

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.

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



Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP News Bulletin.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is more than about housing. It is also about Communities. While a traditional emphasis of HUD is building housing in Indian Country, that is only part of HUD's mission. Communities are more than just houses. To make a community there must be something that ties people together greater than simply proximity. Communities are a combination of proximity and something that binds people together such as a shared culture, language, or institution such as a school, library, recreational facility, job site, religion, etc. It is the job of Tribal leaders to



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examine the needs of their communities and to supply those unmet needs.

This is why NAHASDA allows flexibility in funding activities. Each community is unique and has differing needs. Northern communities from Maine to Minnesota may need Community Buildings due to severe climate challenges in the winter which allow community members to gather for traditional or social activities. Such buildings can house community parties, meals for elders, libraries, internet access, recreational activities, wakes, educational lectures, language classes and the like. Other communities may need facilities to promote health and well-being such as walking trails, snowmobile or ski trails, basketball courts, baseball diamonds or LaCrosse or soccer fields, par course circuits, health clinics, etc. Yet other tribes might see the need for energy sovereignty as being vitally important and install solar hot water heaters, solar panels, wind turbines, heat pumps and more efficient insulation in order to reduce or eliminate bills to outside energy companies. Does your community have a plan so that more money is left in the pocket of your community members? Can you hire tribal members via force account to keep NAHASDA grant money in the community while building valuable job skills?

What binds your community together? Where do people meet and exchange conversation and discuss matters? Do you have a post office within the tribal community? Is there a local coffee shop, eatery or store that provides that forum? Do you have your own school or do tribal children attend public schools outside of the local community? What sort of skills will the next generation need to survive and does your community foster or supply those skills as they did in the distant past? How can that be taught? How can we keep tribal youth and our membership from turning to drugs, gangs or other destructive behaviors? These are questions that need to be asked with community input to help build a self-sufficient strong community proud of its members and its heritage.

I urge you to start asking these questions and then see if HUD can assist in providing the resources to address your concerns. Having a vision of what type of community you want is the first step in getting there. As the saying goes, Rome wasn't built in a day. It was built over time. Sometimes by its rulers who build monuments and aqueducts to bring clean water to the city and to remove sewage, and sometimes by its citizens who build their own homes.



[Mark Butterfield](#), Administrator

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

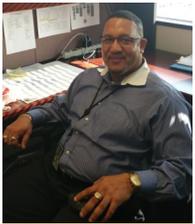
TITLE VI LOAN GUARANTEE TRAINING

HUD's Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs and the National American Indian Housing Council recently offered tribes a two-day training on the Title VI Loan Guarantee Program. This training is critical because in these uncertain times of funding, project planning is vital and must include financing components that use a variety of funding sources. Within the 1996 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) is the "hidden gem" of leveraging the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG). The Title VI Loan Guarantee Program can multiply the funds available under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG). Participant received information on how to multiply up to five times the need portion of their IHBG allocations and how to mix the funds with other resources. Participants also gained the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about the feasibility of including Title VI and other funding options as part of their tribe's future housing development plans.



Trainer: Robert Lamp, Office of Loan Guarantee

GRANT EVALUATION WEBINAR SERIES



Will Dawson

EWONAP staff members will participate in an upcoming Webinar Series hosted through the Native Learning Center. Will Dawson, Director of Grants Evaluation and David Thomas, Lead Grants Evaluation Specialist will lead the following discussions:

Demystifying the Self-Monitoring Process, October 19, 2017 @2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, EST

Self-Monitoring is the means by which the Tribe or TDHE fulfills its public trust responsibilities and is empowered to monitor its own projects, collect project data and documentation, keep staff engaged, conduct inspections of HUD-funded projects and improve and evaluate program project performance in accordance with performance objectives and measures. [Click Here](#) to register for this session!



David Thomas

Future Topics in the Series Include:

- *The APR Process, November 2, 2017@2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, EST*
- *Audit Review, November 16, 2017@2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, EST*
- *Demystifying the on-site Remote Performance Monitoring Review, December 7, 2017@2:00 PM to 3:00PM, EST*

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

Please send your accomplishments, 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, and how your great work is making a difference!

INDIAN COUNTY NEWS

INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

Due to delays in appropriations for FY 2017, the FY 2018 Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Response Form could not be accurately prepared by the June 1st date. Therefore, the FY 2018 Formula Response Form will be published no later than September 6, 2017. The deadline for tribes/TDHEs to respond to the Formula Response Form will be extended to November 6, 2017, which will still provide tribes/TDHEs the customary 60-day response period. [Click Here](#) for additional information.

LEECH LAKE UNVEILS A NEW SOLAR ARRAY TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME FAMILIES



Leech Lake officials and representatives from the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance recently unveiled a new solar array at the Prescott Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. The walls of solar panels at the community center are one of five spread throughout the reservation, with others at the Palace Casino, Leech Lake Tribal College, the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance office in Pine River and a fifth in Jackson Village. The effort

began about two years ago with the goal of making energy more accessible to low-income communities. Leech Lake partnered with the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance and received funding from numerous sources. Because of the project's progress since its inception, it was the recipient of a 2016 Clean Energy Community Award from the Minnesota Department of Commerce. [Click Here](#) to read a news article about the project.

FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENERGY PLANNING

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is offering free, on request technical assistance to Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages. Tribes can apply annually to receive technical assistance with energy planning; housing, building energy efficiency, and resilience; project development; village power; and policy and regulation. Assistance is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, at no cost. The goal of the technical assistance is to address a specific challenge or fulfill a need that is essential to a current project's successful implementation. The intended result of this technical assistance is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward. [Click Here](#) for more information.



EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Tribes and Native villages are demonstrating reinvigorated environmental activism as they face increased pressures on natural resource use. Consequentially, some of the most significant new developments in environmental law are occurring in Indian country. Tribes and Native villages find themselves on the front line of disputes over natural resource management and pollution control in a nation undergoing political, economic, and social transition. Emerging issues include adaptation to climate change, asserting treaty rights over natural resources, and balancing pollution reduction against tribal economic interests. The impacts of these issues extend far beyond Indian country, and potentially globally. Join the Environmental Law Institute and its experts for this two-part series to learn more about the current debates surrounding environmental protection in tribal and urban Indian communities. **Part I** will focus on groundbreaking litigation, including the Dakota Access Pipeline and repercussions for Indian sovereignty, *Agua Caliente Band v. Coachella Valley Water District* ruling and tribe's water rights, and determining energy development and tribal jurisdiction in the context of fracking. [Click Here](#) for additional information on Part One. **Part Two** of this series will focus on new challenges posed to tribes and Native villages by a changing climate and strained natural resources, economic obstacles and opportunities for renewable development, climate-induced relocation, Environmental Justice and the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). [Click Here](#) for additional information on Part Two.



TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

TRAINING/EVENT	WHEN AND WHERE	DESCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION
Grant Writing and Leveraging HUD's IHBG	Tentatively: October 2017	Save the Date—More Information Coming Soon!
NAIHC 2017 Annual Legal Symposium	December 3– 5, 2017	Housing and legal professionals from across the country working to address the availability and access to affordable housing for Native American families. The event provides a forum to discuss regulatory and legal issues in the tribal housing arena, as well as related community development issues. Bringing together legal practitioners, housing organizations, tribal housing authorities, law students, legal academics and other tribal leaders – Join more than 500 of your industry peers and foremost experts in Indian housing law and regulations. And, nearly 30 training sessions will be offered. Explore ideas, experiences, share insights and address emerging issues whether you are a seasoned legal practitioner or just beginning your professional path working in housing this is the event to attend. Click Here for additional information.
NAIHC and UTTC	Ongoing CEU Opportunities	NAIHC and United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement that will allow participants receiving training at select NAIHC workshops to also gain Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the UTTC Office of Extended Learning. This is exciting news that will enhance tribal housing professionals' credentials and skill sets. The continuing education unit allows UTTC to record an individual's successful completion of various activities, allowing individuals to earn CEUs in order to maintain or increase expertise in a career field or renew professional licenses. Click Here to see the MOA.
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"> • Accounting for Grants Management • Board of Commissioners Training • Construction Management • Development Project Planning and Management • Financial Management • New Executive Director Training • Self-Monitoring. • Policies and Procedures Update Workshop <p>Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762</p>

OTHER RESOURCES

New Computerized Loan Origination System for Section 184 Home Loans—

HUD is introducing a new computer system to expedite the processing of mortgage loans for Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee Program. The system will launch this month and available to all lenders with direct guarantee approval upon completion of scheduled training. [Click Here](#) for additional details.

FWS Coastal Program, due September 30, 2017—

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced funding to provide direct technical assistance and financial assistance to coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. Projects should specify benefits for species and habitats considering the expected effects of climate change. FWS will favor conservation activities and projects that incorporate ecosystem adaptation and help coastal ecosystems and communities adapt to the effects of sea level rise and greenhouse gases. More information can be found [here](#).

National Science Foundation- Environmental Sustainability Grants- proposals due October 20, 2017—

The National Science Foundation's Environmental Sustainability program promotes sustainable engineered systems that support human well-being while also being compatible with sustaining environmental systems. Read more about this funding opportunity [here](#).

Wetland Program Development Grants, Environmental Protection Agency- Application close date varies by region—

Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies relating to the reduction and elimination of water pollution. WPDGs assist building programs to protect, manage and restore wetlands. States, tribes, local governments, interstate associations, and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for the Regional WPDG Request for Proposals. Full details [here](#).

HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS—

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov ; Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](#).
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- Environmental Resources: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com
- Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org

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. [Click Here](#) for the complete list and filter under Eligibility.

SOURCE	DEADLINE	DETAILS AND LINKS
Department of Interior/ National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Cen- ter Program	September 7, 2017	National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center is responsive to the research and management needs of federal and state agencies to provide science and technical support regarding the impacts of climate change in fish, wildlife, plants and ecological processes. National coordination of research and modeling at regional centers will ensure uniformity of downscaling and forecasting models and standardized information to support management of fish and wildlife resources and regional partnership collaborations. The Climate Science Centers will provide access to the expertise at cooperating universities and supports the mission of the Climate Science Center Program. Click Here for more information.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban De- velopment	September 15, 2017	The FY2017 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is available via Grants.gov. There are several changes from the FY2016 NOFA , including a revised HUD 52651 (now an electronic fillable form), which contains a section for Salary Comparability Information. The maximum salary amount that may be requested per position has also changed from \$69,000 under previous NOFAs to \$72,000 (approximately a 3% increase from the FY2016 maximum salary amount). These are not, however, the only changes from previous FSS NOFAs. Please read both the FY2017 FSS program NOFA and the General Section of the NOFA in their entirety CAREFULLY, to ensure that all threshold and eligibility requirements are met. Click Here for more information. Search by CFDA Number (14.896) or Funding Opportunity Number (FR-6100-N-04).
Department of the Interi- or/Fish and Wildlife Ser- vice	September 30, 2017	Funding to provide direct technical assistance and financial assistance to coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. Projects should specify benefits for species and habitats considering the expected effects of climate change. FWS will favor conservation activities and projects that incorporate ecosystem adaptation and help coastal ecosystems and communities adapt to the effects of sea level rise and greenhouse gases. Click here for more information
U.S. Department of Agri- culture (USDA)/Rural De- velopment	September 30, 2017	The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development announced this week that USDA is accepting applications for the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program for FY 2017. The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed as outlined in the Federal Register . Applicants are encouraged to review the FY 2017 application guide that is available online at: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/farm-bill-broadband-loans-loan-guarantees .

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?

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Free Technical Assistance

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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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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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