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Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs

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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.

ONAP's Mission:

- **To increase the supply of safe, decent, and affordable housing available to Native American families,**
- **To strengthen communities by improving living conditions and creating economic opportunities for Tribes and Indian housing residents; and**
- **To ensure fiscal integrity in the operation of the programs it administers.**



The Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions.

EWONAP administers roughly \$60 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 loans, and \$6 million in ICDBG funds annually.

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Indian Country News and Events

[President Obama Meets with Tribal Leaders Ahead of the White House Tribal Nations Conference](#) : On November 12th, 2013, before the [White House Tribal Nations Conference](#), President Obama met with a dozen Tribal leaders to discuss job creation and economic development in Tribal communities. This meeting provided Tribal leaders an opportunity to directly engage with the President on a leader-to-leader, government-to-government basis and to discuss key issues facing Indian Country at the highest level of Government. During the meeting, Tribal leaders raised a wide range of important issues they are facing including job creation, expanding opportunity for renewable energy on Tribal lands, increasing access to capital and foreign direct investment opportunities in Indian Country, improving educational outcomes, and jurisdictional challenges.

[The 5th Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference](#) was held on Wednesday November 13th, 2013. Over 300 Tribal leaders were in attendance. [President Obama's remarks](#) highlighted commitment to Indian Country and outlined goals to strengthen justice and Tribal sovereignty, improve health care, facilitate transfer of lands into trust, and promote job creation. He also promised to make his [first trip as president to Indian Country next year](#), as part of a pledge to keep historic covenants forged between the federal government and Tribal nations. For more information about the key issues raised, [click here](#). For photo credits, click each picture.



[The Unbreakable: Code Talkers to Receive Gold Medals](#): On November 20th, 2013 Native American code talkers were honored for their valor and dedication during World War I and World War II at a [Congressional Gold Medal](#) ceremony in Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, DC. Honorees include warriors from Ho-Chunk Nation, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. [Click here for a full list of Honorees](#).



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Various Tribal Representatives

[Click here for more photos of the ceremony and photo credits](#).

Carcieri: Bringing Certainty to Trust Land Acquisitions-The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held an Oversight Hearing on November 20th, 2013 regarding the issues with the Carcieri decision. Testimony was heard from the Acting Director of the Indian Health Service, Yvette Roubideaux, National Congress of American Indians President, Brian Cladoosby, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Chairwoman, Karen Diver, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Vice Chairman, Alfred Lane, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Chief Phyllis Anderson, Chickasaw Nation Lieutenant Governor, Jefferson Keel, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment. [Click here for video of the hearing.](#)

Indian Reservation Public Safety Report Issued- The [Indian Law and Order Commission](#), a national panel of judicial and law enforcement experts, traveled the country taking comment on public safety issues on American Indian reservations, where federal statistics show the violent crime rates can be 20 times the national average. The commission came up with is a 324-page report that seeks to close gaps in public safety in Tribal communities. The report, "Strengthening Justice for Native America: A roadmap," was released Tuesday, a day ahead of the White House Tribal Nations Conference. The recommendations now go to Congress and the president. [Click here to read the report.](#)

Indian Country Survey on Internet Access and Usage on Tribal Lands- The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums (ATALM) is currently conducting a survey to compile the first-ever comparative data on how tribal citizens, on and off tribal lands, use and access the internet. There are two ATALM surveys: one for tribal citizens to determine internet access needs and uses and another to determine the technological capacity of tribal libraries and highlight areas where these institutions need continued assistance to provide these services to tribal members. To participate in the Individual Computer Use & Internet Access Survey, [click here](#). If you are a Tribal Library Administrator or Director, [click here](#) to participate in the Tribal Libraries Survey. **Survey Responses Due: December 2, 2013.**

National ONAP News

2013 ICDBG Awards Announced- The November 12th 2013 Federal Register details 76 awards made totaling over \$53.6 million. Details of EWONAP awards are listed in the EWONAP Office News section.

2014 NAHASDA Funding Update - Current funding is frozen at 2013 sequester levels (\$617 million) until the Continuing Resolution expires on January 15th, 2014. Whether a new budget will be passed or another CR enacted is unclear.

2014 ICDBG NOFA is expected to be announced in mid-January. Funding levels have yet to be determined.

HUD- BIA Native American Heritage Month Celebration-The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Interior hosted an informative joint American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month Program. This year's theme "Honoring Our Youth" focused on the daily issues

Native American youth face on a day-to-day basis. The key note speaker, Ms. Erin Bailey, Director, Center for Native American Youth, Aspen Institute, discussed the importance of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. She has worked to lead Senator's Dorgan's efforts to help prevent suicide among Native American youth and the improvement of mental health care services in Indian Country.

The program highlighted several Native American Youth who are spearheading different initiatives to help bring educational and other resources to Native American youth. Two such individuals were Native American student interns Lucretia Lovato and Leticia Vega. Ms. Lovato who is a college intern spoke of the need for more funding for health care issues within the Native American communities. She highlighted the high rate of Type 2 Diabetes among Native Americans and that it is a contributing factor to the high rate of youth that are faced with dropping out of school and becoming caregivers for ill family members.

Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) provided closing remarks. He spoke of his own experience growing up within the Native American communities and his continued work with other federal agencies and the private sector to explore and develop economic development opportunities for the Native American communities with the goal of establishing self-sustaining economies.

Notice: All HUD Offices will be closed December 25th, 2013 and January 1st, 2014.

EWONAP Regional News and Events

[Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe of Minnesota](#), was one of 12 Tribal leaders chosen to participate in the pre-White House Tribal Nations Conference meeting with President Obama on November 12, 2013.

[Terri Henry elected as first female chair of Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Council](#).

Terri Henry has been elected Tribal Council chair of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, the first woman to hold that position. A veteran of the Indian Law Resource Center in Washington, D.C., Henry is the founder of the Qualla Women's Justice Alliance and is a member of the National Congress of American Indians Task Force on Violence Against Native Women. She also worked on the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

EWONAP presented a Native American Heritage Month Celebration on November 20th, 2013 in partnership with USDA in Chicago. The key note speaker was Susan Power, the last living founder of the [American Indian Center of Chicago](#) (AICC), the first organizations of its kind in the United States. At the age of 89, Ms. Power is the president of the Chicago American Indian Woman's Association and a lifetime Indian Rights activist. Mark LaRoque, of the California Indian Manpower Consortium and the AICC, shared his poetry. [Click here for a video](#) about the American Indian Center of Chicago and its 50th anniversary.

Menominee Sacred Objects Returned- The Athens County Historical Society & Museum in Athens, Ohio recently returned several sacred items, notably two eagle feather headdresses, to the Menominee Indian Tribe in Wisconsin. Along with the headdresses, three moccasins and one pipe or bandolier bag were returned.

Wampanoag Language Immersion Charter School in Development: The Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project is opening a Wampanoag Language Immersion Charter school in 2015, which will serve four Wampanoag Tribes and communities: the Assonet Band of Wampanoag, the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe, the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Funding was provided through several grants from the [HHS Administration for Native Americans](#). For more info on the Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project, [click here](#).

Reaching Back to Traditional Native American Cooking in Search of Healthier Meals: The Mino Wiisinidaa! (Let's Eat Good!) project focuses on a return to traditional Anishinaabe foods. The project will encourage healthy living by documenting and reintroducing food preparation taught by elders of the Anishinaabe people.

EWONAP Regional Tribes awarded DOE 2013 Tribal Energy grants for Clean Energy Projects - Since 2002, the Department of Energy's [Tribal Energy Program](#) (DOE TEP) has invested nearly \$42 million in 175 Tribal clean energy projects. The grants provide financial and technical assistance for the evaluation and development of their renewable energy resources, implementation of energy efficiency to reduce energy use, and education and training to help build the knowledge and skills essential for sustainable energy projects. Below are the 2013 DOE TEP Grantees from the EWONAP region:

2013 DOE Grantees (EWONAP area)	Amount	Project description
Forest County Potawatomi Community	\$1,400,026	Solar panels on eight Tribal buildings will displace between 25 to 70 % of the total energy used.
Menominee Tribal Enterprises	\$1,350,000	Biomass-fueled heat and power system for sawmill and lumber operation will cut fuel oil use by over 80%.
Seneca Nation of Indians	\$1,500,000	1.8 megawatt wind turbine expected to generate about 50% of the electricity used on the reservation.
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	\$642,899	Woody biomass-fueled boiler installed to heat a Tribal facility will replace over 60% of the current fuel use.

Forest County Potawatomi Buys Cyber-Security Firm-The Tribe's economic diversification arm, Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, announced November 19th 2013 that the tribe's Securio Group, LLC, acquired Redhawk Network Engineering, Inc., a Bend, Oregon-based cyber-security company. [Read more here](#).

EWONAP Office News

NOTICE: Do not email LOCCS Voice Response System Access Authorization Forms. LOCCS authorization forms must be mailed until HUD email is secure enough to ensure the privacy of sensitive information. Also, [changes have been made to LOCCS Access form, HUD-27054](#). The new version of HUD-27054 can be found [here](#).

Collecting IHBG Leveraging Success Stories- EWONAP would like to collect housing development success stories that illustrate the impact of IHBG funding. Specifically, we are looking to highlight how IHBG funds can be optimized when leveraged with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits, Section 184, Title VI and private loans, or funds from state and federal partners. Please send us your project press releases and let us share your accomplishments with Congress and other Tribes. [Click here to set up a short conference call.](#)

[Join the EWONAP listserve here.](#) Please share the link with others who may be interested in receiving the EWONAP Information Bulletin.

EWONAP offers free specialized technical assistance (TA) for Tribal and TDHE grant recipients. TA is available in a variety of topic areas related to Indian housing programs, administration & management, and financing. Tribes or TDHE's are encouraged to formally request training and technical assistance on a particular need by contacting Mary White at 312.913.8762 or mary.white@hud.gov.

2013 ICDBG EWONAP Awards Announced- The following is a list of Eastern Woodlands ICDBG Grantees:

	EWONAP 2013 ICDBG Grantees	Amount	Project Description
1	Aroostook Band of Micmacs	\$600,000	Expansion of health clinic and Head Start building.
2	Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council	\$600,000	Rehabilitation of 31 housing units.
3	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	\$600,000	Infrastructure waterline construction project.
4	Hannahville Indian Community	\$600,000	Relocation of pharmacy.
5	Houlton Band of Maliseet	\$182,872	Lighting for athletic field and walking track.
6	Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin	\$600,000	Infrastructure to development site.
7	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	\$600,000	Construction of a multipurpose community center.
8	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	\$600,000	Wastewater transfer station (2012 application)
9	Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa	\$600,000	Relocation and new homes for 20 families.
10	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$600,000	Construction of a multipurpose community center.
11	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	\$546,275	Renovation of Tribal Head Start center.
		\$6,129,147	Total EWONAP Awards

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Training Opportunities and Resources- New opportunities are denoted by

[Check the HUD ONAP Calendar of Upcoming Training here.](#)

December 3-4, Oklahoma City- HUD ONAP Training Self-Monitoring: Save the Date- FREE training for IHBG Grantees on policy and procedures of Self- Monitoring. For details and registration information, visit [NAIHC](#) or call 202-789-1754.

December 3-4, Sacramento, CA- HUD ONAP Training- Federal Procurement: This FREE two-day course presents current procurement practices as they affect contract administration & procurement of materials or services for Tribal housing organizations. Training topics include: pre-planning, purchasing, procurement, and policy development. Management activities intended to avoid sanctions, penalties, and indictable offenses will also be discussed. For more info visit [NAIHC](#) or call 202-789-1754.

 **December 9th, 1pm EST- EPA Webinar: Creating Healthy Indoor Environments in Tribal Communities:** Join us to hear best practices and effective strategies for working with Tribal communities to establish and sustain healthy indoor environments in school facilities. In addition to hearing from two Tribal programs, this webinar will demonstrate how EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools guidance can play a pivotal role in helping schools establish IAQ programs, and the critical importance of ongoing education, training, and communication in starting, expanding, and maintaining successful IAQ management efforts.

 **December 9-12, Las Vegas, NV- InterTribal Agriculture Council 27th Annual Membership Meeting:** The InterTribal Agriculture Council conducts a wide range of programs designed to further the goal of improving Indian Agriculture. The IAC promotes the Indian use of Indian resources and contracts with federal agencies to maximize resources for Tribal members. [Click here for flyer.](#)

 **December 9-13, Kansas City, MO- Neighborhood Works Training Institute:** Training sessions in Community Development, Green and Sustainable Housing, Affordable Housing, Asset Management, Construction and Rehab, and many more. [Click here for a full list of Courses.](#) Also to be held in Los Angeles, CA, February 24-28, 2014. More details to come. [Click here for Scholarships.](#)

 **December 10-11, Crow Agency, MT- Learning from Our Elders: Culturally and Environmentally Responsive Design for Tribal Communities:** This 2-day HUD-sponsored training uses real-life case studies of award-winning culturally and environmentally responsive Tribal architecture to explore issues of sustainable residential and community construction. Trainer Architect Daniel Glenn will draw on his work in Tribal and projects published in the 2013 book, *New Architecture on Indigenous Lands*. To register, [click here](#). For the flyer, [click here](#).

December 10-11, Albuquerque, NM- HUD ONAP Training- Construction Administration: Learn how to manage construction in Native communities from the drafting table to the grand opening. This 2-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to understand the process of construction administration. Training topics include basic administrative skills, reading schematics and drawings, understanding the project manual, contracting, construction, and closeout. Topics of special interest include contracting for

rehabilitation work and also special procurement and construction issues such as design-build, force account, small purchase, and non-competitive. For more info [click here](#) or call 202-393-6400.

[December 10-12, Las Vegas, NV- NAIHC Legal Symposium 2013](#): Issues arising in the areas of law and regulation often play as large a part in Indian housing programs as funding. NAIHC's annual Legal Symposium seeks to bring the Indian housing community together for discussion and information sharing on these important issues as we work together to improve housing for Native communities. Session details can be found by clicking [here](#).

[January 7-9, 2014- Denver, CO- HUD ONAP Training- Occupancy & Maintenance](#): Save the Date: FREE training for recipients of Indian Housing Block Grant funds. Course will cover Tribal housing occupancy and unit maintenance requirements to insure compliance with the IHBG program. For details and registration information, visit [NAIHC](#) or call 202-789-1754.

 **[January 14-16, Reno, NV- HUD ONAP NAHASDA Essentials Training](#)**: Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics that will be covered include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint Tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training will be presented through case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures and hands-on exercises. To register, [click here](#).

 **[January 14-16, Tacoma, WA- HUD ONAP Training- Occupancy](#)**: This course will cover Admissions and Occupancy program management with topics to include the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should refer to copies of their own Admissions and Occupancy policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies and role playing exercises presented during this course. The course will also examine how maintaining high standards in the Admissions and Occupancy program affects the overall management of tribal housing programs. [Click here to register](#).

 **[January 14-15, Atlanta, GA- HUD ONAP Training Alternative Funding Sources](#)**: Many tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) rely on the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program as their primary source of housing development funds. Often housing need outstrips available funding. Leveraging Federal financial resources can boost the spending power of IHBG to better meet need and create greater housing and economic development opportunities. This 2-day HUD-sponsored training will discuss programs and leveraging tools that can help lower financing costs and rents, including the NAHASDA Title VI Loan Guarantee Program, Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program and Community Investment Program/Community Housing Program finance options, HUD HOME and Section 202

programs, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Section 538 and Section 515 programs, as well as state-funded grants and programs. [To register, click here.](#)



[February 4-5, Tacoma, WA- HUD ONAP Training- Construction Administration](#): Learn how to manage construction in Native communities from the drafting table to the grand opening. This 2-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to understand the process of construction administration. Training topics include basic administrative skills, reading schematics and drawings, understanding the project manual, contracting, construction, and closeout. Topics of special interest include contracting for rehabilitation work and also special procurement and construction issues such as design-build, force account, small purchase, and non-competitive. To register, [click here](#) or call 202-393-6400. Also available Phoenix, AZ March 4-5, 2014.

[March 24–28, 2014- Dept of Energy’s 2013 Tribal Energy Program Review has been postponed.](#)

Originally scheduled for November 18–22, 2013, this event has been POSTPONED until March 24–28, 2014 in Denver, Colorado.

ONGOING: [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: [Native Learning Center Webinars](#): The Native Learning Center offers FREE courses and trainings to Native Americans and Indigenous people with an emphasis on the educational needs of Tribal members and their communities. Course topics range from Tribal Management to Persuasive Writing. [Click here](#) for a calendar of upcoming courses.



[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/year on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. [Download the guide 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. The use of environmentally beneficial demolition practices can set the stage for green infrastructure construction and vacant lot revitalization. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here.](#)

Funding Opportunities and Resources - New opportunities are denoted by:

FEMA Firefighters Assistance Grant: The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. **Deadline: December 6th, 2013.**

First Nations Development Institute: Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative

In 2014, First Nation's Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative will provide up to ten grants, averaging \$37,500, to support projects that increase access to fresh, healthy foods and improve the overall health and well-being of Native children and families. Priority will be given to projects aimed at increasing the availability of healthy, locally-produced foods in Native communities; projects that work to reduce food insecurity; and entrepreneurship programs that create systemic change by increasing community control of local food systems. Native American-controlled nonprofit Tribal organizations and community-based groups committed to increasing healthy food access in rural and reservation-based Native communities are eligible to apply. **Deadline: December 6, 2013.**

Smart Growth America Offers Free Technical Assistance Workshops: Smart Growth

America's free technical assistance workshops program helps city, regional and community leaders find solutions to local issues and concerns. Smart Growth America will offer 12 types of workshops as part of this free program. These workshops help participating communities to grow in ways that benefit families and businesses while protecting the environment and preserving a sense of place. Indian Tribes are eligible. For more info contact Chelsea Hogan, at assistance@smartgrowthamerica.org or at 202-207-3355 x143. **Deadline: December 6th, 2013.**

Corporation for National and Community Service's AmeriCorps State and National Grants: Focus areas for the grants include: Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Families. Grants may be used to provide support for direct services that contribute to increased energy and water efficiency, renewable energy use, or improving at-risk ecosystems. Tribes are eligible. **Notices of intent due: Dec. 11, 2013. Applications due: January 8th, 2014.**

Native American Scholarships Fund is an endowment established to foster a sense of shared purpose and positive interaction between archaeologists and Native Americans. The [Society for American Archeology](#) is offering three competitive scholarships for Native Americans. Scholarships are open to all Native peoples from anywhere in the Americas, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous Pacific Islanders. **Deadline: December 16th, 2013.**

Environmental Solutions for Communities (Wells Fargo & National Fish & Wildlife Foundation): This program seeks to promote sustainable communities by supporting highly-visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. Tribes are eligible. Grant awards will typically range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. **Deadline: December 16th, 2013.**



EPA P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet : The EPA, as part of the P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. Awards up to \$15,000. **Deadline: December 17th, 2013.**



Arbor Day Foundation: TD Bank Green Streets Grant Program

TD Green Streets, a grant program funded by TD Bank and administered by the Arbor Day Foundation, provides funds to municipalities in the communities served by TD Bank in 15 eastern states. Through the program, municipalities are eligible to receive one of ten \$20,000 grants in support of local forestry projects in low- to moderate income neighborhoods. Up to 50 percent of the proposed funding can be used to purchase new trees. Municipalities are encouraged to apply in partnership with community partners such as nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses, etc. [Click here for application.](#) **Deadline: December 20, 2013.**



The U.S. Department of the Treasury offers \$191 million through their Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) grants

under for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program) and Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program). The programs seek to increase the access to credit, capital, and financial services through the creation and expansion of CDFIs primarily serving Native communities. CDFI Fund will host one 1.5 hour live webinar to answer applicant questions about the FY 2014 NACA Program application. A webinar will be held **December 2, 2013**. Please see the [2014 Webinar Access Table](#) for the dates, times, and access information for each webinar. For more information on these two NOFAs, [click here](#). **Deadline: December 23, 2013.**



Project Orange Thumb- Community Gardening Grants from Fiskars: Support is provided for local projects that will make differences in their communities through unique community garden initiatives while demonstrating how a small group of people can make changes that affect the entire community. Ten winners will receive \$5,000 in cash and Fiskars garden tools to help support their goals of neighborhood beautification and horticulture education, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. Nonprofit organizations, public schools, and municipalities in the U.S. and Canada are eligible to apply. **Deadline: December 31, 2013.**

Rural Solid Waste Management Grants (USDA): This U.S. Dept. of Agriculture grant was created to evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources. Funds will help provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills, reduce solid waste streams, and develop and implement closure, future land use, and safety and maintenance plans. Eligible: Private nonprofit organizations; public bodies; Native American Tribes. **Deadline: December 31st, 2013.**

American Battlefield Protection Program (NPS): The U.S. Dept. of the Interior's National Park Service program supports projects that lead to the protection of battlefield land and sites to safeguard and preserve them for present & future generations as symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage. Nonprofit groups, academic institutions, and local, regional, state, & Tribal governments are eligible. **Deadline: January, 2nd, 2014.**

National Endowment for the Humanities: The Scholarly Editions and Translations program supports the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents of value to the humanities that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. Grants typically support editions and translations of significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, are also eligible. **Deadline: January 7, 2014.**



National Endowment for the Humanities: NEH Media Project Development Grants interactive digital media, film and television projects, and radio projects. Development grants enable media producers to collaborate with scholars to develop humanities content and to prepare programs for production. Grants should result in a script or a design document and should also yield a detailed plan for outreach and public engagement in collaboration with a partner organization or organizations. **Deadline: January 8th, 2014.**

America's Historical & Cultural Organizations Planning Grants: National Endowment for the Humanities planning grants support the early stages of humanities project development, including consultation with scholars, refinement of themes, preliminary design, and audience evaluation. Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments are eligible to apply. In most cases, grants in this program cover no more than 50- 60% of project costs. **Deadline: January 8th, 2014.**

National Endowment for the Arts FY 2014 Our Town Initiative : All applications must involve two primary partners: a local government entity and a nonprofit organization. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000 each. Federally recognized Tribal governments are eligible. These NEA grants are for creative place-making projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. The Our Town Initiative will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to improve their quality of life, foster stronger community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize economic development. **Deadline: January 13th, 2014.**

National Forest Foundation Grants: The program provides grants to community-based and national nonprofit organizations to engage in conservation initiatives that benefit National Forests and Grasslands with forest stewardship, watershed health and restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, and recreation issues. Nonprofit organizations, Native American Tribes, and universities are eligible to apply. **Deadline: January 14th, 2014.**

National Digital Newspaper Program Grants: The National Endowment for the Humanities will fund newspaper projects that convert pages published in a state or territory between 1836 and 1922 into digital files, primarily from microfilm. About 10 grants of up to \$350,000 over a 2-year period will be funded. Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments are eligible. **Deadline: January 15th, 2014.**

Community Forest & Open Space Program (USDA Forest Service): Eligible entities: Local governments, federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native corporations, & nonprofits eligible to hold title to land for conservation purposes. This grant program provides financial assistance to establish community forests that provide continuing and accessible community benefits. Community forests provide many benefits and can provide economic benefits through timber resources. For more info, visit the [opportunity synopsis](#) at Grants.gov. **Deadline: January 15th, 2014.**

Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes (HHS): Up to \$200,000 per year for a period of up to 5 years. The U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services seeks alternatives for runaway and homeless youth involved in law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, & juvenile justice systems. Funded transitional living programs will provide shelter, supervision, life & interpersonal skill building, career counseling, job skills, and medical care. Maternity group homes will provide the same services in addition to parenting instruction and child care. Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American Tribal organizations are eligible. **Deadline: January 15th, 2014.**

 **EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Request For Proposals** - The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) provides funding for eligible applicants (including federally recognized Tribes and Native American organizations) for projects that address local environmental and/or public health issues within an affected community. The EJCPS Program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. For more information, [click here](#). To view the RFP, [click here](#). **Deadline, February 18, 2014.**

Rural Business Cooperatives Loans & Grants

USDA Rural Development's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program for FY 2013. Funding will support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants. **Deadline: OPEN**

 **FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program**

The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program supports a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts throughout the U.S. and internationally. Funded projects include pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire

prevention education and training programs. Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local, and community organizations are eligible to apply. **Deadline: OPEN**



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OFFERS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM: The Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program provides repayment of student loans to health and allied health professions in order to assure an adequate supply of trained health professionals necessary to maintain accreditation of, and provide health care services to, Indians through Indian health programs. There is a service obligation and payback requirement for participants of the LRP. To qualify for this benefit program, you must have student loan debt. You must also be qualified/certified/licensed in dentistry, family medicine, internal medicine, geriatric medicine, psychiatry, as a nurse or nurse anesthetist, or you must be a current or prospective student accepted or enrolled in an accredited degree program, college or university. For more info call 301-443-3396 or [click here](#). **Deadline: OPEN**

Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program: Many Tribes are now considering or utilizing Section 184 loans to develop up to 20 units of housing at a time. Some of the benefits include:

- Residential mortgage interest rates (which continue to be low)
- Low-down payment
- Rapid processing (may take longer if obtaining TSRs for Tribal Trust land)
- May utilize up to 15% for site infrastructure costs
- Flexibility in offering housing units on a rental or lease-to-own basis to Tribal members
- Nominal loan assignment fee
- No household income restrictions
- May utilize other funding to assist low-income families.

For more information on Section 184 financing contact EWONAP Native American Program Specialist, Brian Gillen, at Brian.Gillen@hud.gov or 312.913.8626.

Useful Links

[HUD ONAP CodeTalk website](#)

[EWONAP website](#)

[HUD Indian Housing Block Grant](#)

[HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant](#)

[HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee](#)

[HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee](#)

[HUD Healthy Homes](#)

[HUD ROSS Grant](#)

[HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing](#)

[HUD PIH Environmental Resources](#)

[HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs](#)

[Grants.gov](#)

[Federal Register Today](#)

[White House Native Americans Resources Page](#)

[DOT Tribal Transportation Program](#)

[Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force](#)

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[Center for American Indian Economic Development](#)

[Native American Contractors Association](#)

[National Congress of American Indians](#)

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[DOE Tribal Energy Program](#)

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| HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program | DOE Weatherization Grants |
| HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program | DOE Federal Energy Management Program |
| DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives | EPA Tribal Grants |
| USDA Rural Development Grants | Small Business Administration Loans |
| Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources | CDFI Native American Initiatives |
| VA Native Health Services | VA Native American Direct Loan |
| Economic Development Administration | BIA Housing Improvement Program |
| GLIHA | MAST |
| USET | Four Directions Development Corporation |
| GLITC | Northwoods Nijiji Enterprise Community, Inc. |

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