

**NAIHC 2020 Q4 Update**

***(edited October 1, 2020)***

**Update on Pending HUD Grants**

* FY 2020 Competitive Grant ($100M)
  + NOFA has been released. Applications due December 10, 2020

**NAIHC News:**

* COVID Impacts, Trainings Moving Online
  + Cancelled Annual Convention; Legal Symposium moving to virtual only format
  + On-site trainings and TA were postponed at first, and then rescheduled as mostly virtual sessions
  + Conducting 1-3 Online Training sessions a week (in lieu of regional trainings)
* Leadership Institute
  + In-person courses for this year have been canceled
  + Indian Housing Management course is available online
  + 2nd course nearing completion: Online Pathways Homebuyer Education (This fall)
  + Hopeful to produce 2-3 LI courses each year moving forward; Admissions and Occupancy is next to be developed
* NAIHC Rehab Grant
  + NAIHC awarded grants to 20 tribes for Rehab of Senior-owned
  + Work being done through the summer and fall
  + Originally, rehab work was to be done by December 31, but realize work periods may need to be extended
  + Working with Wells Fargo on next round of grants, likely COVID related
* NAIHC Office in Washington, DC
  + Largely teleworking, but NAIHC has moved office space within same building, now on 5th floor

**NAIHC Events:**

* ***2020 Legal Symposium: December 8-9-10***
  + *WILL BE COMPLETELY VIRTUAL on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday*
  + *Registration and Information has gone out*
* ***2021 Legislative Conference:*** Washington DC
  + NAIHC does not currently expect to host its own event, partnering with NCAI
  + Schedule for in-person week of February 21-25
    - Possibly moving to an online format as well
* ***2021 Annual Convention and Members Meeting: May 24-27***, Hawaii
  + *Board Meeting: Sunday May 23*

**Other Meetings/Trainings:**

* ***HUD Housing Summit***
  + Awaiting approval by HUD
  + Dates TBD
* ***HUD Regional Trainings***:
  + Check NAIHC’s website/calendar
  + Adding new online trainings sessions every week

**Legislative Updates:**

**NAHASDA Reauthorization**

* House Bill: H.R. 5319
  + Introduced in December 2019, 30+ bipartisan cosponsors
  + Sitting at Financial Services Committee: Key obstacles are 30% rule language and Oklahoma Freedmen provisions
  + Bill includes 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
* Senate Bill: S. 4090
  + Introduced in June 2020, 9 bipartisan cosponsors
  + first bipartisan reauthorization bill in Senate since NAHASDA expired
  + Sitting at Senate Committee on Indian Affairs;
  + The bill would reauthorize NAHASDA programs through 2031 and update several key provisions such as: creating an Assistant Secretary for Indian Housing at HUD; re-establishing a Drug Elimination program for tribal communities; consolidating environment review requirements; allowing student housing assistance; recognizing tribal sovereignty to govern maximum rent requirements; allowing tribal housing programs to access the IHS sanitation funding; make tribes eligible for HUD Housing Counseling grants; make tribes eligible for HUD Homelessness Assistance grants; reauthorizing Native Hawaiian housing programs; and other updates
  + ***Should see a NAIHC advocacy push for more cosponsors in September***
* HUD-VASH ***PASSED*** in Senate!
  + Full Senate passed S. 257 in June 2019
  + Identical House companion bill introduced in May
  + Currently sitting at House Financial Services Committee, where key obstacle is 30% rule language and Oklahoma Freedmen issues
  + ***Will make a coordinated push with NCAI through these last few months of the year***
* Continuum of Care bill ***PASSED*** in House
  + Would make tribes eligible for HUD’s Continuum of Care grants
    - Bipartisan support in both House and Senate
  + Currently sitting at Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
* FY 2021 Appropriations
  + Level funding through a Continuing Resolution that lasts until December
  + Should continue to maintain the $100M Competitive Grant
* Access to Section 8 Voucher Provisions
  + Should expect to see these in a House/Senate Democrat-led, “Broken Promises” bill, led by Representative Deb Haaland and Senator Warren, and based on recent U.S. Commission on Civil Rights reports detailing failure to uphold trust responsibilities
  + Housing provisions will focus on full funding and access to section 8 vouchers
  + Will work with bipartisan Senators on getting the provision into the next LIHTC bill
    - Each Congress, a “base” LIHTC bill gets introduced, and provisions often get passed through various acts. Key is to get into the base bill for consideration

**Overall reminders:**

* Sign up for newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
* Legislative Committee
  + Next calls: October 1; November 5; December 3
* Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members!