



# EWONAP INFORMATION BULLETIN JUNE 2015



**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.

### 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.

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

**Join the EWONAP Bulletin 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 Opportunities. [Click here to join](#). Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP Bulletin.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings!** It's June. It's summer and the longest day of the year, June 22, will soon here. I just returned from a Memorial Day Pow-wow and it was good to see our warriors honored. Speaking of veterans, ONAP DC will soon roll out its **HUD VASH program**, which will attempt to close the gap between what programs veterans are eligible for on the reservation with those programs in urban centers. Look for future announcements in June.



It's also the building and repair season now that good weather is upon us. This means that you are probably busy either getting bids ready or construction underway whether new or rehabilitation. Please make sure to follow proper procurement guidelines and retain your records both for the bids and for the environmental review, as those are things our field staff checks when they do their monitoring visits. It's also the time



## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

many inspections, re-certifications and move in/move outs are done. It's always a good practice to document giving notice to tenants and have them sign off that they were there and agreed to the condition of the unit they are moving into or out of. That way you always have a record in case there is a dispute later on who caused any damage.



In order to assist you we are also offering a **NAHASDA Essentials** and **Grant's Compliance** training here in the Chicago area in June 23-25. We would have preferred to have it downtown, but given how popular Chicago is in the summer with millions of visitors we could not get a downtown hotel to accept a project limited to the federal room rate. Nonetheless, there is plenty to see and do while you are here. The Cubs will be at Wrigley playing the Dodgers. For the adventurous, the Sox play the Sunday before and the Brewers who are just an hour or so drive north are playing the Mets on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Of course there are great restaurants, deep dish pizza, the Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, the Bean, Natural History Museum and Museum of Science and Industry to visit along with the Zoo, the National Veteran's Memorial Museum and many more attractions to see while you are here. All within easy reach via the CTA train from the training site. That stands for the Chicago Transit Authority which runs the "L", or elevated train. The closest stop is within walking distance of the hotel on the 24-hour Blue Line which can take you to stops downtown or to a transfer point on the Red line which goes to Wrigley Field.

HUD is also pursuing consultation on its mandate to review **Environmental Streamlining** along with other Federal Agencies. It is expecting to hold a formal consultation scheduled for the upcoming NCAI Convention this summer.

Lastly, ONAP DC has notified us that the final Negotiated Rulemaking session of the Formula will be held in August 11-13 in Phoenix (Scottsdale), AZ.

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

## NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

### Updates to HUD [ONAP's CodeTalk Website](#):

[Dear Tribal Leader Letters](#) **New page!** Links to pdf letters published chronologically.

[Best Practices page](#) **New page!** Includes links to view projects by [Activity Type](#) or by [Region](#).

[Negotiated Rulemaking page](#) Added a link to the 2014 Formula Neg Reg website (page managed by First Pic) .

[HUD Tribal Consultation](#) Added link to Tribal Government To Government Consultation Policy: Solicitation of Public Comment (published April 8, 2015).

[Section 184 Home](#) Revised Maximum Loan Limits by County published and notice of annual mortgage premium of .15 percent (0.015%) payable monthly.

[Gen-I](#) Added link for Gen-I (Generation Indigenous) under "Information for Youth".

[HUD ONAP is Hiring](#)– Notice of ONAP job opportunities in Headquarters and the Field.

**NAHASDA Reauthorization**– There's been no progress on the reauthorization of the bill. Here are links to the current proposed Reauthorization bills: To read H.R. 360, [click here](#). Click [here](#) to view a copy of S. 710.

## NATIONAL ONAP NEWS



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**Tribal Consultation— Coordinated Environmental Review Initiative**- Per a May 29th, 2015 letter emailed to Tribal Leadership, ONAP Deputy Assistant Secretary, Rodger Boyd, will conduct a Tribal Listening Session on Sunday June 28th, the first day of the NCAI Mid-Year Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. To read this letter, [click here](#). For more information on the NCAI Conference and registration, [click here](#).

## EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS



**BEMIDJI**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

### Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi—July 13-17 & July 20-24, 2015

Bemidji State University's Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi (Ojibwe Summer Camp) is a program for high school students who have a desire to learn more about the first people of Minnesota. Students will capture the essence of Ojibwe culture with an intensive language program. They also will read books, attend workshops and discuss shared assumptions about culture and communication.

Anishinaabe faculty and staff members will teach students about the Ojibwe language, history, cultural traditions, and native arts. This year, we are planning one-week with a focus on traditional foods. Topics in this area may include: food preservation, heirloom seeds, cooking demonstrations/classes, native pollinators, indigenous food networks, nutrition/health promotion. Additional activities may include: art history tour, drum ceremonies, current issues, storytelling, canoeing, campfire, fishing, scavenger hunts, and Native American films. For more information, [click here](#).

## EWONAP Proudly Announces a Regional Meeting for all Eastern Woodland Grantees June 23-26 in Chicago!

This is happening during the grantee training on **NAHASDA Essentials and Grant Compliance**, to include the **new OMB Part 200 changes**. The meeting will provide legislative and program updates and round table discussion on key Tribal housing issues like: Coordinating Mixed Financing and Community Strategic Planning. If you would like to suggest any other agenda items, please send them to [Mark.Butterfield@hud.gov](mailto:Mark.Butterfield@hud.gov).

To Register for the free training and Regional Meeting , [click here](#).

Please share your Tribe's Accomplishments and Best Practices with us at EWONAP!

Send press releases and pictures to [Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov](mailto:Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov)

## EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

### Tribal Leaders in Maine Sever Ties with the State Government in a Show of Sovereignty - On May 27th,



May 26, 2015-Chief Kirk Francis of the Penobscot Nation speaks Tuesday during a rally outside of the Maine State House about the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes' decision to withdraw their representatives from the Legislature. Kevin Miller

Leaders of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe (Pleasant Point and Indian Township) signed a declaration of independence at a press conference on Indian Island. They said they were tired of trying to work with the state only to be rebuffed on fishing, water, jurisdiction, gaming and other matters.

"We do not recognize the authority of the State of Maine, its Governor, Legislature or Courts to define our sovereignty or culture or to interfere with our self-governing rights," the [declaration](#) reads. The move came a day after the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe withdrew their representatives from the state Legislature. They saw bill after bill fail to gain any traction amid rising tensions with Gov. Paul LePage (R), who recently signed an [executive order](#) that rescinded a [Tribal consultation and Tribal liaison policy](#).

But the dispute stretches back much further, to the [Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act](#) of 1980. The state has repeatedly cited the law in an attempt to assert control over activities in Indian Country. The Tribes are now calling on the federal government to investigate the state's compliance with the law. They also want Congress to look into the dispute.

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians did not sign the declaration. The Tribe is also maintaining its representative in the Legislature. Read the full article [here](#).



Penobscot Nation chief Kirk Francis, chief Edward Peter-Paul of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, and Passamaquoddy chiefs Fred Moore and William Nicholas, who represent the Pleasant Point and Indian Township reservations.



EWONAP Administrator Advisor visited the [Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians](#) the week of May 18th, 2015. In addition to meeting with the Tribal Council regarding their consideration of utilizing Low Income Tax Credits for upcoming housing development, she was able to see the LEED Certified Multi-family units shown below. These 2-3 bedroom highly energy efficient units were designed for low income families. Two of the four eight-unit buildings have been completed.

The Little Traverse Bay Band's Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD) has exemplary programs for all ages. To promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabe language and Anishinaabe culture, GALD develops Anishinaabemowin publications, learning materials, educational language programs, and language documentation, especially with Elders. They utilize social media to reach new audiences and have several language programs including a daily word emailed to subscribers with an .mp3 of proper pronunciation. For more information, [click here](#).



LTBBO Tribal Government Building



LTBBO LEED Certified Low-Income Multi-Family Units

The LTBBO also has an annual Jiimaan Journey held in July or August which is a five day jiimaan (canoe) trip through the inland water ways. During the five days they paddle over 40 miles and make camp at Burt Lake State Park in Indian River and Aloha State Park in Cheboygan. The week-long trip is a great experience that includes various traditional and cultural teachings and arts. To watch a video of the 2013 Jiimaan Journey, [click here](#).

**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 December 2014, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 27,000 loans, almost \$4.5 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,000 loans have been made bringing \$463 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](mailto: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](#).

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Rebecca Halloran, at [Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov](mailto:Rebecca.L.Halloran@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.

## TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Indian Housing Plan/ Annual Performance Re- port (HUD/ONAP)	June 2-3 Billings, MT	The IHP identifies need and describes the recipient’s plans for using the IHBG to carry out eligible housing activities. Participants will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the combined, automated IHP/APR form. Participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes & requirements. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
DOE's Community-Scale Tribal Renewable Energy Development and Financing	June 9-11 Norman, OK	DOE's Office of Indian Energy, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, offers these interactive <a href="#">workshops</a> that will walk participants through the process for developing commercial- and community-scale renewable energy projects on Tribal lands. Workshop participants will learn about the five steps necessary to develop and finance renewable energy projects on Tribal lands, including how to: Assess project potential; Determine technology options; Refine the project; Implement financing and construction; and Plan for project operations and maintenance. Workshops are designed exclusively for elected Tribal leaders, Tribal executives, and Tribal staff. RSVP to secure your spot by emailing <a href="mailto:Tribalworkshops@nrel.gov">Tribalworkshops@nrel.gov</a> . <a href="#">Click here to learn more about the workshop</a>
Financial Management/ Program Income & Basic Audit (HUD/ONAP)	June 9-11  Albuquerque, NM	Tailored for those responsible for the financial administration of housing program funds Training provides participants with an orientation to 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 Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Register at <a href="http://www.naihc.net">www.naihc.net</a>
Reservation Economic Summit (RES) DC	June 15-18 Washington DC	RES D.C. is an excellent opportunity for you and your organization to build stronger business relationships with Tribes, federal agencies and corporations. Take part in unparalleled networking and benefit from innovative and informative business development and training sessions. For more info and to register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
SAIGE 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Training Program – <i>Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Our Seven Generations</i>	June 15-18 Welsh, MN	Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE)’s 12th Annual National Training Program - <i>Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Our Seven Generations</i> . Plenary Workshop tracks include Federal Indian Law, Professional Development, Indigenous Natural Resources, Cultural and Indian Country. Special Youth Leadership track for college students, and Veterans Track on Thursday free and open to all veterans and active military. For registration site link go to: <a href="http://www.saige.org">www.saige.org</a>
Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Composting Training	June 16-18, Minneapolis, MN	ITEP is offering a new course developing Tribal composting programs. It will focus on: The Science of Compost; Identifying Your Sources and Potential Uses/Market; Site Design and Efficient Operations; Dealing with Composting Challenges; The Business of Compost; Funding Your Compost Program; Community Outreach. In addition to lectures and small group activities led by experts in composting, attendees will be taking a tour of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community’s compost facility. Please email <a href="mailto:todd.barnell@nau.edu">todd.barnell@nau.edu</a> for an application.

## TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Federal Procurement (HUD/ONAP)	June 23-24, Reno, NV	Training participants at all experience levels will gain the confidence and knowledge to conduct efficient and effective procurement that complies with HUD and other funding source requirements. This 2-day training addresses both management and construction development procurement. Training topics will range from careful preplanning and the basics of purchasing to unique factors in Tribal housing purchasing, the practical how-to's of procurement planning and policy development, as well as specific regional issues. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. Register at <a href="http://www.firstpic.org/events/">www.firstpic.org/events/</a> .
NAHASDA Essentials and Grant Compliance & <a href="#">EW Regional Meeting</a>	June 23-25, Chicago, IL	NAHASDA Essentials and Grant Compliance provides NAHASDA recipients with a review and discussion on the essential program requirements. This in-depth training will also review New OMB Cost Principles and highlight the reporting requirements of the Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance Reports needed to remain in compliance of NAHASDA regulations. Tribal Housing Professionals can look forward to informative round table discussions with EWONAP staff and expert panelist on key issues facing Tribal Development. Registered attendees will receive additional details and agenda which, coming soon. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Sustainable Management of Rural & Small Water Systems	June 24 Phoenix, AZ	USDA, EPA and RCAC offer this workshop to help utilities address a full range of challenges and improve the management of their operations and infrastructure. It will cover: How to deliver increasingly efficient and higher quality services; How to improve long-term sustainability and increase resiliency; Use the Small Systems Guidebook to Effective Utility Management to make system improvements. Utilities will learn how to make improvements in key management areas, focusing on their most pressing challenges. Register at <a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a> .
NCAI Mid-Year Conference	June 28 to July 1 St Paul, MN	The 2015 NCAI Mid-Year Conference - <i>Nurturing Tribal Resources– Culture, Land &amp; People</i> features the 10th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
HUD Grants Management and OMB Super Circular	July 7-9, Albuquerque, NM	Now that the OMB has issued the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards as 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, also known as the “Super Circular”, numerous Tribes/TDHEs/Housing Authorities will need to interpret the guidance. OMB combined no less than eight circulars into one massive document, including A-21, A-87, A-89, A-102, A-110 and A-133. The reforms are enormous and sweeping in that they include, but are not limited to operational areas from pre- and post-federal award requirements to cost principles to audits. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
White House Tribal Youth Gathering	July 9 Washington, DC	The White House will host the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington, DC, to provide American Indian and Alaska Native youth from across the country the opportunity to interact directly with senior Administration officials and the White House Council on Native American Affairs. The Tribal Youth Gathering will continue to build upon the President's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative and his commitment to improve the lives of Native youth across the country. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .

**TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED**

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
HUD Environmental Review	August 11-13, Cass, MN	Held at Leech Lake Tribal College. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Tribal Participation in the Cannabis Industry (Law Seminars)	August 17 Portland, OR	This seminar addresses the important legal, regulatory, business, practical, and social and health matters facing those Native American Tribes seeking to enter, navigate, and learn about the cannabis industry and how it may affect Tribal economies and Tribal members. We will analyze and discuss the DOJ's Statement regarding the integration of marijuana on Tribal lands and the interplay between federal, Tribal, and state laws. The seminar will also provide practical tips and strategies for assisting Tribes with their choice of legal marijuana models, including for both recreational and medical marijuana. We will discuss business development concerns including taxation, banking, financing and intellectual property issues, all in the context of what Tribes may encounter should they opt to engage in the cannabis industry. Register <a href="#">here</a> or call us at (206) 567-4490. Live webcast is also available.
2015 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum	Aug. 17-20 Minneapolis, MN	The 2015 annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF) will feature special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Also, the 2015 Forum will include breakout session tracks related to Tribal water programs – water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams and fisheries). More info. at: <a href="#">Tribal Lands and Environment Forum</a> .
NAHASDA Essentials and OMB Circular Changes (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 25-27 Phoenix, AZ	This popular and interactive 3-day training provides a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA covering program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing & crime prevention services. Other major topics include the IHBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint Tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program. Training uses case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures & hands-on exercises. Register at <a href="http://www.firstpic.org">www.firstpic.org</a> .
BROWNFIELDS 2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE	Sept. 2-4 Chicago, IL	The 16th National Brownfields Training Conference attracts thousands of stakeholders to the “windy city” for 3 days of training, networking & business development. Since 1995, the National Brownfields Training Conference has been the most important stop on the calendar of anyone working to create better communities through cleaning up and reusing brownfield properties. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Training for Tribal Asset Building: Leveraging Resources	Sept 9 – 11, Flagstaff, NM	Training Tracks: Tribal Housing is Self-Determination, Asset Building requires Tribal Capacity, Native Businesses strengthen Tribal Community. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Tribal Board of Commissioners’ Refresher Workshop	Sept. 9-11 Sacramento, CA	This course is designed to develop the Housing Board’s knowledge of the federal rules and requirements related to accepting IHBG funding and also to become familiar with the operation of TDHEs and their role as the Board. The course covers the history of Indian Housing, eligible activities, required policies and the planning and controlling aspect of housing management. The roles and responsibilities of officers and applicable federal and Tribal laws will be covered. Register at <a href="http://www.naihc.net">www.naihc.net</a>

<b>TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED</b>
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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAFOA's 2015 Fall Finance & Tribal Economics Conference	Sept. 14-15 Boston, MA	Native American Finance Officers Association: This two-day conference will bring the latest issues to light through interactive discussions on important economic, legal, and financial issues facing Indian Country. Attendees can earn up to 10 CPE credits. To learn more, <a href="#">click here</a>
Methamphetamine Prevention/Remediation in Tribal Housing	Sept. 22-23 Albuquerque, NM	Save the date and watch for details soon.
LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS	Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 Phoenix, AZ	Save the date and watch for details soon.
Managing Multiple Funding Sources and Self-Monitoring	Oct. 7-8 Denver, CO	Projects and programs often include numerous funding sources – each with differing deadlines, reports, and rules and regulations. During this 2-day training with interactive activities, trainers will provide participants with an understanding of typical funding sources, how to manage them and how to stay on top of compliance. Participants will learn how to set timeframes, track data and outputs, identify roles and responsibilities, and select assessment methods. By the end of the course, participants will know the difference between performance and compliance monitoring, what elements of programs and projects need to be monitored, and what elements make up a successful monitoring program. Additional information at: <a href="http://www.firstpic.org/events/">http://www.firstpic.org/events/</a>
Self-Monitoring and Compliance (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 14-15 Phoenix, AZ	Save the date and watch for details soon.
Federal Procurement (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 27-28 Albuquerque, NM	Gain the confidence and knowledge to conduct efficient and effective procurement that complies with HUD and other funding source requirements. This 2-day training addresses both management and construction development procurement. Training topics range from careful preplanning and the basics of purchasing to unique factors in Tribal housing purchasing, practical how-to's of procurement planning and policy development, as well as specific regional issues. Attendees will participate in group exercises designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. Register at <a href="http://www.firstpic.org/events/">www.firstpic.org/events/</a>

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](#).

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

## REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Meeting	When & Where	Description
MAST Meeting	June 3-4, Green Bay	For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Opportunity Finance Network Midwest Regional Meeting	June 24, Minneapolis, MN	A day of networking, information sharing, and industry updates for CDFI practitioners. Hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Email Seth Julyan at <a href="mailto:sjulyan@ofn.org">sjulyan@ofn.org</a> for info.
GLIHA Meeting	August, TBD, Michigan	More info coming soon!
USET Annual Meeting	Oct. 26-28, Choctaw, MS	Hosted by Mississippi Band of Choctaw. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .

### Guides, Resources, and Tools

**[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)**<sup>®</sup> 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. For more info, [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**

#### **[EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#)**

requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and pre-schools built before 1978 have their firm certified by EPA, use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers, and follow lead-safe work practices. Learn more [here](#).



APPLY FOR, OR UPDATE YOUR CERTIFICATION TODAY!

Becoming a Lead-Safe Certified Renovation firm, renewing your certification, or updating your information is easy.

You can complete the process in minutes online.



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

### Guides, Resources, and Tools

**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 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.** 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](#).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

The [Grants.gov](http://www.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
<a href="#">Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program</a>	Open	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 systematic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination & Treatment (SAMHSA & BJA)	June 1	The <a href="#">U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)</a> , <a href="#">Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</a> , <a href="#">Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)</a> and the <a href="#">U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)</a> , <a href="#">Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)</a> are seeking applications for funding to enhance drug court services, coordination, and substance abuse treatment and recovery support services. Now accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 for grants to enhance court services, coordination, and evidence-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of adult drug courts. Through this solicitation, applicants are competing for two grant awards (a grant from SAMHSA and a separate grant from BJA) for both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment funds with one application. Tribes are eligible. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Safety and Health Training Grants (DOL)	June 2	The <a href="#">U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)</a> is accepting 2015 applications for targeted-topic training grants and capacity-building training grants under the <a href="#">Susan Harwood Training Grant Program</a> . A total of \$3.5 million is available. Tribal organizations are eligible. The grants fund the creation of in-person, hands-on training and educational programs and the development of materials for workers and employers in small businesses; industries with high injury, illness and fatality rates; and vulnerable workers who are underserved, have limited English proficiency or are temporary workers. The grants will fund training and education for workers and employers to help them identify and prevent workplace safety and health hazards. More at: <a href="#">Susan Harwood Training Grant Program</a> .
State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention	June 2	For more info, visit <a href="#">PPHF - 2015 Cooperative Agreements for State-Sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention (PPHF-2015)</a>
First Nations Funding for Urban Indian Centers	June 11	First Nations and the National Urban Indian Family Coalition are now accepting funding applications from nonprofit organizations for projects that increase the availability and effectiveness of comprehensive community programming in urban Indian centers and communities. The project also supports new and expanded activities in urban Indian environments. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

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2015 Economic Development Administration Federal Funding Opportunities	June 12	Under this Federal Funding Opportunity, EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services)	June 15	The Assets for Independence (AFI) demonstration program enables community-based nonprofits and government agencies to implement and demonstrate an assets-based approach for supporting low-income individuals and their families. AFI grantees enroll participants to save earned income in special-purpose, matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). AFI participants use their IDAs & matching funds for one of three allowable assets: (1) Purchase a first home; (2) Capitalize or expand a business for self-employment; or (3) Fund post-secondary education or training. AFI grantees also assist participants in obtaining skills & info. necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Grantees are encouraged to tailor the strategies and services they offer to the needs of their project participants and the opportunities in their community. Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized Tribal governments) are eligible. To read the full announcement, <a href="#">click here</a> . For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underserved Communities (DOI)	June 15	These U.S. Dept. of the Interior grant projects support the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. General Eligibility: State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribes, Alaska Native Groups, Native Hawaiian Organizations and Certified Local Governments. Eligible applicants may partner with nonprofits, other local government jurisdictions, and National Heritage Areas to ensure the broadest inclusion of all communities. More info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Environmental Health Services Support for Public Health Drinking Water Programs to Reduce Drinking Water Exposure	June 22	NEW safe water FOA from the CDC Division of Emergency & Environmental Health Services. This FOA seeks applications from state and local health departments and U.S. territories and Native American Tribal public health agencies. The intended audiences of this FOA are communities and populations using small drinking water systems (e.g., private wells, springs, cisterns, tankered water) that are not covered under the SDWA. Funding these initiatives will improve the recipients' ability to identify and address drinking water program performance gaps, improve efficiency and effectiveness of drinking water programs, and to identify and reduce exposures leading to contamination of drinking water. The full FOA, (CDC-RFA-EH15-1507), can be found at <a href="#">here</a> .
IIED Energy and Mineral Development (DOI)	June 23	The DOI seeks grant proposals from federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal energy development organizations for projects that assess, evaluate, or otherwise promote the processing, use, or development of energy/mineral resources on Indian lands. Proposals must be used by a Tribe for the development of an energy/mineral resource inventory, a energy/mineral resource on Indian land, or for the preparation of a report necessary to develop energy and mineral resources on Indian lands. Send proposals to <a href="mailto:IIEEDGrants@bia.gov">IIEEDGrants@bia.gov</a> . For more info, contact Rebecca Naragon at 202-208-4401.

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Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC) Grant Program (HUD)	June 26	HUD announced that it is making more than \$100 million in grants available to help eliminate dangerous lead-based paint hazards from lower income homes in order to protect young children from lead poisoning and other housing related health and safety hazards such as mold and moisture, radon, pests and other asthma triggers. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. To read the full NOFA, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Veterans Cemetery Grants	July 1	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. To read the RFP, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Tribal Clean Diesel Project Grants (EPA)	July 15	EPA has \$1 million in grant funding for Tribal applicants to establish clean diesel projects aimed at reducing air pollutants from diesel exhaust such as nitrogen oxides and particulate matter which are linked to respiratory problems. EPA anticipates awarding approximately up to five Tribal assistance agreements between \$30,000 and \$800,000 each. Projects may include school buses, transit buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, marine engines, locomotives, energy production generators and other diesel engines. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Supporting Community Led Conservation and Recreation Projects ( National Park Service)	LOI due July 15. Deadline: Aug 1	The National Park Service helps communities create close-to-home recreation opportunities and conserve natural resources. Our <a href="#">Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance</a> program is accepting applications through August 1, 2015 for help with a wide range of community-led projects. National Park Service staff can help local leaders: Develop close-to-home parks and greenways; Manage community-led visioning, planning, and design; Facilitate public involvement; Build sustainable partnerships; Engage youth through outdoor recreation skill-building and conservation stewardship; Plan for trails, landscape conservation, water trails, river restoration, green transportation, and tourism.  For more information, click here: <a href="#">application process</a> . Then <a href="#">call or email a National Park Service staff member near you</a> to discuss your idea, and let them know by July 15 if you intend to submit an application by the August 1 due date.
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 \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)	Open	This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Eligible grantees: An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group; Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives; A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, call 202-219-0740 or <a href="#">click here</a> .

## USEFUL LINKS

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| <a href="#">HUD ONAP CodeTalk website</a>                           | <a href="#">Grants.gov</a>  |
| <a href="#">EWONAP website</a>                                      | <a href="#">Federal Register Today</a>                              |
| <a href="#">HUD Indian Housing Block Grant</a>                      | <a href="#">White House Native Americans Resources Page</a>         |
| <a href="#">HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant</a>        | <a href="#">DOT Tribal Transportation Program</a>                   |
| <a href="#">HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee</a>                 | <a href="#">Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force</a> |
| <a href="#">HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee</a>                         | <a href="#">Asset Building for Native Communities</a>               |
| <a href="#">HUD Healthy Homes</a>                                   | <a href="#">Center for American Indian Economic Development</a>     |
| <a href="#">HUD ROSS Grant</a>                                      | <a href="#">Native American Contractors Association</a>             |
| <a href="#">HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing</a>                 | <a href="#">National Congress of American Indians</a>               |
| <a href="#">HUD PIH Environmental Resources</a>                     | <a href="#">National American Indian Housing Council</a>            |
| <a href="#">HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs</a>                 | <a href="#">DOE Tribal Energy Program</a>                           |
| <a href="#">HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program</a> | <a href="#">DOE Weatherization Grants</a>                           |
| <a href="#">HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program</a>    | <a href="#">DOE Federal Energy Management Program</a>               |
| <a href="#">DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives</a>                | <a href="#">EPA Tribal Grants</a>                                   |
| <a href="#">USDA Rural Development Grants</a>                       | <a href="#">Small Business Administration Loans</a>                 |
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| <a href="#">VA Native Health Services</a>                           | <a href="#">VA Native American Direct Loan</a>                      |
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