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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 \$80 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$6 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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

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INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS AND EVENTS



[United South and Eastern Tribes \(USET\) Impact Week Meeting](#) is being held February 3rd to 6th, 2014 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. To register, [click here](#). For an agenda of the summit events, [click here](#).



[National American Indian Housing Council Legislative Conference](#) will be held February 25th to 27th, 2014 at the Mayflower Renaissance in Washington, D.C. Attend to receive updates from federal agencies and congressional leaders on housing in Indian Country. Take this opportunity to express your concerns and ask questions about NAHASDA Reauthorization and upcoming appropriations. For more information, [click here](#).

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS AND EVENTS, CONTINUED



Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. at the [Holiday Inn Capitol](#), March 17th to 20th, 2014. MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest throughout the 21st century." The organization coordinates important public policy issues and initiatives at the state, regional and federal levels, promotes unity and cooperation among member Tribes and advocates for member Tribes. For more information, [click here](#).



National Congress of American Indians Delivers State of Indian Nations Address: NCAI

President Brian Cladoosby delivered the State of Indian Nations address January 30th in Washington, D.C. Cladoosby discussed the successes and strength of Native Nations, contributions of Natives to the U.S. economy, the negative impacts of the sequestration and federal regulation, the need for economic and community development in Indian Country and the importance of sustaining and respecting Native cultures. Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont), expected to be the next chairman of the Senate Committee of Indian Affairs, gave the Congressional Response. To listen to the full address, [click here](#).

Mohawk Entrepreneur, Andra Rush, featured in Obama's State of the Union Address:

Andra Rush, the founder and CEO of the [Rush Trucking Company](#) the largest Native owned business in the country, and [Detroit Manufacturing Systems](#), was featured in President Obama's January 28th State of the Union Address. The president told the growth story of Rush's Detroit Manufacturing Systems that added more than 600 employees in Detroit in the last year and a half. From the president's speech: "Two years ago, as the auto industry came roaring back, Andra Rush opened up a manufacturing firm in Detroit. She knew that Ford needed parts for the best-selling truck in America, and she knew how to make them. She just needed the workforce, so she dialed up what we call an American Job Center — places where folks can walk in to get the help or training they need to find a new job, or better job. She was flooded with new workers." Rush attended the State of the Union as a guest of the First Lady. For more information, [click here](#).



Pamunkey Indian Tribe Closer to Federal Recognition: Tribal officials learned Friday that the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, located in King William, Virginia, will soon join the 566 other Tribal nations across the country that are recognized by the federal government. "We have been working towards this point for decades and are very pleased to have received a positive preliminary determination. We look forward to a continuing government-to-government relationship with the United States," said Pamunkey Chief Kevin Brown in a statement. For an in-depth article from the Tidewater Review, [click here](#). For the Department of the Interior press release, [click here](#).

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Unknown Tribal Recipients Owed \$32 million: Roughly 30,000 beneficiaries of the Cobell Settlement have not yet been located. These beneficiaries are collectively owed \$32 million. To check names of beneficiaries against the index, visit the Office of the Special Trustee at the Department of the Interior’s website [here](#).

The Social Security Administration No Longer Issuing Social Security Number Printouts in Field Offices. The field offices will also stop providing benefit verification letters beginning February 2014. Members of the public can register for a “My Social Security” account [here](#) and safely conduct business online 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Beneficiaries can obtain a benefit verification letter by registering for an account, or by calling the national toll-free number 1 (800) 772-1213.

Choctaw Nation Chosen as One of Obama’s Promise Zones: President Barack Obama on announced the Promise Zones Initiative, to combat income inequality and spur mobility in areas that have been slow to recover economically. The five communities selected — in San Antonio, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, southeastern Kentucky and around the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma — will receive comprehensive assistance from multiple federal agencies, with the goal of creating jobs, expanding educational opportunities, increasing access to affordable housing and improving public safety. Within the next three years, a total of 20 zones will be selected to receive assistance. President Obama stated “And in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, where up to half of the residents in some areas live in poverty, community leaders are determined to change things. And they’re making financing available to help women start their own businesses. They’re investing in new water and sewer systems that will make the area more attractive for companies looking to locate there. And they’re helping farmers and ranchers create more jobs, and more families thereby get access to healthy foods.” For more information on the Promise Zones Initiatives, [click here](#).

New Associate Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs: Raina Thiele, the new Associate Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, sent out to Tribal leaders on January 7th:

“Dear Tribal Leaders, I wanted to reach out to introduce myself. My name is Raina Thiele and I recently took over for Charlie Galbraith as Associate Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. I most recently served at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) helping to build the president's budget for energy and international affairs programs. I previously worked as a legislative analyst at OMB focusing on issues related to the Department of the Interior. Born and raised in Alaska, I am Dena’ina Athabascan and Yup’ik, and am an enrolled member of Pedro Bay Native Village.

I’m very excited to be working with our Native American and Alaska Native communities on behalf of the President and look forward to getting to know you as we continue our productive work for Indian Country. I will continue to send out relevant information to Tribal leaders. Please do not hesitate to contact me at RThiele@who.eop.gov if I can be of help on the issues of importance to your communities. Chin’an (Thank you),

Raina Thiele,
The White House”

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President Obama Signs Bill for Native Veterans Memorial at the National Museum of the American Indian

President Barack Obama signed H.R. 2319, the Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013, into law on Thursday, December 26. The bill authorizes the National Museum of the American Indian to raise funds and start work on a memorial for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian veterans. The memorial will be located on the museum's property on the National Mall. The House passed the bill on December 11, 2014 by a vote of 398 to 0. The Senate approved it by unanimous consent on December 20. For more info, [click here](#).

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

2014 NAHASDA Funding Levels: President Obama signed the 2014 omnibus spending measure, H.R. 3547, on January 17th that covers federal funding through September 2014. The \$1.012 trillion bill allocated the following funding levels for HUD Tribal programs:

- **\$650 million** was provided for the Indian Housing Block Grant. From these funds, \$5 million was designated for training and technical assistance and \$2 million for the Title VI Loan Guarantee program.
- **\$10 million** for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant
- **\$70 million** for Indian Community Development Block Grants which includes almost \$4 million for imminent threat grants and \$10 million for mold remediation and prevention.
- **\$6 million** for the Section 184 Native American Home Loan Mortgage

More information on the mold remediation and prevention program and 2014 Technical Assistance will be forthcoming.

FEMA Mobile Home Distribution Initiative Ended— The Federal Emergency Management Agency has notified HUD/ONAP that the Mobile Home Distribution Initiative has now ended indefinitely. Therefore, HUD/ONAP will no longer be involved in the redistribution of FEMA's excess mobile homes. ONAP thanks the Tribes that participated in this initiative for helping to make it one of the most successful projects it has undertaken. If FEMA presents another opportunity like this ONAP will once again notify Tribal leadership.

All HUD Offices will be closed Monday, February 17th, 2014 in observance of President's Day.

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Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Secures \$749,000 Loan to Finance a Community Farming Project: The Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians has secured a loan from Indian Land Capital Company (ILCC) to expand its Tribal lands, pursue agricultural projects, and promote the health and welfare of the Tribe. The 312 acre site, adjacent to the traditional boundaries of the reservation in northern Michigan, will significantly advance the Tribe's goals of promoting smaller family and community gardens near where Tribal citizens live, traditional seed gathering and collection, and organic gardening & farming operations as a Tribal revenue sources. ILCC, based in Montana, is a Native American-owned and -managed Native CDFI that has facilitated loans to Tribes in six states helping to return some 30,000 acres of land to Tribal control. For more info, [click here](#).

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St. Regis Mohawk Celebrates the Grand Opening of their Diabetes Center of Excellence, February 12th, 2014.

White Earth Nation Breaks Ground on 20 Unit Supportive Housing Development: The official groundbreaking for the Giwanikimin (We Live in Harmony) supportive housing project was held Dec. 3 at the construction site in Naytahwaush. It will consist of four town home structures with 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units, totaling 20 rental units all together. Giwanikimin will be focusing its rental units for low income families who are homeless and will offer highest priority to families who have a history of being long-term homeless. Along with housing, Giwanikimin will offer services to their tenants to help break the cycle of homelessness. Human Services, Health, Behavioral Health and Indian Child Welfare are working closely together in developing a services model that has never been demonstrated before. They will be offering a multitude of services on site at the supportive service office. The project is scheduled to be completed in late summer. For the full Anishinaabeg Today article, [click here](#).



From left are Rep. Steve Green (R) District: 02B, White Earth Transportation, Director Burny Tibbetts, MHFA Tribal Housing Liaison Rick Smith, District II Rep. Terry Tibbetts, Secretary-Treasurer Robert J. Durant, WE Human Services Director Ben Bement, Giwanikimin Chairman of the Board Jack Fabre, Giwanikimin Vice Chairman of the Board Christie Haverkamp, and EAPC Architects Chief Operations Officer Wayne Dietrich.

EWONAP OFFICE NEWS AND EVENTS

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 request training and/or technical assistance by contacting Grants Management Specialist, Mary White, at 312.913.8762 or mary.white@hud.gov.

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](#).

EWONAP OFFICE NEWS AND EVENTS, CONTINUED

[Join the EWONAP Bulletin Listserv](#) to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs 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.](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

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

[February 4-5, 2014, Albuquerque, NM – HUD ONAP Training- Board of Commissioners and Housing Board](#)

Training: This two-day interactive course is designed to develop the Housing Board’s knowledge of the federal rules and requirements related to accepting Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding and familiarize attendees with the operation of the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) and their role as the Board in this industry. It will cover the history of Indian Housing to the current statute governing the eligible activities and the required policies. It will also include the planning and controlling aspect of management. The course offers information on conflict of interest, the business meeting, setting agendas, the roles and responsibilities of officers and other helpful tips in conducting business. Other discussion will include the review of applicable federal and Tribal laws that may impact the process. Case studies will be reviewed and participants should refer to their own policies in determining the desired outcome when working on the Board exercises. [To register, click here.](#) [For the agenda, click here.](#)

[February 4-5, 2014, Albuquerque, NM – HUD ONAP Training- IHP/APR Training:](#)

Grantees receiving funds under HUD’s Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program are responsible for meeting program requirements including submission of Indian Housing Plans (IHPs) and Annual Performance Reports (APRs). This course will assist grant recipients in understanding the important IHP/APR components, deadlines and other requirements. [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.](#)

[NEW! February 6, 2014– 2-3 EST- Tribal Constitution Review Webinar:](#)

The Native Learning Center offers a free webinar on Tribal Constitution Review. The objectives of the course are to understand the origin of Tribal constitutions, define the contents of a constitution, learn to identify sections in need of revision, learn effective ways to develop a constitutional revision team, and understand the approval process for your constitution. For more information, [click here](#); to register, [click here.](#)

[Feb. 6-7, 2014, Albuquerque, NM- HUD ONAP Training-Procurement:](#)

This two-day course will bring you up-to-date

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on current procurement practices as they affect contract administration and procurement in the purchasing of materials or services for Tribal housing organizations. The course is interactive and not only provides classroom theory, but practical application through exercises, case studies, role plays, discussions and quizzes. Participants will develop a solid foundation in Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funded procurement & contract management. For the agenda, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

NEW! [February 10-12, 2014, Phoenix, AZ— Tribal Telecom and Technology Summit](#): Tribal Telecom 2014 brings together Tribes, the communications industry, professionals, nonprofits, and government agencies, to share information, explore options, and pursue solutions to advance digital opportunities for Tribal communities. The conference combines introductory workshops; panel discussions highlighting success stories and best practices, regulatory developments, and industry updates; breakout sessions; and specific training and listening sessions conducted by relevant government agencies. The conference also serves as a forum for Tribal leaders to meet with telecom carriers to discuss the delivery of telecom services on Tribal lands. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)

NEW! [February 18, 2014— 2-3pm EST— Creating an Organizational Budget Webinar](#): Native Learning Center offers a free webinar on Creating an Organizational Budget. Proper budgeting identifies areas for improvement and provides a clear financial synopsis of how well an organization manages its resources. The course objectives are to identify the steps to gathering information and preparing a budget, discuss program evaluation, and explain key terms such as sales projections, liabilities, and employee budgeting. For more information, [click here](#); to register, [click here](#).

NEW! [February 20, 2014— 2-3pm EST— Developing a Construction Team](#): Native Learning Center offers a free webinar on Developing a construction team. This course examines the questions: what is construction management and why is a construction management team needed and who should be on this team? The course objectives are to help identify the project, identify essential staff and team meeting schedule, develop timelines for your project; discuss phases of construction, review Inspections and project completion, and understand the warranty. For more information, [click here](#); to register, [click here](#).

NEW! [February 20, 2014 - 1-2pm CST—Deconstruction Waste Management Webinar, Part One of Three](#): This three part webinar series is brought to you by [WasteCap Resource Solutions](#) and [The ReUse People of America](#). They will provide an overview of Deconstruction, its advantages, specification of what materials can be salvage, and tools to assess a project to its suitability for deconstruction. To register, [click here](#).

NEW! [March 13, 2014— 2-3pm EST— Identifying Funding Resources](#): Native Learning Center offers a free webinar on identifying funding resources. The course objectives are to identify the funding agencies that will meet the project's needs, understand the regulations of funding agencies, discuss blending your resources to fund your project, and determine if collaboration is ideal. For more information, [click here](#); to register, [click here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

March 17-20, 2014, Las Vegas, NV- National Reservation Economic Summit: The 28th Annual National Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas will feature respected Tribal leaders, state, and local elected officials and top CEO's, networking, teaming opportunities, business development sessions, American Indian Procurement opportunities and much more. [Click here for more information.](#)

March 24–28, 2014, Denver, CO- Dept. of Energy's 2013 Tribal Energy Program Review: Recognizing Tribes' increasing interest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, this annual Program Review is a gathering that enables Tribes to meet and learn from other Tribes that are pursuing energy sufficiency through efficiency and/or renewable energy projects, and to share in each other's successes. This unique forum provides an excellent overview of the wide range of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects under way in Indian Country, and includes an overview of the Tribal Energy Program and a series of presentations by Tribes exploring or deploying weatherization, energy efficiency, and renewable energy technologies across the nation. Attendees will also learn about our internship program and hear directly from young and inspiring Native American students. Originally scheduled for November 18–22, 2013, this event has been postponed until March 24–28, 2014 in Denver, Colorado. For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! March 27, 2014 - 1-2pm CST—Deconstruction Waste Management Webinar, Part Two of Three: This three part webinar series is brought to you by [WasteCap Resource Solutions](#) and [The ReUse People of America](#). They will provide an overview of Deconstruction, its advantages, specification of what materials can be salvaged, and tools to assess a project to its suitability for deconstruction. To register, [click here.](#)

April 1 – 3, 2014, Green Bay, WI- Training for Building Sustainable Communities in Indian Country: This three day conference will provide Tribal communities with the tools to develop economic opportunities, sustainable community infrastructures, alternative energy sources, and provide essential building blocks to create safer communities. Participants will join critical sessions related to Tribal housing programs and to HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program. Topics include NAHASDA related courses, youth and elder opportunities, and crime prevention. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay. For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

April 2-3, 2014, Tucson, AZ– Tribal Constitutions: Rebuilding Native Governments: Offered by the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy and the University of Arizona, this course is designed to assist Native nation leaders & key decision-makers in developing the governance tools needed to achieve their nations' strategic goals. Leaders & governance experts will share information & lessons that learned from constitutional reform on topics such as: (1) Key Things a Constitution Should Address; (2) The Process of Constitutional Reform: The Challenge of Citizen Engagement; and (3) The Legal Process of Constitutional Reform. [Click here for the agenda.](#) [Click here for registration information.](#)

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NEW! [April 14-15, Freeport, ME– Organics Management in Urban & Rural Areas](#): Northeast Recycling Council will hold its Spring Workshop, Organics Management in Urban & Rural Areas, on April 15 - 16, 2014 in Freeport, Maine. The Workshop will combine technical sessions with practical strategies for successfully operating an organics management program, i.e., case studies on siting and permitting, storm water management, and pile management and odor control, as well as hands-on activities designed to solve common problems at organics facilities. Also included in the agenda is a Q&A session with organics experts. The Workshop is intended for new organics management companies, municipal facility operators, regulators, consultants, and others interested in or implementing an organics management program. The [Agenda](#) and [Registration](#) are now available.

[April 14-17, 2014, Green Bay, WI- Food Sovereignty Summit](#): If you are interested in Native food sovereignty, please attend the 2nd Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit. It will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, April 14-17, 2014. It is co-sponsored by First Nations Development Institute, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. [To register, click here.](#)

NEW! [April 24, 2014 - 1-2pm CST—Deconstruction Waste Management Webinar, Part Three of Three](#): This three part webinar series is brought to you by [WasteCap Resource Solutions](#) and [The ReUse People of America](#). They will provide and overview of Deconstruction, its advantages, specification of what materials can be salvaged, and tools to assess a project to its suitability for deconstruction. To register, [click here](#).

NEW! [June 24-26th, 2014, Mystic Lake, MN– Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning](#): This free training session from the National Indian Justice Center will focus on Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning, specifically the elements of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWM Plan), Federal requirements associated with ISWM Plans, and case studies to build practical skills in ISWM Plan development. Workshop includes walking participants through the development and/or updating of components of ISWM Plans, using the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network ISWM Plan template as a guide. Recommend bringing your current ISWM Plan or the data/research materials for creation of your plan. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)

NEW! [May 28-30, Nashville, TN- 2014 HUD National Healthy Homes Conference](#): The nation's leading interdisciplinary event brings together health, housing and other professionals dedicated to improving the lives and homes of America's families and communities. This national conference brings you leaders from the forefront of the healthy homes industry and offers the opportunity to learn from professionals, stakeholders, and leading experts that are guiding the nation toward healthier homes and communities with more than 130 sessions in six dynamic tracks. For information and to register, [click here](#).

NEW! [June 3-5, Hollywood, FL- NLC's 6th Annual Summer Conference](#). National Learning Center presents [Promoting Strong & Safe Tribal Communities](#). NLC partners with the U.S. Dept of HUD to offers Tuition FREE courses and trainings to Native Americans and Indigenous people with an emphasis on the educational needs of Tribal members and their communities. For more information, [click here](#).

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NEW! [August 18-22, Catoosa, OK- NLC's Indian Housing Training Conference](#): Save the Date. More info will be available soon at the [Native Learning Center website](#).

[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**

NEW! [Free Online Permaculture Design Course](#): The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. 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**

[North Carolina Center for Environmental Farming Systems Apprenticeships](#)- Apprenticeships provide new economic opportunities in rural and urban communities, develop technologies that promote a cleaner and healthier environment, educate the next generation of farmers, consumers, and scientists, and engage all citizens in the food system. [Click here for applications](#).

[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.

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[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.**

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NEW! BIA Division of Energy and Mineral Development Tribal Economic and Mineral Resources Development

Grants: This program provides financial assistance to Tribes and Indian allottees in evaluating their energy (conventional and renewable), and mineral resource potential on their lands. In turn, this provides Tribes and allottees with the information they need to promote their lands, negotiate the best agreements with partners or investors, and eventually develop their resources. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline, February 18, 2014.**

NEW! Recycling Bin Grant: The Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin Grant Program supports recycling in communities and on college and university campuses by providing bins to selected grant recipients for the collection of beverage container recyclables. Grants will be provided to a limited number of applicants who can demonstrate how their proposals will lead to sustainable recycling opportunities. Tribes and Tribal Colleges are eligible. There are two types of grants: [Public Space Bin Grants](#) and [Collegiate Bin Grants](#). For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 3, 2014.**

NEW! Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants: The [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) offers grants designed to inspire innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Enhancement Grants are competitive grants available to support activities that advance library operations to new and better levels of service. Indian Tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations are eligible. For more info, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 3, 2014.**

NEW! Mobilization for Health: National Prevention Partnership Awards Program: This U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services program is designed to establish integrated, collaborative partnerships to increase community awareness & action on preventive health services, particularly those provided through health promotion programs & services. American Indian/Alaska Native/Native American Tribes & organizations and State & local health departments are eligible. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 3rd, 2014.**

NEW! Planning & Development Infrastructure to Improve the Mental Health & Wellness of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives Communities: This U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services program provides Tribal communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based, coordinated system of care approach to support mental health and wellness for children, youth, and families. These grants are intended to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving American Indian and Alaskan Native communities. Federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Urban Indian Organizations are eligible. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 7, 2014.**

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NEW! [EDA Economic Development Assistance Programs Federal Funding](#): Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. [EDA](#) is soliciting applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include environmentally sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities. Federally recognized Native American Tribal governments are eligible. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 14, 2014.**

NEW! [EDA Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership](#): The Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) is a new government-wide initiative that will help communities cultivate an environment for businesses to create well-paying manufacturing jobs in regions across the country and thereby accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing. The IMCP is designed to reward communities that demonstrate best practices in attracting and expanding manufacturing by bringing together key local stakeholders and using long-term planning that integrates targeted investments across a community's industrial ecosystem to create broad-based prosperity. FY 2014 competition to designate up to 12 communities as manufacturing communities. Eligible applicants include Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes. For more information, [click here](#). Read the Federal Register announcement [here](#). **Deadline: March 14, 2014.**

NEW! [VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grants](#): The SSVF program is designed to assist very low-income Veteran families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The program employs a housing first model, an approach which centers on providing homeless Veterans with permanent housing quickly and then providing VA health care, benefits and services as needed. Grantees will also provide families with outreach, case management, and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 14, 2014.**

NEW! [HHS Planning Grants for Expansion of Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children & Families](#): The purpose of this U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services program is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving, expanding and sustaining services provided through a system of care approach for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances & their families. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate the ability to engage in planning activities that reflect the greatest geographic area (i.e., statewide, territory-wide, & Tribal). For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 19, 2014.**

Department of Justice [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#) NOFA: The U.S. Department of Justice is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in Tribal communities. This solicitation provides federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia an opportunity to develop a comprehensive and coordinated

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approach to public safety and victimization issues and to apply for funding. DOJ's existing Tribal government-specific programs are included in, and available through, this single [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#). **Deadline: March 24, 2014.**

[FTA Notice of Funding Projects in Response to Hurricane Sandy](#): The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$3 billion in funds under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 for States, local governmental authorities, Tribal governments, and other FTA recipients impacted by Hurricane Sandy, which affected mid-Atlantic and northeastern states in October 2012. For the full NOFA, [click here](#). **Deadline: March 28th, 2014.**

[EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs Grants](#): The Economic Development Administration (EDA) supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States by fostering job creation and attracting private investment. Specifically, under the Economic Development Assistance programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. **Deadline: Multiple funding cycles, [see announcement](#).**

[Department of Energy Tribal Funding Resource Database](#): The site lists information on grants and funding opportunities for Tribal energy projects from the DOE and other federal government programs. For more information, [click here](#).

[Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiencies \(DSIRE\)](#): This is the most comprehensive source of information on incentives and policies that support renewables and energy efficiency. For more information, [click here](#).

[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

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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**

DOI Indian Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program: The DOI's Division of Capital Investment manages the Indian Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program which breaks through the conventional barriers to financing for Tribes and individual Tribal members. The loan program helps facilitate loan financing with reasonable interest rates to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Eligible applicants include:

- An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group
- Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives
- A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group.

For more information, call 202-219-0740 or [click here](#). **Deadline: OPEN**

USDA Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants: These grants assist rural communities that have experienced a significant decline in the quality or quantity of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent. For more information, [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 or to schedule 184 Training, contact EWONAP Native American Program Specialist, Brian Gillen, at Brian.Gillen@hud.gov or 312.913.8626. To visit the Section 184 website, [click here](#).

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| HUD ONAP Code Talk 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 |
| 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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