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

The [Eastern Woodlands Office](#) (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

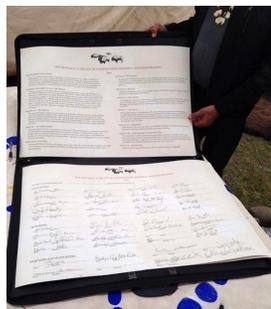


Administrator, Mark Butterfield

Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings from Chicago. It is a beautiful day here today. The air is crisp and cool but it is sunny and expected to be comfortable. I hope we have a long and pleasant Indian summer. As I drive back to Wisconsin each weekend, I see the fall colors changing and the wild rice ready for harvest. It is a great time of year but also a time of transition, which we are doing here at the EWONAP office. October 1, began the new Federal fiscal year with new requirements such as eLOCCS. All grantees should register for eLOCCS to ensure that funding will be accessible before the conversion occurs. More information on eLOCCS can be found in this bulletin. Any questions regarding the process can be directed to your Grants Management Specialist (GMS). [Click here](#) for a list of assigned GMS contact information.

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS



Tribes and First Nations Sign Historic Treaty To Protect Bison- A dozen Tribes and First Nations in the U.S. and Canada signed a historic treaty on September 24th, 2014 to protect and restore bison to their territories. The Buffalo Treaty was signed on the Blackfeet Nation in Montana. Tribal leaders said they wanted to stress the importance of bison in their respective cultures. The Tribes control about 6 million acres across the Northern Plains and will work together to reintroduce bison to their lands. For more information, [click here](#).

PROMISE ZONE INITIATIVE: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro joined U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Dept. of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, and Education Secretary Arne Duncan to announce a competition to designate a new round of Promise Zones. The Promise Zones initiative seeks to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape. **Application deadline:** November 21, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. EST via www.Max.gov. For a Fact Sheet, [click here](#). Questions can be directed to Promisezones@hud.gov.

HUD LAUNCHES \$1 BILLION NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION *Announces Partnership with Rockefeller Foundation*: The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development launched a \$1 billion National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC). The NDRC makes \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. The competition promotes risk assessment and planning and will fund the implementation of innovative resilience projects to better prepare communities for future storms and other extreme events. Funding for the competition is from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) appropriation provided by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (PL 113-2). This competition responds to requests from state, local, and Tribal leaders who have asked the federal government to help them prepare their communities for the impacts of climate change & support investments in more resilient infrastructure. For a list of eligible applicants, [click here](#). The National Disaster Resilience Competition is a year-long competition structured in two phases: (1) the framing phase and (2) the implementation phase. Phase 1 applications are due in March 2015. Successful applicants in Phase 1 will be invited to participate in Phase 2. The best proposals from Phase 2 will receive funds for implementation and will demonstrate how communities across the country can build a more resilient future. For the program fact sheet, [click here](#). **Tribes will need to apply through their state.**

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS HR 3043, TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION ACT IS NOW FEDERAL LAW: The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act gives greater clarity and permanence to tribal government general welfare programs. The Act firmly supports tribal self-determination and sovereignty by granting flexibility for tribal leaders to determine appropriate programs and services to their citizens and also requires ambiguities in the statute to be resolved in favor of Indian tribes. Importantly, the Act builds upon the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Revenue Procedure [[Rev. Proc. 2014-35](#)] issued in June 2014. This clarifies what benefits should not be considered as part of gross income for Tribal members. To read the full regulation, [click here](#).

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

[ELOCCS Conversion](#)- If you have not set up your entity's eLOCCS account, please do so promptly to avoid any access restrictions to your funds. More than half of EW region Tribes have not converted. HUD is planning on retiring the Line of Credit Control Voice Response System (LOCCS-VRS). HUD's Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) is currently transitioning all LOCCS VRS users to eLOCCS, which is the Internet version of LOCCS under the Real Estate Assessment Center's (REAC) Secure Systems. Therefore, all LOCCS users must use eLOCCS. Contact your Grants Management Specialist with any questions. **Please note:** All ONAP recipients must have a Coordinator **and** at least one user registered. If your entity does not have the staff to support 2 eLOCCS users, please notify your Grants Management Specialist immediately. To read the eLOCCS ONAP Program Guidance, [click here](#).

To read step by step instructions on how to register for eLOCCS, [click here](#). An eLOCCS Registration Guide is also available, [click here](#). **Please note: ONAP recipients must register as 'Multifamily Housing'**. Once you are registered, an eLOCCS Getting Started Guide is available to help you use the new system. For the guide, [click here](#).

[ONAP Program Guidances 2014](#)

[2014-12](#): Consolidation of OMB Circulars

[2014-11](#): Guidance for the Word and Excel Versions of the Indian Housing Plan/Annual Performance Report. [Attachment](#)

[2014-10\(R\)](#): Reserve Accounts for Administration and Planning

[2014-09\(R\)](#): Useful Life and Binding Commitments

[2014-08\(R\)](#): The Voice Response System (VRS) of the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) is being replaced by the Electronic Line of Credit System (eLOCCS) throughout Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

[2014-07](#): Federal Financial Report - Standard Form 425 Instructions and Guidance for IHBG Program

[2014-06](#): Fiscal Year 2014 Notice of Funding Availability for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

[2014-04](#): Federal Financial Report - Standard Form 425 Instructions and Guidance for IHBG Program

[2014-03](#): Insurance Requirements

[2014-02](#): Preparing to Submit Grant Applications

[2014-01](#): Income Limits

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS



New Staff Member- On September 22, 2014, Genti White joined the EWONAP team as a Grants Evaluation Specialist (GES). She is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and a licensed attorney in the state of Illinois. In addition to her JD degree, she pursued a Master of Laws in Business and Corporate Governance as well as a Master of Laws in Real Estate. Additionally, she completed an MBA in General Management. Throughout her undergraduate and legal education Genti worked as an intern at EWONAP. More recently, Ms. White has worked as contract attorney assisting firms with discovery in a variety of litigation cases. After her training is complete, she will be assigned as a GES to regional Tribes.

EWONAP Section 184 Program Performance- In FY 2014, The Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program guaranteed 397 loans worth \$60,399,730 in financing to individual borrowers and Tribes/TDHEs the Eastern Woodlands region. Since the start of the Section 184 program, Eastern Woodlands borrowers have used the program for new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition and development with 3,667 loans worth over half a billion dollars (\$522,352,355) in private capital. To learn how your Tribal members or Tribe/TDHE can use the Section 184 Program, contact Rebecca Halloran at 312.913.8027 or Rebecca.l.halloran@hud.gov.



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

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FREE SPECIALIZED TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE
GRANTEES**

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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:

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- 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
Reservation Economic Summit (RES) and Trade Show	Oct. 7-9 Milwaukee, WI	The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (National Center) hosts its 5th regional Reservation Economic Summit (RES). RES brings together tribal leaders, elected officials, CEOs, established or aspiring Native American business owners, and others to learn, collaborate & network in an innovative and motivational atmosphere. In addition to business development seminars/sessions, RES Wisconsin will feature a Native American business trade show designed to create & expand business opportunities for Native Americans and their businesses. For more visit www.ncaied.org .
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 .
Novogradac Affordable Housing Conference	Oct. 9-10, San Francisco, CA	NEW! Join the Novogradac Affordable Housing Conference this fall to discuss the ways affordable housing professionals can use the low-income housing tax credit and other tools to maximize the availability of affordable rental housing in communities across the nation. Click here to Register now.
2014 Indian Health Service Budget Summit	Oct. 13-14 Washington, DC	The 2014 IHS Budget Summit will engage Tribal leaders, technical advisors, academic experts, and Federal government representatives in strategic discussions about current and future budget and appropriations for Indian Health Service. Throughout the two-day meeting, participants will discuss topics including: budget formulation process, current budget climate, budget priorities, and future recommendations for budget development. For more information, click here .
Ute Tribe Energy Conference & Expo	Oct. 14-15 Denver, CO	Multi-Agency Service Center: Indian Country has experienced an unprecedented increase in oil and gas activity due to new technological advances such as horizontal drilling and multi-stage fracking. This has created an unmatched demand on federal agencies, particularly the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), BLM, and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). To address these issues, the Indian Energy and Mineral Steering Committee (IEMSC) formed a subcommittee to address the efficacy of a Service Center and how it could be implemented. A service center would provide expertise across a broad spectrum of services and would include personnel from various federal agencies who have a role in oil and gas development in Indian Country. The service center will provide supplemental services to its clients, who are BIA agencies and Regional offices, BLM field offices, and to ONRR. This will be on an as-needs basis. The clients will be the drivers behind the services provided by the service center. To register and read the agenda, click here .
Self-Monitoring (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 14-15, Billings, MT	This course is designed to assist IHBG recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement, 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. For more information, click here .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Tribal Financial Managers Certificate Program	Oct. 14-16 Tempe, AZ	In today's working environment, remaining current on developments affecting Indian Country requires ongoing professional development and learning. NAFOA has partnered with ASU's American Indian Policy Institute (AIPI) to bring you the Tribal Financial Managers Certificate Program . To register, click here .
2014 Opportunity Finance Network Conference	Oct. 14-17 Denver, CO	Join Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) and more than 1,200 CDFI practitioners, funders, investors, and policy makers. This 30th Conference is about our work together in the future informed by our experiences of the past 30 years. Learn from our high quality, practitioner-driven curriculum and the strategic dialogue it inspires. Join our shared effort to align capital with social, economic, and political justice. Lead the way to ensure opportunity. For more information, click here .
Force Account Construction and Labor Relations Training	Oct. 15-16 Odanah, WI	Free Training on Force Account Construction and Labor Relations at the Bad River Housing Authority in Odanah, WI. To register call (715) 682-2271.
Methamphetamine Prevention & Remediation in Tribal Housing	Oct. 15-16 Phoenix, AZ	Housing entities in many Native American communities are struggling to deal with problems associated with the growing methamphetamine (meth) use – from prevention to identification, clean up and remediation of housing, and policy development. This 2-day training will bring together housing authority staff from area tribes for an active discussion of local experiences and challenges, prevention and enforcement strategies, and partnerships; and training in remediation for housing. Please bring your own policies to share. Click To Register .
Sustainable Development Institute	Oct. 15-17, Keshena, 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 .
NCAI Annual Conference & Marketplace	Oct. 26-28, Atlanta, GA	Online registration is now open! Click here to register for the 2014 Annual Convention & Marketplace. For the agenda at a glance, click here . For more information visit our website .
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 .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
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 information and 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 .
Self-Monitoring (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 29-30, Seattle, WA	This course is designed to assist IHBG recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement, 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. For more information, click here .
Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference	Nov. 3-6 San Diego, CA	Join industry leaders & experienced tribal experts to learn more about financing affordable housing and economic development in Indian Country. Learn about the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and New Markets Tax Credit programs and meet tribal leaders who've successfully secured financing for their communities. For more info, 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 .
Environmental Training (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 4-6, Green Bay, WI	This course uses the HUD (24 CFR 58) environmental process that delegates NEPA & other environmental authorities to the Tribes as a framework for providing insights into issue identification and analysis pointed to consideration of alternatives. The textbook with companion DVD will use interactive exercises and simulation. Case oriented exercises will provide participants with a simulated hands-on experience as well as provide opportunities for Q & A and peer-to-peer education. To register, click here .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCE, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Asset Building: A Pathway to Economic Self-Determination II (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 12-13, St. Paul, MN	This 2-day conference provides a forum to exchange ideas about asset building in Indian Country and strategies to support residents as they move on their path toward self-sufficiency. Participants will learn how Tribes across the country are incorporating asset-building into their economic development strategies. Workshops include Financial Education; Credit Counseling; Rental Readiness & Homeownership; Workforce Development; TANF Best Practices; Child Savings Accounts; 18 monies, and more. Presenters represent a broad spectrum of experts: tribal, state, federal, financial, entrepreneurs, national intermediaries & non-profits. To register, click here .
New Trends in Construction (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 18-19, Seattle, WA	This course will highlight new trends in construction that are both energy efficient and cost effective. The course will highlight cost savings that could be achieved with new approaches to design, project management, and occupancy planning during construction. Life cycle cost savings of using green materials vs. conventional, particularly as impacts utility costs will be reviewed. For more information and to register, click here .
Executive Director's Refresher Course (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 18-19, Salt Lake City, UT	NAIHC Executive Directors Refresher Course. To check for registration details, click here .
Environmental Reviews & Lead Base Paint (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 18-20, Albuquerque, NM	Learn the ins and outs of environmental review. This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. As we answer questions common to the environmental review process, tribes and TDHEs will be encouraged to share advice and best practices, to help you avoid common pitfalls. To register, contact Pooja.Patel@icfi.com
Occupancy/Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 20-21, Seattle, WA	Three-day interactive course designed to enhance the job performance of Admissions and Occupancy staff and other tribal housing professionals working on Admissions and Occupancy issues. This course covers 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. To register, click here .
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Oklahoma City, OK	This 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 .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 9-10, Portland, OR	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 .
Environmental Reviews & Lead Base Paint (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 6-8, 2015, Sacramento, CA	Learn the ins and outs of environmental review. This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. As we answer questions common to the environmental review process, tribes and TDHEs will be encouraged to share advice and best practices, to help you avoid common pitfalls. To register, contact Pooja.Patel@icfi.com
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](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)[®] has been updated to improve its value to users while also providing a more secure online environment. Portfolio Manager is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. Visit [PortfolioManager.EnergyStar.Gov](#) for more information, or [click here](#).

[DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country](#): This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

[National Training and Education Resource](#): Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

[IRS's Indian Tribal Governments](#) office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

[Free Online Permaculture Design Course](#): The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

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

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

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

[EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance](#): This guide can be used

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

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](#).



youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. FindYouthInfo.gov was created by the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP), which is composed of representatives from 18 federal agencies that support programs and services focusing on youth. The IWGYP promotes the goal of positive, healthy outcomes for youth in four significant ways:

- **[Create and Support FindYouthInfo.gov](#)** which provides interactive tools and other resources to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan, implement, and participate in effective programs for youth.
- **[Create and Support YE4C.gov](#)**- This site is the home of the IWGYP's online youth engagement efforts. YE4C helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 engage in change on personal, community, and national levels.
- **[Identify and Disseminate Promising and Effective Strategies](#)**- IWGYP identifies strategies, tools, and resources accessible through FindYouthInfo.gov that will help promote effective community-based efforts addressing youth risk and protective factors. The Program Directory, provides visitors with information about such efforts. Communities can determine whether replicating these strategies will meet their needs.
- **[Promote Enhanced Collaboration](#)**- IWGYP identifies and engages key government, private, and nonprofit organizations that can play a role in improving the coordination and effectiveness of programs serving and appealing to youth. These partnerships and collaborations provide mechanisms to obtain feedback on how federal initiatives are translated at the local level; keep organizations informed about federal funding opportunities; and provide the IWGYP with communication mechanisms to reach regional, state, and local programs.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency on Indian Lands	Oct 2	The DOE's Tribal Energy Program is currently seeking applications for funding from Indian Tribes, Tribal energy resource development organizations, and Tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. To read the full NOFA, click here .
National Science Foundation- Documenting Endangered Languages	Oct. 6	This funding partnership between the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. ELIGIBILITY: Universities and colleges, nonprofit organizations, Tribal organizations, and scientists, engineers or educators. To read the full NOFA, click here .
2015 Species Recovery Grants to Tribes- Dept. of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service	Nov. 7	The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) recognizes the unique importance of many protected species to tribes and values ongoing efforts by tribal nations to conserve and protect species under NMFS' jurisdiction. NMFS is authorized to provide Federal assistance to tribes to support conservation programs for marine and anadromous species under its jurisdiction. This assistance, provided in the form of grants, can be used to support conservation of endangered, threatened, and candidate or proposed species, as well as post-delisting monitoring of recovered species. Funded activities may include development and implementation of management plans, scientific research, and public education and outreach; proposals should address priority actions identified in an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Plan or address a NMFS-identified regional priority or need. To read the full NOFA, click here .
Rural Community Development Initiative Grants (USDA)	Nov. 12	Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for but are not limited to (a) training sub-grantees to conduct a program on home-ownership education; (b) training sub-grantees to conduct a program for minority business entrepreneurs; (c) providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to effectively prepare a strategic plan; (d) provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to access alternative funding sources; (e) building organizational capacity through board training; (f) developing training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides to be used by the sub-grantee; (g) providing technical assistance and training on how to develop successful child care facilities; and (h) providing training on effective fundraising techniques. For more information, click here or call 602.280.8745.
Rural Healthcare Services Outreach Grant Program	Nov. 14	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services community-based program targeted to improve outreach and service delivery in local and regional rural communities. Tribal governments and organizations are eligible as long as they are located in a rural area . To read the NOFA, click here .

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Source	Deadline	Details and links
Nike N7 Grant Fund	Nov. 15	Click on the “Apply” option at http://n7fund.com/the-n7-fund-grant-cycle-is-now-open/ to view the online application. For more info., contact N7.Fund@nike.com .
Promise Zone Initiative (HUD, DOT, USDA)	Nov. 21	The Obama Administration invites a new round of eligible applicants to apply for a Promise Zones designation. The Promise Zones initiative seeks to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape. To view the webcast, click here . To read the Fact Sheet, click here . The urban, rural and tribal application guides and the Frequently Asked Questions can be found at: https://www/hud/gov/promisezones . Apply via www.Max.gov .
CDFI and NACA Programs (Treasury Dept.)	Nov. 24	The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) announced the FY 2015 funding round for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program) and Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program). For NACA, \$15 million is available to organizations that serve a wide range of Native Communities and reflect a diversity of institutions in various stages of development – from organizations in the early planning stages of creating a CDFI, to tribal entities working to certify an existing lending program, to established CDFIs in need of further assistance. The CDFI Fund awards both Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance awards under the NACA Program. To read the NOFA, click here .
National Historical Publications and Records Commission	Dec. 4	The National Historical Publications and Records Commission desires to make historical records of national significance to the United States broadly available by disseminating digital surrogates on the Internet. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. Grants are awarded for digitizing documentary source materials and support to undertake more complex work, such as document transcription, tagging, or geo-referencing. Such online editions should provide basic access to collections. Award amounts can range from \$20,000 to \$150,000. Federally and state recognized Tribes are eligible. To read the full NOFA, click here .
Veterans Cemetery Grants, VA	July 1, 2015	This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA’s national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. For the full NOFA, 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. For more information, click here .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES



[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](#).

* 184 loan fees are currently being assessed for possible policy changes.

HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program- The Title VI loan guarantee enables [Indian Housing Block Grant](#) recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG 'Need' funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#).

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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 Nijiji Enterprise Community, Inc.</p> |
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