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NAHASDA Reauthorization

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) is a powerful tool that provides greater housing opportunities and housing related community development in tribal communities. Since originally signed into law, NAHASDA has been reauthorized and amended several times. While the intention of each amendment is to improve the Act, there are still further refinements that may enhance the overall effective and efficient delivery of housing programs in tribal communities.

On January 14, 2015, [H.R. 360](#), a bill to reauthorize NAHASDA was introduced by Representative Steve Pearce (R-NM) and 17 co-sponsors. Developed and championed by the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), a non-profit housing and technical assistance organization, H.R. 360 would expedite required federal approvals, authorize tribes to blend housing construction money with sanitation facilities funding, launch a demonstration program for alternative privatization authority for Native housing, and other reforms. H.R. 360 was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 23, 2015 and referred to the Senate. A companion bill, [S. 710](#) was introduced by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) March 11, 2015. That bill was favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs April 4, 2015 and was discharged by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on August 4, 2015.

Near the end of September, Senate leadership ran a hotline on S. 710, a bill sponsored by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) to reauthorize the Native

American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Expected objections surfaced from Senator's Mike Lee 9R-UT) and Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) on the native Hawaiian provision. The next step would be to identify time to bring S. 710 to the Senate Floor, allowing Senator Lee and Cruz to debate and memorialize their objections to the bill. NAIHC will provide information as it becomes available.

NAIHC message to Congress is to pass NAHASDA reauthorization legislation employing necessary strategies.

Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Update

On September 30th, Congress passed a clean Continuing Resolution (CR) to continue funding federal programs at the same level in Fiscal 2015, averting another government shutdown. The CR that passed last week will expire on December 11th. The legislation does not contain controversial provisions or riders, thankfully.

Congressional Leaders spoke to President Obama last week to lay the groundwork for the budget summit, which leaders hope will set the top-line spending numbers for fiscal 2016 and 2017. The White House and Congressional leaders feel this would change from years of lurching from one fiscal crisis to the next. A two-year deal would set top spending levels and permit a more predictable process for the next couple years.

Included in all discussions on Capitol Hill are strategies to pass a highway funding bill this month and an increase to the debt limit sometime late November into early December.

NAIHC will monitor and report updates on these negotiations.

Census Bureau Plans Tribal Consultation

The Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census is announcing plans to conduct eight (8) Tribal consultations pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 13175, between October 2015 and April 2016.

Please visit www.federalregister.gov for details published in the Federal Register on July 13, 2015.

Visit Census Bureau's American Indian and Alaska Native website at <http://www.census.gov/aian/>.

SAVE THE DATE

NAIHC 2015 Legal Symposium is back! We are finalizing plans for this year's NAIHC legal Symposium to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada December 7-9, 2015 at the Venetian. Please visit the NAIHC web page for more details as they become available.



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Self-Monitoring and Compliance October 14-15 | Phoenix, AZ

The Self-Monitoring course is designed to assist Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement under the law, it demonstrates a recipient's willingness to be accountable for their performance. Attendees will learn practical ways to conduct monitoring and complete an annual compliance assessment that ensures compliance with NAHASDA's statutory and regulatory requirements.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Environmental Review October 27-29 | Phoenix, AZ

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), HUD provides grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHE) for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program. Grantees receiving funds under this program are responsible for meeting the requirements of NAHASDA and its implementing regulations, including compliance with HUD's environmental regulations 24 CFR Part 50 and Part 58.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

NAIHC Leadership Institute (schedule attached)

NAIHC's Leadership Institute (LI) was established in 1999. Since its inception, the LI has served thousands of housing professionals with timely, informative, and relevant courses customized specifically for the Indian housing industry. These courses are taught by knowledgeable instructors who all have experience working directly for tribes or Indian housing authorities.

Specialist Certification: Students may earn certification in a specialized area of management by completing each of the three courses within the tracks:

General Management Track	Financial Management Track
Indian Housing Management	Basic Accounting
Supervisory Management	Financial Management
Property Maintenance Management or Financing Affordable Housing Development	Financing Affordable Housing Development or Acquisition Basics
Occupancy Management Track	Development Management Track
Admissions & Occupancy	Project Management
Supportive Housing or Pathways Home	Environmental Compliance
Pathways Home or NAHASDA- LIHTC Compliance for Professional Certification	Acquisition Basics or LIHTC Project Development

Students must successfully complete three (3) courses to receive certification within a specific track.

Professional Indian Housing Manager (PIHM) Certification: Students will earn PIHM Certification upon successful completion of the following eight (8) courses offered under the NAIHC Leadership Institute:

1. Indian Housing Management
2. Financing Affordable Housing Development or NAHASDA LIHTC Compliance for Professional Certification
3. Financial Management
4. Project Management or Acquisition Basics or LIHTC Project Development
5. Supervisory Management
6. Admissions & Occupancy or Supportive Housing or Pathways Home
7. Property Maintenance Management

8. Environmental Compliance

For more information, please visit <http://naihc.net/leadership-institute-training/>

HUD Tuition-Free Training Offered in Partnership with the NAIHC (schedule attached)

For more information on dates, locations, and how to register, please visit <http://naihc.net/hudnaihc-trainings/>

HUD ONAP Offices of Grants Management and Grants Evaluation requested OMB 2 CFR Part 200 Training. The request requires AAHA and NAIHC to collaborate as one team, under separate work plans in two phases:

Phase 1: Development of all training materials

Phase 2: Delivery of trainings (scheduling, contracting sites, marketing, registration, print and deliver of materials, and onsite logistics).

Delivery of first training will be **90 days after publication of the exceptions**. NAIHC will deliver nine (9) “comprehensive” Instructor-Led (IL) training events (2-3 days in length) to be held in cities of all ONAP regional offices with the exception that EWONAP and SWONAP may have two (2) events to cover geographic areas of their large regions. It is anticipated that AAHA will deliver the training events in Alaska and Hawaii.

Environmental Review Streamlining Project

NAIHC is providing technical subject matter expertise and logistical assistance to HUD in developing a coordinated interagency environmental review process to simplify Tribal housing development and its related infrastructure needs.

For additional information go to:

<http://naihc.net/streamlining-the-environmental-review-process-updates/>

Please visit www.naihc.net for additional training information.