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HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

The **Eastern Woodlands Office** (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$6 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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

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INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

President Obama and the First Lady visited Standing Rock Reservation in Cannonball, ND on June 13, 2014. In his speech, Obama focused on his commitment to strengthening economic opportunities for Tribes and improving education for Tribal Youth. He also mentioned HUD's 2014 Indian Community Development Block which includes additional funding for mold remediation and prevention programs. To read the full NOFA, [click here](#).



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS AND EVENTS, CONTINUED

At the 40th [National American Indian Housing Council](#) Annual convention, **Sami Jo Difuntorum** was elected as the new Chairwoman of the NAIHC. Chairwoman Difuntorum is a member of the Kwekakee Shasta and is the Executive Director of the Siletz Tribal Housing Department and will lead the organization for the next two years. Chairwoman Difuntorum stated, "It is a tremendous honor to be elected as Chairwoman... I look forward to the upcoming months as a strategic plan is developed in conjunction with the board and staff, developing a framework of our unified vision. It is inspiring to work with such dedicated professionals. Many thanks to Cheryl Causley for her many years of service."



Sami Jo Difuntorum, new NAIHC Chair

Inter-agency Infrastructure Task Force to Improve Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in Indian Country:

The lack of access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in Indian Country continues to threaten the public health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. To improve access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in Indian Country, a Task Force was formed including partners from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD), the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Department of Health and Human Services through the Indian Health Service (IHS), the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the US Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs - BIA).

For the past 10 years, this Task Force has been committed to federal coordination in delivering water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure and solid waste management services to Tribal communities. The Task Force continues to improve access to funding and reduce administrative burden for Tribal communities through the review and streamlining of agency policies, regulations, and directives as well as improved coordination of technical assistance to water service providers and solid waste managers through regular coordination meetings and web-based tools. The HUD representative is ONAP National Grants Evaluation Director, Jennifer Bullough. **For more information on their achievements and available resources for Tribes, [click here.](#)**

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Photo (left to right): William Anderson, FAICP President of APA; Carol Gore, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Housing Authority; Tyler Robinson, AICP Senior Manager, Development Finance Cook Inlet Housing Authority; Ed Jennings, Regional Administrator, Region IV, US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Ann C. Bagley, FAICP Director at large APA.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority Wins Prestigious HUD Secretary's

Opportunity and Empowerment Award:

The annual [HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award](#) was presented to the Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA) on April, 29th, 2014. "The remarkable turna-

round of Mountain View Village is an outstanding example of how innovative thinking and the power of partnerships can transform communities," said

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "The Cook Inlet Housing Authority reminds

us that a great vision and a lot of elbow grease can work miracles." In 2002,

Mountain View was home to the largest Alaskan Native population in the

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state. “We wanted to become a catalyst for the kind of change that would empower our people and build our community.” With community partners, CIHA launched the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. “Today, Mountain View is one of the fastest growing areas in Anchorage, thanks in part to the \$84 million CIHA invested. Through CIHA’s efforts, 130 blighted buildings were demolished, making way for 277 new, affordable homes, including 51 single-family houses. Today, household incomes in Mountain View are up more than seven percent and more people are choosing to make this neighborhood their permanent home. “The outcomes are beyond what we could ever hope,” said Gore. “We see measurable outcomes in education, economic investment, reduction in crime, and community gardens, and real engagement from residents who now care about their neighborhood.” [Watch the story behind the transformation of the Mountain View Village neighborhood.](#)

2014 ICDBG NOFA has been posted to Grants.gov: Program Guidance to include webcasts will be announced soon. The FY 2014 appropriation for the ICDBG program is \$70,000,000, less up to \$3,960,000, retained to fund Imminent Threat grants, for a total of \$66,040,000. Of the amount Single Purpose grants, \$10,000,000 is available for grants for mold remediation and prevention in tribally owned or operated housing. **The grant ceiling for Eastern Woodlands region Tribes is \$600,000.** The grant ceiling for imminent threat requests for FY2014 is \$450,000 (\$900,000 for Presidentially-declared disasters). The **deadline is July 29th 2014.** Contact your HUD ONAP Grants Management Specialist for more info. To read the full NOFA, [click here.](#)

The allocations for FY2014 for ICDBG Category One grants are as follows:

Eastern Woodlands: \$4,441,622
 Southern Plains: \$13,343,479
 Northern Plains: \$8,580,551
 Southwest: \$19,867,953
 Northwest: \$3,029,710
Alaska: \$6,955,906
Total: \$56,219,222

Recent HUD Public and Indian Housing ONAP Program Notices:

Notice 2014-15 - Administrative and Planning Expenses in the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program. This Notice provides specific guidance on administrative and planning expense requirements for recipients of IHBG funds. The regulatory requirements on IHBG administrative and planning expenses (24 CFR §§1000.236, 1000.238) changed on January 3, 2013. The regulation now identifies what percentage of the recipient’s annual grant allocation or expenditures may be used for such purposes without prior HUD approval. This Notice replaces Notice PIH 2002-29. [To read the notice, click here.](#)

Notice 2014-16 - Total Development Costs (TDC) for Affordable Housing under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). The purpose of this Notice is to extend the program requirements of PIH Notice 2013-05 dated January 30, 2013, and transmit the updated schedule for the maximum amount of funds that may be used for affordable housing under NAHASDA. To read the notice, [click here.](#) For a list of Total Development Costs by state and Tribal area, [click here.](#)

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS



The Poarch Band of Creek Indians elected Stephanie A. Bryan Chair of the Tribe on June 7, 2014 She is the first woman to serve in the position. "Words cannot express how honored I feel to be the first woman elected as the Tribal Chair for the Poarch Creek Indians," [Bryan said in a press release](#). "I'm ecstatic to be embarking upon this new journey on behalf of my people." Bryan will be sworn in on June 19, 2014 and succeeds Buford Rolin, who is retiring after eight years as chair.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Honors Tribal Housing Advocate, Alice May Lopez

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is raising money to erect a bronze statue in memory Alice May Lopez who passed on in 2011. Lopez was the Director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Housing Department since its inception in 2003.

"Alice Lopez represented the very best of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe," said Chairman Cedric Cromwell. "Alice's commitment to her family and her Tribe was unwavering, and her passing leaves a tremendous void in our hearts." 'If a person has two blankets, they have one too many' is an old Native American philosophy that guided the sensibility and generosity of Alice May Lopez, a beloved member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and a tireless advocate for the poor and homeless.

The statue will be placed in the Tribe's new [Community Center](#) that opened this April. Carol Lopez, Alice's mother, is leading the memorial fund raising campaign. For more information, call Carol Lopez at 508.505.6693 or email Brenda Fernandez at BFernandez@MWtribe.com.



The [Alice May Lopez Award for Advocacy and Volunteerism](#) was created by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to annually recognize a Tribal member who advocates and or volunteers on behalf of a fellow Tribal member and or the Tribal community at large.

Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program Lifts Moratorium on Refinancing: The loan guarantee fee on Section 184 loans increased by half a percent to 1.5%. **The moratorium on refinancing has been lifted.** ONAP's Office of Loan Guarantee is accepting applications to refinance existing mortgages on fee simple and Tribal trust lands.

Tribes can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Refinancing now available on fee simple and trust lands
- Low down payment
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%) and no PMI
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For more information on Section 184 financing for individual borrowers or for Tribal Development, contact Rebecca Halloran at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8027. To visit the Section 184 website, [click here](#).



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

Let ONAP Help!

Free Technical Assistance

HUD ONAP OFFERS
FREE SPECIALIZED TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE
GRANTEES

How Does It Work?

EWONAP Staff or consultants will develop materials tailored to meet your individual needs.

We can work one-on-one or train in small groups.

Training and Technical Assistance can be done remotely or on-site.

Training and TA available on:

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
ICDBG NOFA Training	July 1 and 2, Chicago, IL	Join the Eastern Woodlands ONAP staff at the Chicago HUD Office for 2014 ICDBG NOFA training. To RSVP, email Mary White at Mary.White@HUD.gov .
Board of Directors Training: Accountability and Building Capacity (HUD/ONAP)	July 8-9 Atlanta, GA	Understanding the roles/responsibilities of the Board of Directors is imperative to the success of your organization. This 2-day session gives attendees an overview of what is entrusted & expected of the Board of Directors and discusses the development of capacity building, SWOT Analysis, Logic Models and much more. Topics include: Responsibilities of the Board of Directors, Basic Obligations, Qualities of Effective Members, Structure and Operation, Effective Meetings, Building & Maintaining the Infrastructure and Capacity Building. For more information and to register, click here .
Federal Procurement (HUD/ONAP)	July 9-10 Oklahoma City, OK	HUD offers this FREE two (2) day training workshop providing attendees with a comprehensive overview of Federal Procurement rules and regulations. For more information and to register, click here .
Grant Writing (NIJC)	July 9-11 Reno, NV	Grant Writing - Proposal Writing for Tribal Personnel: This training session provides participants with in-depth instruction on grant writing for Tribal programs. It will examine various grant sources for Tribal communities and present methods for writing successful applications. We will learn how to search for and target federal, state, and private grants and discuss electronic application procedures. We will develop major sections of a grant proposal and consider how each of them would be reviewed. All attendees will receive a comprehensive training manual and a certificate of achievement. For more information and to register, click here .
Tribal Constitutions, Codes & Federal Limitations (NIJC)	July 9-11 Reno, NV	This session examines model codes on subjects, in both criminal and civil jurisdiction, to provide Tribal leaders, judges, attorneys and staff responsible for drafting Tribal laws with the tools to increase their equality of self-governance, enhance the efficient operation of Tribal government and assure Tribal members that their Tribal government is responsive and fair. Participants will receive a comprehensive training manual and a certificate of achievement. For more information and to register, click here .
Useful Life and Binding Commitments Training (HUD/ONAP)	July 10 Atlanta, GA	Training will explore the purpose of the regulation, review reporting requirements, and detail the types of properties and assistance that must comply with the Useful Life provisions. Topics include: Affordability Period, Types of Properties & Assistance Covered, Record of Use Restrictions, Acceptable Binding Commitments, Recipient Guidance provided by HUD's ONAP. For more information and to register, click here .
How to Write Policies & Procedures	July 15 Oklahoma City, OK	Internal controls in the form of Policies and Procedures should reflect an organization's vision, mission, and priorities, as well as its boundaries and limitations. This session provides an overview of how to develop the most effective way to: Create policies and procedures; Write clear, concise and accurate policies that fit the organization, Design manuals for readability, Discuss policy and procedure planning and implementation challenges. To register, click here .
NAHASDA Essentials	July 21-23, Reno, NV	Training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance & Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with all program activities including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the HBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information

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NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	July 29-31 Sacramento, CA and August 1-2, Ukiah, CA	This three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance & Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here .
Veterans Training Summit (US Dept of Veterans Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations)	August 7-8, Spirit Lake, ND	Topics Include: Vocational Rehabilitation/Compensation & Pension, Native American Direct Home Loan Program (NADL); Homelessness Programs/Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) Grant, VHA/IHS/Tribal Health Reimbursement Program, Veteran Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Nagi Kikcho Pi, Women Veterans, Listening Session With Senior VA Leaders, Veterans Burial, Tele-health in Indian Country. For more information, or to register, contact Peter Vicaire at: Peter.Vicaire@va.gov or 651-405-5676
Tribal Court Trial Skills College	Aug. 11-13 Tempe, AZ	Native Nations Institution will host its bi-annual, three-day Tribal Court Trial Skills College. The Skills College is geared toward lay and law-trained Tribal attorneys and judges, to assist them on improving their trial skills. The Trial Skills College will include lectures and simulations in the areas of opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, jury selection and instructions and closing arguments. Participants will also receive individual feedback and evaluations on their skills from workshop judges. Click here to learn more about the Trial Skills College. For more information, contact Kathy Tevis at Kathy.Tevis@asu.edu or call Jen Williams at 480-727-0420.
Occupancy & Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 12-14 Sacramento, CA	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. To register, click here .
Financial Management (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 13-15, Cedar City, UT	This course covers those administrative requirements that pertain to the use of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds distributed to tribes and tribal housing programs in accordance with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Students will discuss the skills required to perform the responsibilities related to sound financial management and the methods for complying with 24 CFR Part 85, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87, and A-133 - all of which govern tribal housing finances. To Register, click here .
Grant Writing Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 13, Oklahoma City, OK	This course will give you guidance in making your proposal standout as well as several keys to writing a successful grant. After this course, you will be able to: Effectively communicate problems and solutions to funders, Define measurable and realistic program outcomes, Establish your organization's credibility and capacity, Avoid common pitfalls. Training is designed for Board of Directors for Indian Housing Authorities (IHA), Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE), Tribal Leadership & Tribal non-profits. To register, click here .

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NLC's Indian Housing Training Conference	Aug. 19-22, Catoosa, OK	Native Learning Center (NLC) is excited to present our Second Annual Indian Housing Training Conference. The NLC will provide housing professionals with the resources to maintain quality homes, build drug-free housing developments, and create safe and prosperous communities for Native families by expanding affordable housing opportunities into the heart of Indian Country. For more information and to register, click here .
Solid Waste Management (NIJC)	Aug. 19-21, Reno, NV	This course is designed for tribal elected officials, tribal environmental personnel, Solid Waste management personnel, state and federal EPA personnel that are either experienced or inexperienced in integrated solid waste management planning and others interested in increasing the capacity of tribes to develop effective ISWM Plans. In order to make the most of your experience we recommend bringing your current ISWM Plan or the data/research materials you have available for creation of your plan. For more information on what you will need to start developing an ISWM Plan and a draft agenda for the workshop, click here .
Basic Accounting (HUD ONAP)	August 26, Oklahoma City	Basic Accounting Principles is a training session designed to help professionals working with Tribal Housing Departments and Tribally Designated Housing Authorities produce accurate financial records, promote staff accountability, and effectively manage the sustainability of Tribal resources. No previous knowledge of accounting is required and session concepts strengthen the practical application of the following: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; Understanding and Auditing Financial Statements; Working with your Internal and External Accountants. To register, click here .
Self-Monitoring (HUD ONAP)	Aug. 26-27, Reno, NV	This course is designed to assist Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement under the law, it demonstrates a recipient's willingness to be accountable for their performance. Attendees will learn practical ways to conduct monitoring and complete an annual compliance assessment to ensure compliance with NAHASDA's statutory & regulatory requirements. For more information, click here .
Tribal Water Resources Management	Sept 1-Oct. 26 On-line	Northern Arizona University (NAU) & the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) offers applied online professional development training courses: Tribal Water Resources Management is a comprehensive course that has been developed collaboratively with NAU's College of Engineering, Forestry, and Natural Sciences' faculty, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, legal experts and tribal environmental professionals from across the country. This course will cover a variety of tribally-specific management topics ranging in complexity and depth from fundamentals of water quality to quantification of Indian water rights. One key objective for this training is to increase participants' exposure to practical and applied water resource management concepts as well as foundational theories. For more information and to register, click here .
Federal Procurement Fundamentals (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 9-10 Atlanta, GA	FREE Training for Board of Directors for Indian Housing Authorities (IHA), Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE), Tribal Leadership, Tribal housing employees, and Tribal non-profit organizations. A standard procurement process ensures that all goods and services are appropriate and procured at the best possible cost and its relation to quality, quantity, time, and location. Corporations and public bodies often define processes intended to promote fair and open competition for their business while minimizing exposure to fraud and collusion. Topics include: NAHASDA Objectives I-V and Titles V- II, The Indian Housing Block Grant 24 CFR Parts 1000 and 85, Internal Controls, OMB Circular Cost Principles, IHP/APR, Procurement 24 CFR Parts B to H. To register, click here .

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 9-11, Albuquerque, NM	This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the IHBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here .
Occupancy & Maintenance (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 9-11, Bismarck, ND	This interactive course is designed to enhance the job performance of Occupancy and Maintenance staff and other tribal housing professionals. This course will cover 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 bring copies of their own Admissions and Occupancy policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies during this course. To register, click here .
AMERIND Annual Convention	Sept. 16-18 Portland, OR	Our annual conference is a great tool for Tribal leaders and business professionals to gain valuable information to share with their communities. It is an opportunity for professional development and networking. During the conference, we will have trainings that range from fire and workplace safety to business liability and claims fundamentals. This year the conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Portland. We hope that you can join us in September. Register EARLY to save money! For more information, click here .
NAIHC's Leadership Train- ing Expo	Sept. 23-25, Tampa, FL	NAIHC's Leadership Training Expo courses will include: Development and Modernization, Pathways Home, Housing Services and Maintenance Management. For more information and to register, click here .
Reservation Economic Summit (RES) Regional	Oct. 7-9, Milwaukee, WI	Save the Date! More information coming soon.
Tribal Grant Administration and Juvenile Justice & Gang Issues	Oct. 8-10 Las Vegas, NV	Click the links for more information on these trainings: Tribal Grant Administration and Juvenile Justice and Gang Issues .
Self-Monitoring (HUD/ ONAP)	Oct. 14-15, Billings, MT	This course is designed to assist Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement under the law, it demonstrates a recipient's willingness to be accountable for their performance. Attendees will learn practical ways to conduct monitoring and complete an annual compliance assessment to ensure compliance with NAHASDA's statutory & regulatory requirements. For more information, click here .
Sustainable Development Institute	Oct. 15-17, Kenosha, WI	College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute will host a 3-day summit focused on different levels of climate change adaptation training with Tribes. This event will also include opportunities to network between indigenous practitioners, tribal leaders & land managers, federal agencies, and climate change scientists. The information is specific to the northeast region, but is open to all who are interested in the issues of climate change and Tribes. The event is being planned with assistance from the Northern Arizona University's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), Michigan State University (MSU) faculty, and is funded by the Department of Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs Climate Change program and the Northeast Climate Science Center . For more information and to register, click here .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
IHP/APR Training (HUD/ONAP)	Oct.28-29, Sioux Falls, SD	Participants at this training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the newly combined IHP/APR form. In addition to a walk-through of the new automated form, participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. All grantees are encouraged to attend this training. To register, click here .
Financial Management, Program Income and Basic Audit	Oct. 28-30, Phoenix, AZ	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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Registration coming soon .
Construction Management & Contract Administration (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 28-29 Reno, NV	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 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. Attendees will participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. For additional information and to register, click here .
Occupancy & Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 4-6, Albuquerque, NM	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. To register, click here .
Native Asset Building	November St. Paul, MN	Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming ONAP Native Asset Building conference planned for November 2014 in St. Paul, MN.
Executive Director Refresher Course	Nov 18-19 Salt Lake City, UT	Save the date! More details to come soon. Check the NAIHC website for registration information and course summary.

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Oklahoma City, OK	This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here .
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. Registration coming soon .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Jan. 13-14, 2015 Billings, MT	Save the date! Title VI/Loan Leveraging. To check for registration details, click here .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Feb. 10-11, 2015 Phoenix, AZ	Save the date! Title VI/Loan Leveraging. To check for registration details, click here .

For information about [NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training](#), [click here](#).

For information about [NAIHC's HUD ONAP Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information about [FirstPic's HUD ONAP Training](#), [click here](#).

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

[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. 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**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities: The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool: US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

HUD's Office of Environment and Energy offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance: This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

HUDUSER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. 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](#).

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](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants:	July 7	The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program is specifically designed to assist rural communities in acquiring distance learning and telemedical technologies so that local teachers and medical service providers who serve rural residents can establish interactive video conferencing links to teachers, medical professionals, and other needed expertise located at distances too far to access otherwise. This video connection links the rural students, rural patients, and rural residents needing various services directly to the source of services needed in their communities, with the local service providers as intermediaries and beneficiaries. To read the NOFA, click here . For application instructions, click here . For more information on the grant program, click here .
Tribal Community Wellness Centers: Serving Crime Victims' Needs (DOJ)	July 15	The DOJ Office for Victims of Crime will make up to three awards of up to \$660,000 each to Tribes or Tribal nonprofit organizations to develop & implement a victim-centered Community Wellness framework. Community Wellness Centers will offer, coordinate, or foster access to a continuum of resources & services that promote victim and community wellness, including a full range of intervention, treatment, health & wellness, prevention, educational & economic development, and cultural resources for the community. For more information, click here .
HUD ICDBG	July 29	The purpose of the HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4. to read the full NOFA, click here .
Rural Energy for America Program	July 31	The Rural Energy for America Program provides grants and loan guarantees (match required) to eligible applicants for energy efficiency improvements like changing out inefficient equipment for more efficient equipment such as heat pumps, irrigation and well pumps, HVAC, insulation, roofing and renewable energy systems (wind, solar, anaerobic digesters, geothermal, etc.). Funding is provided only for business/commercial uses. Eligible applicants include agricultural producers (farmers & ranchers) and rural small businesses. Section 17 corporations and those similarly structured, and certain electric cooperatives are also eligible. The Notice of Funds Availability is expected to be published soon. More at www.usda.gov
Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities	August 1	The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces the availability of up to \$7 million in Fiscal Year 2014 for competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. The grant funds may be used to acquire, construct, or improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities with average annual residential expenditure for home energy exceeding 275 percent of the national average. On-grid and off-grid renewable energy projects and implementation of energy efficiency, and energy conservation projects are also eligible. To read the full NOFA, click here .
Native land Acquisition (Indian Land Tenure Foundation)	Aug 4	Grants of up to \$100,000 to help Native Tribes reacquire alienated federal lands and ensure that Indian people have, at minimum, access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. Applicants are encouraged to send Letters of Inquiry (due August 4 th) before submitting a complete proposal. For more information, click here .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

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Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants	Aug 12	Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants will support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term; 2. People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents’ health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and 3. Neighborhood: Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. To read the full NOFA, click here .
Home Depot Foundation Grants for Veterans Housing	Aug 15	Grants of up to \$5,000 in the form of Home Depot gift cards will be awarded to volunteer-driven projects designed to help veterans stay in their homes comfortably. Community Impact grants support a range of activities, including repairs, refurbishments, & modifications to low-income &/or transitional veteran's housing or community facilities; weatherizing & efforts to increase the energy efficiency of low-income &/or transitional veterans' housing or community facilities; & planting trees or community gardens &/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans. Grants must support work completed by local volunteers in U.S. communities & must specifically benefit veterans. For more information, click here .
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	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. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. Up to \$150,000 for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. Up to \$500,000 for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more details, click here .
Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program	Open	Grants are available for the development and operation of Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in Indian country. 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. Tribal Coalition nonprofit organizations have accomplished this through technical assistance, expanding the capacity of the Tribal coalitions, developing or enhancing appropriate standards for Tribal governments, Tribal nonprofits organizations, Tribal organizations, victim services and victim service providers to increase the understanding of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. For more information, click here .
HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program	Open	The Title VI loan guarantee assists Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) 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. For more information on Title VI Program, contact EWONAP Administrator Advisor, Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8027. To visit the Title VI website, click here .

USEFUL LINKS

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