

EASTERN WOODLANDS OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

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

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

Join the EWONAP Newsletter Listserv to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands ONAP Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Eastern Woodlands Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, and Training.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



As of the writing of this Bulletin the budget for next fiscal year was agreed to through a Continuing Resolution or CR until December 9th. Given that the Appropriations committees of Congress, both House and Senate, did not reconcile their separate HUD funding bills, FY 2017 funding will likely look very much like FY 2016's funding level. This is not definitive by any means but does mean funding will be parceled out in fractions until a full fiscal year bill is agreed to.

We are at the end of a Federal Fiscal year, which means for the majority of tribes in our region in Eastern Woodlands, their IHPs have been submitted and approved. The next batch of TDHE's or Tribes will submit

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their Indian Housing Plans or IHP's October 17, which is 75 days before the end of their fiscal year ending December 31. In addition to getting the approvals needed from the Board of Commissioners, many plans also require the approval of the Tribal council or Legislature. Don't wait to get these, but be sure to plan ahead to get this done on time. A late IHP means no money for the grantee unless they submit a waiver describing why they could not complete the IHP on time through no fault of their own, also in a timely manner. The regulation now offers a waiver but the strict requirements for granting one remain the same.



Keweena Bay Indian Community

Photo Credit: Mario Lindsey

All of these warnings are to save both the grantee and HUD a great deal of trouble. Rest assured that HUD has no desire to deny an application but may have no choice if it is not submitted on time. While submitting an IHP, any TDHE which operates 1937 Act units should be aware that the demolition of a unit after proper assessment is allowed, but should not be undertaken unless and until HUD has not only been notified separately from the IHP but also has granted the permission to do so. The purpose of this is to make sure units are properly assessed so that the TDHE/Tribe may retain the operating subsidy for each 1937 Act unit on the books. The new regulations negotiated with HUD and the Tribes, address how to properly retain the subsidy if the unit is demolished and replaced. The statutory limit for planned demolition and replacement remains at one year, see NAHASDA Section 302(b)(1)(c), but if the regulation passes review, the time limit *might be* extended for another year due to the TDHE/Tribes remote location or other factors pursuant to NAHASDA Section 302(c). This is NOT final, so it is best to err on the side of caution until the rules are finalized and published.

Looking ahead, it is always important to remember that houses alone do not make a community. Good grass roots planning which considers the community holistically makes for a stronger community. HUD gives Tribes the flexibility in NAHASDA to plan for parks, community buildings, playgrounds, water, sewer, roads, sidewalks, lighting, libraries, internet availability, stores, businesses, laundromats, renewable energy and every aspect that contributes to a healthy thriving community. Almost without exception, this is done over time using a combination of funding sources such as IHBG, ICDBG, tax credits, BIA Roads funds, HIP funds, IHS water and sewer funding, Federal Home Loan programs funds, childcare grants, private foundations, etc.

EWONAP would also like to commend all of the Tribes who submitted ICDBG applications. The competition for funding was particularly strong this year with at least one applicant scoring 100 and most of the successful applications in the mid to low 90s. Our GM Division will once again hold an ICDBG Grant Review for successful grantees to go over all that is required in reporting on the grant. The date and time have not been scheduled at the time of the completion of this Bulletin, so call Elton Jones at 312-913-8765 if you have questions about the date of this training.

So until November, enjoy the fall colors.

Best Regards,

[Mark Butterfield](#), Administrator
Eastern Woodlands

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

Aroostook Band of Micmacs Opening Ceremony for the Micmac Wellness Center



EWONAP Administrator Mark Butterfield spoke at the recent grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new Micmac Community Wellness Center in Presque Isle. The 8,192 square foot facility, which was built with HUD ICDBG grant funds and other resources, houses the Tribal Head Start, and the Tribal Youth and Elders Programs and a shared Fitness and Nutrition facility. Each of these programs are currently located in separate 55 plus year-old deteriorating buildings that once served as military housing units. As a result, the previous Head Start building did not meet current regulatory requirements for Head Start facilities, and the youth and elder facilities were not handicapped accessible and had numerous safety deficiencies.

Through the Tribe's strategic planning process, it was determined that the construction of a new Head Start facility, compliant with current health and safety codes, was a priority to house its youth and elder programs. The new facility will serve as a neighborhood focal point for gatherings, group activities, fitness and wellness programs, elder and youth programs, and a home for Little Feathers Head Start for young children. Combining the three programs will integrate these separate, but intimately related services into a single facility, using a cost-effective and efficient approach to providing seamless services for the Tribal members of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.

The new facility also has a sustainable design which meets or exceeds mandatory requirements of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards in all areas. The new building was created in the shape of an eagle, which is symbolic for the Tribe as they believe the Eagle arrives from the east, bringing a vision of rebirth and health to the Micmac Tribal community.

GET TO KNOW THE EWONAP TEAM



Name: Teresa Stewart, Program Assistant

Years of ONAP Service: 14

Years of HUD Service: 30; also worked in Multifamily Housing, Single Family Housing, Fair Housing and Labor Relations.

Current Duties Include: Assisting with APRs, Audits, Monitoring Reviews, and PTD duties. Also serves as the "go-to" person for various office functions.

Recent Project: Participated in a Monitoring Review at the Seneca Nation Housing Authority in Salamanca, NY. Was excited to work with teammates and the Authority to help resolve a challenge.

Best Part of Job: "I'm a people person and I enjoy helping others in my role here. Also, learning about the tribes and their heritage is very interesting; every tribe has something unique about it."

What Inspires Her to Do This Type of Work: "It has always been important for me to show my children that there are all kinds of ways to give back."

Teresa can be contacted at: Teresa.A.Stewart@hud.gov

INDIAN COUNTY NEWS

HUD Awards more than \$56 Million for Housing and Community Development Projects in 77 Tribal Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$56.5 million to 77 Native American communities throughout the country to improve housing conditions and stimulate community development for residents, including funding construction projects and local jobs. The grants are part of HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program, which supports a wide range of community development and affordable housing activities. See a list of award winners, and [read individual project summaries here](#). [Click Here](#) for the full Press Release.

Nearly \$15 Million in New Funding for Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands

During the recent White House Tribal Nations Conference, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy announced a Notice of Intent to issue a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) entitled "Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands" later this year.



Through the planned FOA, the Office of Indian Energy intends to solicit applications from Indian tribes (including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations to:

1. Install clean energy and energy efficiency retrofit projects for tribal buildings; and
2. Deploy clean energy systems on a community scale.

The Office of Indian Energy is authorized to fund and implement a variety of programmatic activities that assist American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy development, capacity building, energy cost reduction, and electrification of Indian lands and homes. Between 2010 and 2016, the Office of Indian Energy co-funded the deployment of 43 tribal energy projects valued at more than \$70 million.

For highlights of how DOE investments have yielded tangible results to help improve quality of life for tribal communities, check out this [infographic](#).

Read more about today's announcement in the [White House fact sheet](#).

Download the [Notice of Intent](#).

First Steps FOA Informational Webinar

The Office of Indian Energy hosted an informational webinar on the First Steps FOA eligibility, application, and cost-share requirements; the selection process; and more. [View the slides and video](#).

CONTACT FOR EWONAP NEWS BULLETIN

Please send your press releases, events, news, and project photos to our Administrator Advisor:
Kimberly McMorris at Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov

Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country!

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

TRAINING/EVENT	WHEN AND WHERE	DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION
Admissions and Occupancy	October 25-27, 2016, Raleigh, North Carolina	DETAILS COMING SOON
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	<p>FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Executive Director Training • Self-Monitoring. • Board of Commissioners Training • Financial Management • Accounting for Grants Management • Construction Management • Development Project Planning and Management • Policies and Procedures Update Workshop <p>Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762</p>

OTHER RESOURCES

Federal Register Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary: Released an article concerning the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA) and new proposed rule on minimum qualifications for appraisers involved in sales of Indian trust property— <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/22/2016-22650/appraisals-and-valuations-of-indian-property>.

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: The 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](#).

HUD USER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes: The Guide is a new section of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research's website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. For the full guide, [click here](#).

FindYouthInfo.gov: Helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. To learn more, [click here](#).



Do you know someone you'd like to nominate for NCAIED's "Native American 40 Under 40" Awards?

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS OCTOBER 7TH!

This prestigious award recognizes 40 emerging American Indians from across Indian Country who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business and/or in their community.

Is there someone you know personally or professionally between the ages of 18 and 39 whose leadership, initiative, and dedication in Indian Country deserves recognition?

Nominate him or her for the prestigious **40 Under 40 Award** from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development!

<http://awards.ncaied.org/40-under-40-awards/>

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES

Grants.gov website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply. For the complete list, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and filter under Eligibility.

SOURCE	DEADLINE	DETAILS AND LINKS
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy	Oct. 20, 2016	DOE announces \$3 million to initiate the first steps toward developing and sustaining renewable energy and energy efficiency on tribal lands. Under this funding opportunity announcement, the Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations. Click here for more information.
U.S. Department of Health and Human Service’s Administration for Children & Families	Dec. 12, 2016	Is accepting applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that wish to compete for funds that are available to provide American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion services to infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. Up to \$5,000,000 is available to provide American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion program services to eligible infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. For more info., visit The Center at OHSTech@reviewops.org or contact Shawna Pinckney at (888)242.0684. www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=287554 .
United States Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (USDA)	Open	USDA is Seeking Water Applications for 2016! The program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. Click here fore more information.

The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage specifically



designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehab, the purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.

Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of March 2016, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 33,728 loans, which represents over \$5.4 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,938 loans have been made bringing \$565 million in private capital directly to Tribal Members. Tribes and TDHEs can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, [click here](#). For a map of eligible states and counties, [click here](#).

If you are interested in becoming an approved 184 lender, contact Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov.

HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program Title

VI loans enable Indian Housing Block Grant recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG ‘Need’ funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#). ONAP’s Office of Loan Guarantee has advised that Title VI loans are limited this fiscal year, so the first funded loans will go to applicants whose loan package is the most complete first. For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Kimberly McMorris, at Kimberly.N.McMorris@hud.gov or 312.913.8626. Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:



MOWA Choctaw HA	Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.
Iswa Development Corp.	Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.
Aroostook Band of Micmac	Construction of 17 units in two communities.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.
White Earth Reservation HA	Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.
Lac Courte Oreilles HA	Construction of 20 multifamily units.
Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA	Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing.
Red Lake Reservation HA	Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.
Lumbee Tribe	Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.



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**

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!

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.



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USEFUL LINKS

HUD ONAP CodeTalk 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
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