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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.

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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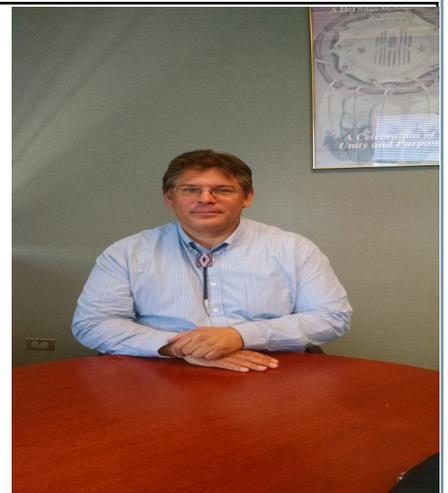
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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings from the Administrator *Mark Butterfield*

Its baseball season, so I'd thought I'd highlight the few enrolled tribal members playing in Major League Baseball this year are: Jacoby Ellsbury, and Kyle Lohse and Joba Chamberlin. Let me know if you know of others. In addition, don't forget the famous Native American Olympians that you know of because the Olympics will begin in July. Most of you know that Jim Thorpe, Sac and Fox, is still considered one of the most well rounded athletes in Olympic history, winning the Gold medal in both the five event Pentathlon and ten event Decathlon Medal in the



GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

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1912 Stockholm Games. He actually took first in four of the five Pentathlon events. Of course, don't forget Billy Mills, Sioux, amazing win in the 10,000 meters race in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games. The reason I mention these men is that they are great athletes and role models for Tribal youth, many of who live in the housing you provide through your efforts.

One way to increase Tribal members' success in life is to have great facilities and stable homes. HUD has now received the applications for **the 2016 ICDBG NOFA**.

After the deadline, EWONAP has received 23 applications. Our Grants Management staff will be very busy in the coming weeks reading, rating, and ranking these applications. The attached picture is of the Shinnecock Head Start Building on their reservation on Long Island, which was built with ICDBG funds. A side view of the Headstart building is below to the left.



In addition, a large number of Audits are due at the end of June so our GE staff will be preparing to review them and assist you in clearing HUD related findings to the extent that is possible. In the end it is the auditor themselves who close findings but Grants Evaluation staff can acknowledge which ones are cleared for our purposes.



The **HUD Tribal Housing Needs Study** is nearing completion. Recently, you should have gotten a copy of a "Dear Tribal Leader" letter sent to all affected tribes about the upcoming release of the Draft Tribal Housing Needs study, which will come out in early July. There will be an ability to comment in person around July 20 and written comments will be accepted through August 23rd. HUD's Division of Policy Development and Research will then incorporate the comments received and include consideration of them when it releases the Final Tribal Needs Study.

In the last couple of months, I have been working on hiring new staff so that EWONAP has the ability to properly carry out its duties, in assisting Tribes with improving housing conditions. The Eastern Woodlands ONAP office is in the process of completing the hiring process to fill four full time positions or Full Time Employees [FTEs]. These include a new Director of Grant's Evaluation, Administrative Advisor, a Grants Evaluation Specialist, and Grants Management Specialist. As some of you know, Mary White, a long standing GM Specialist, was promoted to Lead GM Specialist. The hiring of new staff will once again mean that our office will eventually have to readjust the workload so that the work distribution between staff is evenly distributed. While that is months away, this may mean that your TDHE or Tribal Department may be reassigned to newer staff in the future. I understand that you have likely reached a good working relationship with the EWOANP staff currently responsible for your IHP, APR or audit. However, change is inevitable and we will try not to disturb existing assignments as much as possible. We thank you for your patience as we work through this process.



Mark Butterfield, EWONAP Administrator

The house above is a typical Poarch Creek Duplex

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS



HUD PROPOSES NEW FORMULA FOR INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Proposed formula the result of three-year negotiated rulemaking

WASHINGTON – On May 31, 2016, After three years of negotiation with federally and state recognized tribes across the country, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today proposed a new formula to be used to allocate funds through the Department’s *Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program*. [Read HUD’s proposed rule.](#)

The *Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)* requires HUD to update IHBG’s formula periodically through a negotiated rulemaking process with grant recipients. HUD negotiated the proposed rule with active tribal participation and using the procedures of the *Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990*. As a result of this process, and after a year-long study of potential data sources to be used in this formula, the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee succeeded in reaching consensus on most issues that were discussed. The proposed rule announced today reflects HUD’s decisions for both consensus and non-consensus issues, with the intention of improving and clarifying the current regulations. The notice calls for comments to be submitted by August 1, 2016.

The [IHBG Program](#) is the single largest source of affordable housing assistance in Native American communities. Over the life of the program, recipients built or acquired nearly 37,000 affordable homes and have rehabilitated more than 77,000 others.

The IHBG allocations are distributed each year to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities for a range of affordable housing activities. Through the program, HUD provides federal housing assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of Indian self-determination and tribal self-government. In February, HUD announced more than \$660 million in grant allocations to 587 Native American tribes in 35 states for fiscal year 2016. The funds benefit low-income families living on Indian reservations.

Eligible activities for the funds include housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program of the 1937 Housing Act, housing services to eligible families and individuals, housing management services, crime prevention and safety, and HUD-approved model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems. The block grant approach to housing was enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA.)

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at www.hud.gov and <http://espanol.hud.gov>.*

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Santo Domingo Pueblo Begins Housing Project Construction



SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO, N.M. (AP) – A Santo Domingo Pueblo housing project is intended to keep the Native American community connected with tradition while linking commuters to trains. Homes will be constructed opposite the New Mexico Rail Runner station, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported. Residents who work or go to school outside the community take the trains to Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Four years of planning and funding from at least a dozen groups helped the Santo Domingo Housing Authority break ground on the project last week with a Kewa prayer and spiritual offering.

A path stretching 1.5 miles will connect the village with the train station and Santo Domingo Trading Post, where tribal art will be displayed. The trading post is scheduled to open this summer after a \$1.5 million renovation.

“We grew up having the trading post,” said Paul Coriz, who remembers his family buying or bartering for dry goods, moccasins and food. “It was our Wal-Mart.” Coriz said marketing the pueblo is important to attracting visitors. “It’s going to be a challenge to bring in people from other areas who want to see the trading post,” Coriz said. “We need to get together so people can find out there is a way to see our work here.”

Librarian and tribal housing council member Cynthia Aguilar says the renovation will help the tribe, which does not operate casinos, sustain itself. She remembers her grandfather saying that at first, casinos “prosper, but money comes and goes. It won’t stick to your hand.”

“I’m proud of our tribal members,” she said. “They’ve started their own businesses, and it’s sustainable. We’re resilient and self-sufficient without gaming.”



<http://nativetimes.com/index.php/news/tribal/13184-santo-domingo-pueblo-begins-housing-project-construction>



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May 31, 2016

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

SUBJECT: TRIBAL CONSULTATION — PROPOSED RULE TO REVISE THE INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT FORMULA

Dear Tribal Leader:

Please take note of the *Federal Register* notice of proposed rulemaking FR-5650-P-121, published on May 31, 2016. The notice calls for comments to be submitted by August 1, 2016, on proposed revisions to the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) allocation formula. The Department will consider all timely public comments before proceeding with issuing a final rule. The proposed rule can also be accessed at this web address: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-31/pdf/2016-12596.pdf>. Public comments can be made at this address: <https://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=HUD-2016-0054>.

The proposed rule would revise the IHBG allocation formula authorized by section 302 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (NAHASDA). Through the IHBG program, HUD provides federal housing assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of Indian self-determination and tribal self-government.

HUD negotiated the proposed rule with active tribal participation using the procedures of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990. The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee succeeded in reaching consensus on most issues that were discussed; the proposed rule reflects HUD's decisions for both consensus and non-consensus issues, with the intention of improving and clarifying the current regulations.

The notice provides background on the development of revisions, and has detailed instructions on how to submit comments electronically or by mail. HUD values your opinion and feedback as a tribal leader.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the delivery of HUD's housing programs.

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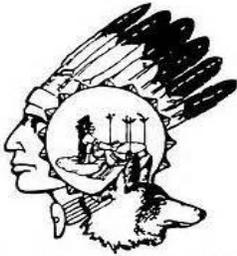
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Washington and North Dakota Tribes Join Federal Promise Zone Program

The Spokane Tribe of Washington and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota are part of the third and final round of an initiative that President Barack Obama launched in 2014. The two tribes will work closely with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies to address economic development, employment and other needs on their reservations and trust lands.



Spokane Tribe of Indians

"We believe that a ZIP code should never limit the hopes that families have for themselves or for their children," HUD Secretary Julian Castro said on a conference call with reporters on June 6, 2016.



"This effort is all inclusive," added USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The President was insistent on making sure that rural and tribal areas receive attention from the Promise Zone effort."

According to the White House, nearly one-third of the Spokane Tribe is suffering from poverty and 25 percent lack steady employment. The Promise Zone will help the tribe create jobs through investments in renewable energy, housing construction and technology centers. The tribe also plans to reduce crime by updating its law and order code and by implementing a community policing strategy, the White House said.

Members of the Spokane Tribe



Members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribe





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June 23, 2016

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

SUBJECT: REQUESTING TRIBAL FEEDBACK on a Proposed Increase to the Annual Premium for the Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department requests your comments on a proposal to increase the annual fee that borrowers must pay to participate in the Indian Housing Loan Guarantee program, also known as the Section 184 program. The Section 184 program is HUD's home mortgage guarantee specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Indian tribes, Alaska Villages, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs). These loans can be used, both on and off native lands, for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinance.

The program is funded by money appropriated by Congress, as well as by premiums (fees) paid by the borrowers who benefit from the program. The 2013 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 113-6, approved March 26, 2013) amended section 184(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to establish and collect annual premium payments in an amount not exceeding one percent of the remaining guaranteed balance (excluding the 1.5 percent, one-time fee collected when the guarantee is issued). The premiums paid by borrowers increase or decrease slightly each year to reflect the actual risks associated with the program's mortgage loan portfolio.

In recent years, rapidly growing demand and more loan defaults have led to an increased overall risk for the program. Increased risk increases the cost to operate the program, and to continue to provide for the increasing demand, HUD must consider increasing the annual premium charged to the borrowers.

Currently, the annual fee, or premium, is .0015 percent of the unpaid loan balance, and is assessed until the unpaid principal balance, (excluding the one-time loan guarantee fee), reaches 78 percent of the lower of the initial sales price, or the appraised value based on the initial amortization schedule. A borrower with a balance of \$177,000 now pays about \$21.71 each month to cover this fee.

At this time, HUD is considering raising the annual premium to .0025 percent. The increase would apply to all new loan guarantees, including refinances. This increase would mean that a borrower with a \$177,000 loan could expect to see his or her monthly payment increase by about \$14.47, for a total monthly fee of approximately \$36.18.





(Section 184 letter Continued)

Without a premium increase, HUD may be forced to temporarily limit loan issuance to certain categories or even cease all new loan activity for several months in fiscal year 2016.

These full or partial suspensions of program activity, even if temporary, could cause lenders to lose **confidence in the program's stability and create real hardship for potential Indian borrowers.**

HUD values your opinions as a tribal leader with an interest in and knowledge of Indian housing issues. Please submit your comments on this proposal within 30 days of the date of this letter to:

Tom Wright, Office of Loan Guarantee
Office of Native American Programs, HUD
451 Seventh St., SW, Room 5143

Washington, DC 20410

Or by e-mail to Section184Consultation@hud.gov.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important issue.

Tribal Housing Needs Study

EWONAP will host a Video Teleconference [VTC] presentation by the Urban Institute regarding a basic overview of the Draft Tribal Housing Needs Assessment for Tribal and TDHE officials on July 20, 2016 at 3:00pm—5:00pm EST (2 to 4 pm CST) in a room to be announced. The draft report of findings will be distributed to tribal leaders about two weeks before the presentation and there will be an open comment period through August 23, 2016.

The VTC will be hosted by ONAP on the 25th floor of the HUD building in Chicago, 77 West Jackson Blvd. A teleconference number and more details are expected to be announced at a later date.

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Supreme Court Won't Hear Long-Running Seneca Nation Casino Case



The Seneca Nation of New York can rest easy now that the U.S. Supreme Court has put an end to a long-running dispute over one of the tribe's casinos. Without comment, the justices on May 30, 2016 rejected a petition in *Citizens Against Casino Gambling in Erie County v. Chaudhuri*. That means a lower court decision in favor of the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in downtown Buffalo will stand.

The facility is located on land that was acquired in connection with the Seneca Nation Settlement Act of 1990. Opponents long claimed that the site does not qualify under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals concluded otherwise last September. The tribe's land is held in "restricted fee" status so IGRA's general prohibition against gaming on lands placed "in trust" after 1988 does not apply, the unanimous decision stated.

The tribe was not a party to the case -- casino opponent sued the National Indian Gaming Commission. But the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the dispute puts to rest any lingering doubts about the Buffalo facility, which is undergoing a \$40 million expansion. Historically, gaming cases rarely make it to the high court. The last decision that directly addressed IGRA was *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community* from May 2014. Before that was *Chickasaw Nation v. US* in 2001. Still, the Seneca case arose during unusual circumstances. The passing of Antonin Scalia has left the court with eight members and the petition was listed for consideration three times before the justices took action on Monday. In addition to the facility in Buffalo, the tribe operates the Seneca Niagara Resort and Casino on land that was acquired in connection with its settlement act.



Seneca Nation President Maurice A. John Sr. and Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, center, sign the last steel beam that's part of a \$40 million expansion of the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in Buffalo, NY

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FREE HUD TRAININGS:

June 7-9: Grant Writing Training (Phoenix, AZ): Learn how to prepare proposals designed for affordable housing projects or programs.

Register at <http://www.cvent.com/events/grant-writing/event-summary-6b293a0b68704a879df6c0c85afc2f47.aspx>

June 7-8: 2 CFR Part 200 Training (Denver, CO) - Register online: [NAIHC Registration](#)

June 14 (Webinar 1:00 pm EDT): HUD's Housing Counseling: Exploring the Pros and Cons of Tribal Participation

Register now at <https://attendee.gotoweinar.com/register/4566091845075009796> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [View System Requirements](#)

June 28-29: Tribal Housing Maintenance Training for housing staff working on maintenance issues. (Bismarck, ND)

Register: <http://newregistration.firstpic.org/maintenance/index.php>

July 26-27: Procurement & Contract Management for TDHE/tribal housing staff. (Sioux City, NE)

Register: <http://www.firstpic.org/events/>

**For a complete listing of 2016 HUD training classes, visit
[HUD Training Sessions](#). Or www.FirstPic.org**

New Contact for EWONAP Bulletin!

Send your press releases, events & news, and project photos to Administrator Mark Butterfield at Mark.Butterfield@hud.gov

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

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED
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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NCAI Mid Year Conference	June 27-30 Spokane, WA	NCAI's Mid Year Conference . Theme is "Changing Climates, Inspiring Hope: Using Research to Transform Systems"
2016 CBA Credit Builders Alliance Symposium	July 13-14 Washington, DC	Registration is open! The overarching theme for the symposium will be the linkage between the work being done in the credit building field and that of the broader issues of income inequality, poverty reduction, and asset building. Rent reporting is an important component of Tribal Housing Management, so this is an opportunity for Tribes and TDHEs to learn more. Register at: http://www.creditbuildersalliance.org/whats-new/events/2016-cba-credit-building-symposium . For more info, contact Marvin Ginn at MarvinG@nativecf.org .
Tribal Housing Executive Director's Refresher Workshop (HUD/ONAP)	July 20-21 Reno, NV	This 2-day workshop facilitates a unique peer to peer forum for experienced and new Tribal Housing Directors alike. Indian Housing management has become increasingly complex where Directors have to work within laws, regulations, PIH notices, and other documentation which can stretch the limits of one's knowledge needed to perform the job well. Today's Indian Housing Director faces unique management challenges and at times stands at the crossroads between the governing board, tenants, community, and housing staff. This workshop helps develop exceptional management and problem-solving skills and provides opportunities for skill building and tips and tools to support the Director in doing their complex job better.
Implementing OMB's New Uniform Guidance for the IHBG and ICDBG Programs	July 26-27 Albuquerque, NM	The purpose of this training is to assist HUD/ONAP program recipients in identifying the changes enacted by the new rule and the applicable "exceptions" to 2 CFR 200 for the following HUD/ONAP regulations: 24 CFR 1000 (IHBG) and 24 CFR 1003 (ICDBG). To support tribes/TDHEs during the implementation stage, the training will emphasize the practical application of the Uniform Guidance and provide resources & tools that recipients can utilize to identify changes recipients must make to their administrative and/or management systems (i.e. policies, operating procedures, and other internal control processes) to ensure ongoing compliance with the new Uniform Guidance (2 CFR § 200). Register at: www.naihc.net
Procurement & Contract Management	July 26-27 Sioux City, NE	Participants at this 2-day training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully manage their procurements from micro-purchases to large construction projects including non-competitive procurement. The trainer will provide a walk-through on procurement methods and will also discuss post-procurement contract administration, including change orders and contract close-out. http://newregistration.firstpic.org/proccm/index.php
Building Partnerships, Building Communities (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 2-3 Bismarck, ND	Presented by HUD's Office of Native American Programs. Join Key Note Speaker U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp for this informative and engaging Forum. For more information contact Shane Begay at (800)284- 9165 or visit www.naihc.net
2016 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum	Aug. 15-18 Uncasville, CT	This year's Forum has special trainings focused on solid waste, brownfields, water utilities and other media. Additionally, several regional presenters this year are offering a "Superfund Risk Assessment Training" as well as legal experts presenting on Tribal Self-Governance. For more info., contact Todd Barnell at todd.barnell@nau.edu . For a full list of trainings, visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef .
Self-Monitoring Training (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 16-18 Phoenix, AZ	FREE 3-day training specifically tailored for TDHE and tribal housing professionals. Experienced trainers will share tips and tools for self-monitoring to insure compliance with Federal Indian Housing Block Grant regulations and program requirements. For more info., and to register, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762</p>

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FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS: VA is seeking formal tribal consultation with tribes seeking input from tribal leaders on **the top 3 to 5 priorities that tribes have for serving Veterans in Indian Country**. Once identified (the priorities) will be used to assist with collaborative development of an Indian Country Veterans Affairs policy agenda. VA plans to hold two tribal consultation sessions in 2016. The first in collaboration with NCAI on **June 29, 2016** at 5:15 p.m. in Spokane, WA. The second will be scheduled later this year. Written consultation is open through **October 7, 2016**. For more info., contact **Mrs. Terry R. Bentley**, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, 541-440-1271 or terry.bentley@va.gov. Website: <http://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/>

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO RECOGNIZE TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT: The United States Army Corps of Engineers announced two major changes to improve the partnership between the Corps and tribes to manage water resource projects and activities and further protect tribal natural and cultural resources. First: The Secretary of the Army delegates their authority under Section 1031(b) of the Water Resources, Reform and Development Act 2014 to enter into cooperative agreements with federally recognized tribes to protect fish, wildlife, water quality, and cultural resources to all divisions and districts of the Army Corps. Bringing this process to the local level allows for more tribes to enter in to cooperative agreements, share management responsibilities, protect their resources using culturally appropriate practices, and further build economic capacity of tribes to expand their management practices. Second: The Army Corps also announced that it is removing the legal requirement that a tribe must waive its sovereign immunity when entering into a legally binding agreement for the construction of a water resources project with the Corps. This requirement was a major obstacle for tribal participation and often the reason many projects were not planned or built.

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)® is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. [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.

[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. If you have any questions or comments and wish to contact us by email, the address for ITG is tege.ask.itg@irs.gov and for TED is taxexemptbondsquestion@irs.gov. Please put the title of today's talk "Tribal Bond Financing: The Basics" in the subject line. We will follow up with your emails.

[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 must have their firm certified by EPA, use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers, and follow lead-safe work practices.



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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](#): 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, conduct preventive maintenance, inspect the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and perform 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](#).

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
Energy & Mineral Development Program (DOI)	July 8	The Energy and Mineral Development Program provides funding for projects that assess, evaluate, or otherwise promote the processing, use, or development of energy and mineral resources on Indian lands, particularly feasibility studies of community-scale energy development projects that promote local economic benefits and stronger tribal economies. Eligible entities include federally recognized tribes, authorized tribal organizations, and tribal energy resource development organizations. For eligible projects, visit the IEED Energy and Mineral Development Program Web page
 Tribal Energy Development Capacity Program (DOI)	July 8	The Tribal Energy Development Capacity Program helps develop tribal capacity to regulate and manage energy resources. These awards are intended to complement the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act, which restores the authority of tribes to develop and implement tribal laws governing the leasing of tribal surface trust lands for business and other purposes. The funding will enable eligible recipients to building capacity through the establishment of organizational structure(s) and/or business activities. Eligible entities include federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native villages, regional or village corporations, tribal organizations, and tribal energy resource development organizations. For eligible projects, visit the IEED Tribal Energy Development Capacity Program Web page
USDA WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS & GRANTS	Open	Seeking Water Applications for 2016! Program: the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant 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. Eligible Applicants: state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. Interests rates reduced: effective Jan. 1, 2016, interest rates are lowering by .125% as follows. Poverty: 1.875%; • Intermediate: 2.5%; • Market: 3.125%. How to Apply: apply now by using the online application tool RDApply .
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. Qualifications for this program: 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 visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm .
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
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 & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are 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. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm .
Community Impact Grants (COCA-COLA Foundation)	Open	Grants to nonprofit organizations to support programs that focus on one of the following four categories: water stewardship; healthy & active lifestyles that lead to physical activity and nutritional education programs; community recycling; & education. http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/the-coca-cola-foundation

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HUD OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS Calendar of Events: *Register now* for these **FREE** ONAP trainings: *NOTE: Tribes/TDHEs may use Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds for travel-related expenses for these FREE workshops.*

HUD's website for important information and program links. *More at:* Codetalk@hud.gov.

[HUD LAUNCHES UPDATED TRIBAL DIRECTORY ASSESSMENT TOOL \(TDAT\)](#)

HUD recently released an updated version of the Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT 2.1), which would be used during the Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review process to identify tribes that may have a current or ancestral interest in the area of a project. Please share this information. If a tribe is a grant recipient in a HUD project and assumes the role of Responsible Entity and conducts the Section 106 review, that tribe is responsible for inviting other tribes to consult if other tribes also have a religious or cultural interest in the project area. This tool will be very helpful for HUD, Responsible Entities, and other agencies needing to identify whether their project could impact historic properties of religious or cultural significance to tribes.

[HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:](#)

- ◆ Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.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>
- ◆ Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a04700000ArRPk>
- ◆ Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- ◆ Southern California Indian Center: www.indiancenter.org
- ◆ Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.: <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- ◆ Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- ◆ Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans: www.nativelearningcenter.com
- ◆ CDFIs: Native Home Capital: <http://www.nativehomecapital.com/>
- ◆ Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org

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 May 2016, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 34,230 loans, which represents over \$5.6 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 David Thomas, at David.C.Thomas@hud.gov or 312.913.8774. 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.



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- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
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- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
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- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



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