

**NAIHC 2021 Q2 Update**

***(edited May 5, 2021)***

**NAIHC News:**

* COVID Impacts Continue, Trainings Mostly Online (some in-person available)
	+ NAIHC Headquarters staff remain teleworking, but all are available for any assistance
	+ Most TTA is online only, a few sessions where tribe and TTA provider are comfortable and live in close proximity have been held in-person, following tribal and local rules
	+ Conducting 1-3 Online Training sessions a week (in lieu of regional trainings), there was a break for holidays.
* Leadership Institute
	+ In-person courses for 2021 are still TBD
	+ Indian Housing Management course is available online
	+ Online Pathways Homebuyer Education will be rolled out this quarter
		- Provides training to the Housing professional & can be used with individuals in the community
	+ Hopeful to produce 2-3 LI courses each year moving forward; Admissions and Occupancy and Procurement are the next two courses to be developed.
		- Targeting the full development of one certification track
* NAIHC Rehab Grant (2020)
	+ NAIHC awarded grants to 20 tribes for Rehab of Senior-owned at the beginning of 2020
	+ Work still ongoing in many communities due to COVID, extensions have been provided
* NAIHC COVID Housing Assistance Grant (NEW for 2021)
	+ NAIHC and Wells Fargo announced the next grant during the Virtual Legal Symposium
	+ NAIHC has awarded 19 grants to 20 tribes for COVID-related housing projects, up to $44,000 per tribe

**NAIHC Events:**

* **2021 Legislative Conference Postponed**
	+ NAIHC working with the Board/Legislative Committee and NCAI on best options:
		- Something sooner in 2021, but virtual
		- Wait until the fall to host something in-person in DC
* **2021 Annual Convention and Members Meeting: May 24-27**, **Hawaii**
	+ Postponed to 2023
	+ Under Contract for Seattle in 2022
	+ Members Meeting expected to be held in December in Las Vegas
* **2021 Legal Symposium: December 6-7-8, Las Vegas**
	+ Currently planned in person in Las Vegas

**Other Meetings/Trainings:**

* ***HUD Housing Summit***
	+ Working with HUD/ONAP on bigger event
	+ Dates TBD, but targeting August 2021, currently expecting virtual event
* ***HUD Regional Trainings***:
	+ Check NAIHC’s website/calendar
	+ Adding new online trainings sessions almost every week

**Update on Pending HUD Grants/COVID Funding**

* FY 2020 Competitive Grant ($100M)
	+ Awards announce in early April: announcement can be found HERE
* FY 2021/Other Grants
	+ Top priority is ICDBG-ARP (covid relief) ($280M), NOFA is in clearance process at HUD/OMB
	+ FY21 ICDBG ($70M) NOFA is second in line, HUD targeting late summer
	+ IHBG Competitive ($100M) NOFA is probably third in line; fall at the earliest

**Treasury Funds**

* Emergency Rental Assistance funding (meant to follow IHBG allocation formula)
	+ $800M for tribal Rental Assistance coming from U.S. Treasury Department
		- Tribes should have money now
	+ Tribes can provide rental and utility assistance (including arrears) to members 80% AMI and other eligibility requirements
	+ *Must be spent by September 30,* ***2022*** *(original deadline of Sept 2021 was extended by American Rescue Plan passed in March)*
		- *Treasury could re-allocate funding to other tribal grantees beginning in September 2021 (still to be determined if and how that might happen)*
	+ Operated through Treasury Department, latest FAQ/guidance updated May 7 HERE
	+ NAIHC will work with Biden Administration and Congress if changes need to be made
* Homeowner Assistance Fund ~$500 M​
	+ 5% set-aside of larger national program​
	+ Operated through Treasury, Similar to Emergency Rental Assistance Program​
	+ ***Does*** include national or local AMI
	+ Tribal allocations follow IHBG formula (mechanism allows non-IHBG tribes to claim allocation as well)
	+ Applications:
		- Tribes must apply to receive their allocation by September 30, 2021.
		- Tribes will receive 10% of their allocation upon application
		- Tribes will have to submit ‘HAF Plan’ to receive remainder of funds after Treasury approval
	+ More information found on US Treasury website HERE

**Legislative Updates:**

**NAHASDA Reauthorization**

* No full bill yet introduced
* NAHASDA is included in American Housing and Economic Mobility Act *(10-year reauthorization, $2.5 Billion in first year, tribal access to section 8 vouchers)*
* Last Congress saw bipartisan standalone NAHASDA bills in both House and Senate, which hasn’t been seen in over a decade (detailed below)
* Looking for new bill sponsors as some past bill sponsors have retired and we want to engage new Senate and House Committee leadership
	+ Senate lead sponsors include: Schatz and Murkowski
	+ House lead sponsors could include Rep. Cleaver, Rep. Lucas, Rep. Davids and others
* Last Congress House Bill: H.R. 5319
	+ Bill included 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
* Last Congress Senate Bill: S. 4090
	+ 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
* ***This Congress, NAIHC will push both chambers to adopt each other’s provisions for a single bill***
* ***Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has indicated it wants to push Senate version, more friendly Senate Committee structure this year***

**HUD-VASH**

* No bill introduced yet
* Last Congress, bill passed the Senate but not the House
* Is included in the larger NAHASDA efforts
* ***This Congress, NAIHC will again push for stand-alone and NAHASDA HUD-VASH provisions, work with House Leadership on getting bill finalized***

**Other Housing Bills**

* FY 2022 Appropriations
	+ Biden Administration budget asked for $900M total (compared to ~$825M last year combined for IHBG, Competitive IHBG, ICDBG, HUD-VASH)
	+ NAIHC asking for nearly $1 billion in annual IHBG alone
* Infrastructure Bill
	+ President Biden released his $2 trillion infrastructure proposal, which included $213 billion for housing “Through targeted tax credits, formula funding, grants, and project-based rental assistance” and specifically calls out assistance to tribal areas.
	+ NAIHC working with other Native orgs in DC to provide specifics to Congress on how to include tribes in any infrastructure package
	+ Initial drafts of infrastructure bill in House included ***$2 Billion for IHBG***
* Other legislative topics for tribal housing f include:
	+ Drug risks/Remediation funding (NAICH Resolution 2018-02)
	+ Housing & Infrastructure connection (NAIHC Res. 2019-04)
	+ Homeownership program improvements
		- 502 Single Family Loan Guarantee, other USDA programs (NAIHC Res. 2018-01)
		- NADL improvements (NAIHC Res. 2019-03)
	+ Section 8 and LIHTC improvements (NAIHC Res. 2018-03 & 2018-04)
		- Last Congress, bills did include restoring tribal access voucher program

**Overall reminders:**

* Sign up online to receive newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
* Legislative Committee
	+ Typically First Thursday of Each Month: June 3, July 8, August 5
	+ https://zoom.us/j/97496787338
* Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members!