

**NAIHC 2019 Q4 Update**

***(edited October 9, 2019)***

**Update on HUD Grants**

* FY 2018 & 2019 $200 Million Competitive Grant NOFA
  + Applications were submitted on August 8, 2019
  + If awards follow normal review time, would be notified in early/mid November
* FY 2018 ICDBG – awards announced to 85 tribes on June 27th
* FY 2019 ICDBG ($65M) TBD – expected to be issued sometime after Competitive Grant awards, HUD has indicated it should be out by end of calendar year.

**NAIHC News:**

* Pathways Home trainings throughout 2018, more to come in 2019
  + Curriculum updated in Spring 2018
  + Over 1,000 booklets were printed and made available
    - New print runs still occurring, and materials may be available upon request
  + 2019 trainings:
    - October 21-25 in OKC; November 18-22 in Spokane
    - Travel scholarships likely available
  + Following up at 6- and 12-month intervals with trainees to gauge impact
* Leadership Institute online learning
  + - Launch has been delayed, but looking at launching Indian Housing Management course this October
    - Online Pathways course starting development (Q1 2020 launch)
    - Hopeful to produce 3 LI courses each year

**NAIHC Events:**

* ***Legal Symposium 2019:*** December 9-10 (Mon-Tuesday) at Bally’s.
  + ***NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!***
  + This year, Monday and Tuesday are full conference days
  + Monday AM opening session, Monday PM Breakouts and Legislative Committee meeting, Monday evening reception
  + Tuesday AM breakout session, Lawyers Luncheon, Tuesday PM closing session
* ***2020 Legislative Conference:*** February 24-26, Washington DC
* ***2020 Annual Convention and Members Meeting: May*** 5-7, Seattle, WA

**Other Meetings/Trainings:**

* ***HUD Crime Prevention Conference:*** February 3-5, Denver, CO
* ***HUD Housing Summit:*** March 24-26, San Diego, CA
* ***Leadership Institute:***
  + October 21 – 25, Pathways Home | Oklahoma City, OK
  + November 5 – 7, NTCCP - NAHASDA LIHTC | Chandler, AZ
  + December 9-11, Environmental Compliance | Las Vegas, NV (in conjunction with Legal Symposium)
* ***HUD Regional Trainings***: Over 30 planned in 2019
  + Oct. 8-9 | Labor Standards | Tulsa, OK
  + Nov. 5-6 | Developing and Financing Infrastructure | Phoenix, AZ
  + November 18-22, Pathways Home | Spokane, WA
  + Dec. 4-5 | Basic Financial Management | Sacramento, CA
  + More being added as approved by HUD
  + Check NAIHC’s website/calendar
* ***World Indigenous Housing Conference:****POSTPONED*

**Legislative Updates:**

* Tribal Housing Legislation:
  + NAHASDA: Congressman Denny Heck expected to introduce in October
    - Draft bill expected to include provisions impacting 184 court jurisdiction issues, USDA program improvements, homebuyer counseling grants eligibility, increased TDC allowances for energy efficient homes, and other small non-NAHASDA improvements
  + HUD-VASH ***PASSED*** in Senate!
    - Full Senate passed S. 257 on June 28th
    - Identical House companion bill introduced in May
    - Working with Representatives to push the bill through Financial Services Committee
    - Will be contacting members through our new advocacy platform about how they can help (see below)
  + Continuum of Care bill
    - Would make tribes eligible for HUD’s Continuum of Care grants
      * Passed out of House Financial Services Committee
      * Bipartisan support in both House and Senate
* FY 2020 Appropriations
  + FY 2020 President’s Budget:
    - President’s budget would make substantial cuts to many federal programs that impact tribal housing
  + FY 2020 Appropriations:
    - House passed THUD Approps on June 25th
      * Includes increases to tribal housing programs:
        + Increases IHBG Formula funding to $671
        + Maintains $100 Million for IHBG Competitive
        + Increases $80 Million for ICDBG
        + Increases Tribal HUD-VASH back up to $5 Million
    - Senate passed THUD Approps in September
      * Mostly level funding, with cut to tribal HUD-VASH
    - CR (continuing resolution) passed providing through November 21
      * Still time to advocate for final funding levels, preferring the House levels
* Sig-up for NAIHC’s new Advocacy online platform
  + To sign up, text NAIHC to 52886.
  + Once signed up, you will receive notifications from NAIHC anytime we need advocates to send letters to the Hill
    - Letters will be completely automated that you can send to your Senator or Representatives with the push of a button!

**Overall reminders:**

* Sign up for newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
* Legislative Committee
  + Next calls: November 7, December 9 (in-person)
* Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members!