">click here</a> or visit: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/cn">www.hud.gov/cn</a> .
Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program: Tribal Transit Program	Feb. 18	The primary purpose of this U.S. Dept. of Transportation program is to support planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services. ELIGIBILITY: Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities located in rural areas. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grants (DOJ)	Feb. 24	This U.S. Dept. of Justice program provides funding to Indian Tribal Governments to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues in tribal communities. Maximum of \$4MM over a period of up to 3 years depending on purpose area. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers	Feb. 24	This National Endowment for the Humanities program supports a series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators. Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and related subjects in the humanities. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
National Park Service NAGPRA	March 11, 2015	The National NAGPRA Program assists the Secretary of the Interior. Section 10 of NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Link to Additional Information: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm</a>
National Disaster Resilience Competition	March 16, 2015	HUD’s National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) makes \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. For a list of eligible applicants, <a href="#">click here</a> . <b>Tribes would need to apply through their state.</b> For the program fact sheet, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative	March 16	The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), is accepting applications for FY 2015 Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success cooperative agreements. The SPF-PFS program is designed to address two of the nation’s top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20; and 2) prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. For more info., visit <a href="#">Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative</a>
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 national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. For the full NOFA, <a href="#">click here</a> .
EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program	May 8	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, <a href="#">click here</a> .
<a href="#">Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)</a>	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 and businesses. For more details, <a href="#">click here</a> .
<a href="#">Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program</a>	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, <a href="#">click here</a> .

**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, rehabilitation, 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 were made bringing \$463 million in private capital to Tribes/TDHEs and directly to Tribal Members.

Tribes and TDHEs can 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](#).



**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](mailto: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.

## USEFUL LINKS

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

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