



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Southwest Office of Native American Programs

Southwest Office of Native American Programs ensures that safe, decent and affordable housing is available to Native American families, creates economic opportunities for Tribes and Indian housing residents.



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GREETINGS FROM SWONAP ADMINISTRATOR

Happy New Year! I first want to affirm SWONAP's continued commitment to work tirelessly to support all of our Tribal housing partners as we deal with the impact of COVID-19 as a Nation. The safety and security of Native American families, Tribal housing staff, and all in Indian Country remain our top priority.

In addition, I want to thank our Tribal partners and all who serve Indian Country for the important work that you do. Your continued commitment to Indian Country is vital to our collective efforts to ensure that American Indian families have decent, safe, and affordable housing. SWONAP is always available to help you implement your programs effectively.

Respectfully,

Jody Moses
SWONAP Administrator

SWONAP Service Area:

Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico & Ysleta del Sur

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GREETINGS FROM SWONAP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR



Ma-gu-wam!

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you, your family, and communities well and in good spirits.

This past year was incredibly challenging; however, one thing is for certain. The resiliency, dedication, and commitment our grantees have to our communities remained strong. One of the things I miss the most is meeting with you in your communities having you share with us your vast accomplishments or having our team provide on-site technical assistance. Until that time comes again, I look forward to continuing our dialogue through email, phone, or video conference.

SWONAP has hit the ground running in the new year. Grants Management is in the process of reviewing the IHBG Competitive applications received on December 10, 2020 and Grants Evaluation is looking forward to receiving the SF 425's due at the end of January and finalizing reviews of APR's.

With the introduction of a few new programs within the last year and prior (IHBG CARES, ICDBG CARES, IHBG Competitive) please keep the questions coming; we are here to provide any support and guidance necessary to make the implementation of your housing programs a success.

Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year!

All my best,
Cheryl Dixon-Zuni

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ONAP Vacancy Announcement

[Grants Management Specialist, GS-9/11/12, Anchorage, AK](#)

Applications due by 2/24/21

Announcement numbers:

21-HUD-415(MP/Internal): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/591844200>

21-HUD-416-P(DEU/External): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/591845100>



The State of California is Committed to Supporting Tribes in Addressing Housing and Community Development

In December, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the release of the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Round 2 (CDBG-CV) [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA) for approximately \$54.4 million. HCD has **set-aside 5% of the funds for eligible Tribes/Tribal Entities.**

Through CDBG-CV set-asides for both federally recognized and non-federally recognized Native American Tribes and dedicated outreach and technical assistance The Department California has the largest Native American population in the nation. Poverty and inadequate housing conditions disproportionately affect tribal populations. The rate of tribal poverty is more than twice that of the rest of the California's population, and tribes have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, both by infection rates and hospitalizations. The Department recognizes that while Tribes may face many of the same barriers as other under-resourced applicants, the unique status of Tribes requires additional, specific considerations in the design and implementation of programs and technical assistance. The Department also recognizes the legacy of violence, exploitation, dispossession and attempted destruction of Tribes and related communities and that this has important ramifications for present-day relationships.

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/>





Section 184/184A Home Loan Guarantee Newly Published Resources

NEW! Dear Lender Letter 2020-13- **Extension of foreclosure and eviction moratorium and loan processing flexibilities in connection with the Presidentially Declared COVID-19 National Emergency.** The purpose of this Dear Lender Letter (DLL) is to inform lenders and servicers of an extension to the foreclosure and eviction moratorium originally issued in DLL 2020-04, extended in DLL 2020-06 and DLL 2020-08, and further extended in DLL 2020-10 for borrowers with Section 184 or Section 184A guaranteed loans for an additional period through February 28, 2021. This DLL also announces an extension of the loan processing flexibilities originally issued in DLL 2020-05, extended in DLL 2020-06, DLL 2020-08, and DLL 2020-10, and modified and further extended in DLL 2020-12, for an additional period through February 28, 2021. This extension will allow industry partners additional opportunity to utilize flexible guidance related to re-verification of employment and appraisal protocols for the Section 184 and 184A programs affected by COVID-19. [Continue Reading](#)

<p>NAIHC's Indian Housing Management Course</p>	<p>11 Classes. All Online! Visit www.NAIHC.net for more info.</p> <p>NAIHC's eLearning course presents a survey of the Indian Housing Industry, its relevant laws, required compliance, management best practices & more. Designed especially for housing professionals everywhere, this course covers the foundational skills necessary for effective housing management. This innovative course provides relevant and up to date information with a busy professional's schedule in mind. Offered completely online, current & future eLearning products will be presented in a self-paced, digital format with narrated lessons, interactive activities, assessments to test skill, and upon successful completion, earn valuable credit towards a certification with NAIHC's Leadership Institute. All eLearning courses will qualify for credit with NAIHC's Leadership Institute where participants can become eligible for various track certifications leading up to the prestigious – Professional Indian Housing Manager (PIHM) certification. Courses include:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Lesson 1: Applicable Laws & Regulations Lesson 2: Compliance & Other Requirements Lesson 3: Organizational Options Lesson 4: Eligible Families & Activities Lesson 5: Property Management Lesson 6: Planning & Development Lesson 7: Financial Issues Lesson 8: Policy & Program Development Lesson 9: Admissions, Occupancy, & Maintenance Lesson 10: Housing Development Lesson 11: Monitoring True to Your Vision </p>
<p>FirstPic Inc. – Tribal Housing Training Courses</p>	<p>To register or find out more, click on the links below or visit www.FirtPic.org</p> <p> Admissions and Occupancy Development Planning Financial Management IHP/APR Maintenance NAHASDA Essentials NAHASDA Intermediate National Webinar Series Opportunity Zones Webinar Series Procurement Program Income Project Management </p>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Conferences & Event	Date/Location	Description
Lead Safe Housing Rule Webinar Series: Subparts J and K	Feb. 2021	<p>HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) webinar series will review federal lead regulations & focus on Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subpart J for rehabilitation • Subpart K for acquisition, leasing, support services, and operations <p>This series is relevant to Community Planning & Development (CPD) and Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) grantees and their subgrantees/subrecipients who administer Subpart J housing rehabilitation activities and Subpart K activities/programs (including homebuyer assistance). Presenters will provide a step-by-step explanation of how practitioners can create healthy housing while complying & documenting compliance with LSHR. LSHR Training Registrar trainings@hudexchange.info Register today!</p>
Wiring the Rez 2021	Feb. 2021 Thursdays	<p>Join the Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University for its seventh annual Tribal Government E-Commerce CLE Conference—Wiring the Rez: Innovative Strategies for Business Development via E-Commerce. Sessions for the free webinar series will be held every Thursday in February 2021 for only 1.5 hours.</p>
Grant Writing Workshop	Feb. 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Writing Workshop (Part 1 of 2): February 10, 2021, 9:00am – 12:00pm EST Click here for information and registration. • Grant Writing Workshop (Part 2 of 2): February 11, 2021, 9:00am – 12:00pm EST Click here for information and registration.
Procurement and Contract Management (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 24-25 Virtual Training	<p>Learn the requirements pursuant to NAHASDA and Procurement Standards per 2 CFR 200 and Indian Preference per Section 7(b) of the Indian Education and Self-Determination Act. This training will be delivered in four modules that cover: Introduction to Procurement in Indian Country; NAHASDA Procurement regulations and 2 CFR 200 Procurement Standards, Indian Preference, Methods of Procurement, Price and Cost Analysis and then delve into the Contract Administration function that will cover types of contracts, required contract clauses, labor standard prevailing wages, payroll certifications, procurement records management/retention, payments, warranty and project closeout. The training will also include sample exercises to get better understanding of principles and concepts of procurement requirements. More info. at www.naihc.net, or contact Shane Begay at SBegay@naihc.net</p>
Tribal Council Roles and Responsibilities (HUD/ONAP)	March 2-3 Virtual Training	<p>More info. to come soon. Visit www.NAIHC.net or contact Shane Begay at SBegay@NAIHC.net</p>
AMERIND NAIHC Annual Convention & Tradeshow	May 22-27 Hawaii	<p>Watch for more details soon. Visit https://amerind.com/events-calendar/</p>
35th Annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2021)	July 2021 Las Vegas, NV	<p>The 35th annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES), RES 2021, is focused on resiliency and reinvention for American Indian enterprises, will take place in a hybrid format with a live in-person and live virtual experience available to attendees to ensure social distancing and the safety, comfort, and well-being of attendees. The National Center will be following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local health guidelines for in-person attendees. RES is the event to attend for high-caliber networking, winning teaming opportunities, business development sessions, and one-on-one consulting all centered around the American Indian Enterprise. Register now for RES 2021</p>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Open Grant Opportunities for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal are eligible to apply. Visit <https://www.grants.gov/>

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) - Publication of Tribal Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) - Applications Due April 15, 2021

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) NOFA expands the Tribal HUD-VASH program. The NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$3.2 million for competitive grants to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). This program provides applicants the ability to use HUD funding towards rental assistance for Native American Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas. [Continue Reading](#)

U.S. Department of Justice Grants

Second Chance Grant: Applications due March 2, 2021

Kevin and Avonte Program: Applications due March 3, 2021

FY 2021 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative: This program provides funding for state, local, and tribal governments to enhance or implement performance-based and outcomes-based contracts with reentry, permanent supportive housing, or recovery housing providers to reduce recidivism and address the substance use disorders impacting formerly incarcerated people. For more information, please visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-41005>

2021 UNITY Earth Ambassadors Program – Applications Due Mar.19, 2021

United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.'s (UNITY) application process is now open for the 2021 cohort of its Earth Ambassadors Leadership Program. The environmental stewardship program, established in the 1990s, engages Native American and Alaska Native youth in training sessions and informational workshops to increase their knowledge of environmental issues affecting Native America, learn to serve as ambassadors to increase awareness of the issues affecting the environmental quality on Native lands, and promote efforts to address environmental concerns within the nation's Native communities. Over the course of one year, each Earth Ambassador will host their own community service project, showcasing the new skills and leadership tools they have gained throughout the year. Topics can focus on, but are not limited to, recycling, conservation, regeneration, and restoration. In addition, the ambassadors will have special opportunities, coordinated through UNITY, to take their message to tribal and government agency representatives and lawmakers. **Apply online with the two-step application forms:**

1. Nomination Form: <https://forms.gle/W48WakT91jFSTkn8A>
2. Student Personal Statement Form: <https://forms.gle/JNmUcp25gd2qo5yMA>

Both online forms must be completed before March 19 to be considered. Paper copies or email submissions are not accepted.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CONT...



Agency/Source	Deadline To Apply	Additional Information
NCAI Fund Disaster Preparedness Grants	Feb. 12	The National Congress of American Indians Fund (NCAI Fund), the public education non-profit affiliate of the National Congress of American Indians, is offering \$185,000 in Disaster Preparedness Grants to be fully obligated to individual tribal nations by February 12, 2021. Click HERE for more information and to apply.
IHS Loan Repayment Program	Feb. 15	Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program This loan repayment program is available for undergraduate and graduate health professional educational loans in return for full-time clinical service in IHS programs.
Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grants – FY 2021	Feb. 16	This program addresses the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) using medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). Click HERE for more information and to apply,
Enhancing & Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities	Feb 22	Enhancing and Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities Enterprise's Rural and Native American Program and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis : Apply to participate in an online training starting in March to build on the Tribal Leaders Handbook on Homeownership and delve into the components of creating homeownership opportunities, determining existing assets, identifying gaps and outlining concrete next steps.
US. Dept. of Justice Second Chance Grant	March 2	FY 2021 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative: This program provides funding for state, local, and tribal governments to enhance or implement performance-based and outcomes-based contracts with reentry, permanent supportive housing, or recovery housing providers to reduce recidivism and address the substance use disorders impacting formerly incarcerated people. For more info., visit https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-41005
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Nutrition Education Grant	March 8	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Nutrition Education Grant U.S. Dept. of Agriculture USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture funding to provide nutrition education for participants of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, resulting in healthier food choices and a better understanding of healthy food preparation methods.
Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes (EPA)	March 30	Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes Environmental Protection Agency - This program supports the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste management in Indian country. Apply on Grants.gov
Dept of Health & Human Services Admin for Children and Families	April 20	Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs. Funding Opportunity Number HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CA-1913. For more information click HERE .
Tribal HUD VASH Expansion Program	April 15	The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) NOFA expands the Tribal HUD-VASH program. The NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$3.2 million for competitive grants to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). This program provides applicants the ability to use HUD funding towards rental assistance for Native American Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas. Continue Reading Tribal HUD-VASH Expansion NOFA (Deadline 04/15/21)
Honor the Earth Native Food Security Grants	Open	Honor the Earth Native Food Security Grants Funding for native organizations working to create food security using traditional seeds, foods, and growing methods, as well as energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.
EDA CARES Act Funds	Ongoing	The Dept. of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) supplemental funds (EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance) intended to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. For more info. and to apply click HERE .
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	Open	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/UWPecwaq.htm

CONGRATULATIONS!

TOKA Homes Honored with Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award



TOKA Homes #3 is a 2020 recipient of the [Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award \(Edson Awards\)](#) in the Rural category. Administered by the [Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition](#), the Edson Awards recognize affordable housing developments and organizations that have demonstrated especially impactful use of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC).

Announced each year from the nation's capital, the awards honor LIHTC developments that are strengthening communities, improving residents' opportunity and boosting economies in urban, suburban and rural areas across the country. The awards come at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact have intensified the need for affordable housing, compounding the challenge facing at-risk families and individuals already struggling to pay rent.

Developed by Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association, TOKA Homes III provides **38 new affordable homes** in the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation in Tucson, AZ. To make this development possible, LIHTCs were awarded by the Arizona Department of Housing, resulting in \$8.7 million provided by American Express and syndicated by Red Stone Equity Partners. Travois served as the consultant and architect and Kappcon served as the general contractor. Of the 38 new homes, 24 serve families with children, two of the townhomes are ADA accessible and one of the single-family units can accommodate those who are sensory impaired. The development is located near tribal services and amenities, a grocery store, health center, public park, public library, high-quality primary education and public transportation. Also available to residents is before and after-school educational assistance, financial literacy classes, computer training and job training. Door-to-door transportation services are also provided at no cost. [Read the Article Here](#)