



NAIHC 2021 Q4 Update *(Updated October 4, 2021)*

NAIHC News:

- NAIHC Held “Legislative Forum” virtual event
 - Wednesday, August 4 12:00 – 4:00pm Eastern
 - Content similar to annual Legislative Conference which was cancelled this year
 - Free Registration
- COVID Impacts Continue, Trainings Mostly Online (some in-person available)
 - NAIHC Headquarters staff returning to office full time, with some telework options
 - Expect to follow DC guidance once it moves to “Phase 3” to resume in office activities
 - DC now under mask mandate for all inside areas, regardless of vaccination status
 - 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
 - Recently (June), HUD ONAP has informed all TTA providers that on-site TA will not be allowed, due to HUD ONAP travel restrictions; working with ONAP to understand rationale, many tribes asking for on-site only now
 - If Tribes want on-site they need to let HUD know
 - Conducting 1-2 Online Training sessions a week (in lieu of regional trainings)
- Leadership Institute
 - In-person courses for 2021 are still TBD
 - First in-person course held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at end of July
 - 12 attendees, taught by Brian Mann (on staff rather than consultant)
 - Basic Accounting class
 - Scheduling Pathways Course for DC in October
 - 16 attendees (mix of CDFI, TDHE, Community Development Corp.)
 - Another course scheduled in conjunction with Legal Symposium
 - Indian Housing Management course is available online
 - Online Pathways Homebuyer Education is being rolled out
 - TTA team selecting a few programs active in Pathways to test (June)

- 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 & Occupancy and NTCCP 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 was Cancelled but held “Virtual Legislative Forum”:**
 - NAIHC Legislative Forum
 - Wednesday, August 4, 12:00 – 4:00 pm Eastern
- **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
 - Registration is open
 - Will update as travel/safety issues warrant

Other Meetings/Trainings:

- ***HUD Housing Summit***
 - Working with HUD/ONAP on bigger event
 - HUD now leaning towards smaller virtual meetings in 2021, larger in-person event 2022
- ***HUD Regional Trainings:***
 - Check NAIHC’s website/calendar
 - Adding new online trainings sessions almost every week

Update on Pending HUD Grants/COVID Funding

- FY 2021 ICDBG-ARP (covid relief) (\$280M), NOFA is out, phased application process
 - Phase I: unfunded CARES Act applications
 - Phase II: new applications (***started Sept 3***)
 - <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2021-22.pdf>
- FY21 ICDBG (\$70M) NOFA is out
 - Deadline is October 25
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335356>
- FY21 IHBG Competitive (\$100M) NOFA is out
 - Deadline is December 1
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335399>

Treasury Funds

- Emergency Rental Assistance funding (meant to follow IHBG allocation formula)
 - NAIHC SURVEY to take on ERAP programs:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/rAHZ0FW>
 - \$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, constantly updating guidelines
 - Through Aug 31, tribes have reported 9.5% expenditures, and additional 22.7% obligations
 - NAIHC will work with Biden Administration and Congress if changes need to be made
 - Also working with non-tribal grantees to find ways to streamline program
- Homeowner Assistance Fund ~\$500 M
 - 5% set-aside of larger national program
 - Operated through Treasury, Similar to Emergency Rental Assistance Program
 - 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~~ NOW November 15, 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
 - NAIHC not aware of any HAF plan approvals yet
 - Treasury HAF guidance and more information found on US Treasury website [HERE](#)

Legislative Updates:

NAHASDA Reauthorization

Senate Side:

- S. 2264 introduced June 24, with 9 bipartisan sponsors;
- Schatz, Murkowski, Tester and Hoeven lead sponsors
- Bill is similar to prior Senate version:
 - 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; reauthorizing Native Hawaiian housing programs; and other updates

House-side:

- Maxine Waters has introduced a NAHASDA bill, HR. 5195, which contains the Freedmen provision and authorization caps for each FY year 2021-2025 (go up each year, starting at \$680M in FY22 and ending at \$820M in FY26)
- NAIHC supports reauthorization but concerned with authorization caps and Freedmen language
- Maxine Waters voted bill out of Committee on Sept 14 along party lines
- Next step would be full House vote, nothing is pending and NAIHC would not support the bill without changes to the authorization caps and resolution of the Freedmen issue
- Other than two issues above, the bill has great provisions for tribes including: 184 court jurisdiction fix issues, USDA tribal set-asides, flood mapping insurance program fix, homebuyer counseling grants eligibility, increased TDC allowances for energy efficient homes, and other small non-NAHASDA improvements

Other NAHASDA bills: NAHASDA is also included in American Housing and Economic Mobility Act (10-year reauth, \$2.5 Billion in first year, tribal access to section 8 vouchers)

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***

USDA Re-lending Bill

- S. 2092 introduced June 16 with eight bipartisan cosponsors
- Lead sponsors are Senator Tina Smith (MN) and Senator Mike Rounds (SD)

- Bill would provide \$50M from USDA Single Family Home Loan program to Native CDFIs to provide home loans in tribal communities

Other Housing Bills

- FY 2022 Appropriations
 - UPDATE: House Approps include \$950 M,
 - Adopts Biden proposal except makes IHBG competitive \$150M instead of two separate \$100 competitive grants
 - Biden Administration budget asked for \$1B in total (compared to ~\$825M last year combined for IHBG, Competitive IHBG, ICDBG, HUD-VASH)
 - NAIHC annually asks for nearly \$1 billion in annual IHBG alone
 - Full Budget for programs impacting tribal housing in table:

Programs	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2022 President's Budget Request	FY 2022 House THUD Approps	NAIHC Recommendation
Indian Housing Block Grants	\$646 million	\$647 million	\$723 million	\$722 million	\$966 million, no less than \$755 million
Competitive IHBG	\$100 million	\$100 million	\$100 million	\$150 million	
Climate Initiative			\$100 million	\$0	
T&TA grants	\$7 million	\$7 million	\$7 million	\$7 million	\$7 million
Indian Community Development Block Grant	\$70 million	\$70 million	\$70 million	\$70 million	\$100 million
Title VI Loan Guarantee	\$2 million	\$1 million	\$0 **	\$1 million	\$2 million
Section 184 Loan Guarantee	\$1.6 million	\$2 million	\$3.5 million	\$3 million	\$10 million
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$7 million	\$4 million	\$20 million
Tribal HUD-VASH	\$1 million	\$5 million	\$5 million	\$5 million	\$7 million
HIP	\$11.7 million	\$11.7 million	\$11.7 million	n/a	\$23 million
Rural Development 502 Single Family Direct Loan	\$1 billion *general program, not tribal specific	\$1 billion *general program, not tribal specific	\$1.5 billion *general program, not tribal specific	n/a	\$1 billion (general) with tribal set-aside

- Infrastructure Bill

- President Biden released his \$2 trillion infrastructure proposal, which included \$213 billion for housing nationally
 - Biden Administration proposal provided on July 8 Leg Cmte call:
 - \$650 M IHBG Formula
 - \$350 M ICDBG
 - \$1 Billion IHBG Competitive
- Bipartisan Deal heard about in news in late June does not include and funds for housing (tribal or otherwise)
- Democrats are moving ahead with larger package under “Budget Reconciliation” process which only needs Dem support and can pass without any Republican support
- **UPDATE 10/4/21:** House Financial Resources passed first version of housing infrastructure provisions on September 14, including **\$2 Billion for tribal housing**
 - **Final House Reconciliation Draft still includes \$2 billion:**
 - **\$784,375,000 formula**
 - **\$7M native Hawaiians**
 - **\$784,375,000 IHBG Competitive**
 - **\$334,250,000 ICDBG (\$200M imminent threat grants)**
 - **\$40M TTA**
 - **\$50M HUD Administration**
 - **Also includes Freedmen language**
- Broken Promises bill
 - Last Congress, Congresswoman Haaland and Senator Warren led effort on large Native programs bill, responding to US Civil Rights Commission report on lack of funding for tribal programs.
 - Senator Warren is expected to lead this effort again this Congress
- Other legislative topics for tribal housing 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)
 - Senator Smith and Rounds introduced this bill on June 16 (just 502 set-aside)
 - 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: October 7, November 4
 - <https://zoom.us/j/97496787338>
- Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members!