

**NAIHC 2023 Q1 Update**

***(edited January 6, 2023)***

**NAIHC News:**

* **NAIHC is seeking applicants for Executive Director position**
	+ https://naihc.net/executive-director-at-naihc/
* **Thanks to All who attended our 2022 Legal Symposium!**
* **Training and Technical Assistance in 2023**
	+ **Largely continuing trend of virtual trainings and in-person Technical Assistance**
	+ Some Trainings are scheduled for in-person as well, particularly those around Regional IHA meetings
	+ NAIHC also assigned curated training-on-demand videos for core NAHASDA trainings, (not a recording of a live training, but scripted training to be recorded)
	+ HUD ONAP Housing Summit planned for August 2023 in Minnesota
	+ **Homeowner Assistance Fund & Emergency Rental Assistance** trainings/technical assistance is available on request directly to NAIHC:
		- https://naihcweb.wufoo.com/forms/wlik08p1ph88x3/
* Leadership Institute
	+ Currently have 5 in-person courses scheduled:
		- Property Maintenance Management, March 21-23; Seattle, WA
		- Financial Management, April 25-27; Charlotte, NC
		- Resident Services, August 29-31; New Orleans, LA
		- Supervisory Management, September 19-21; Milwaukee, WI
		- Environmental Review, December TBD, Las Vegas, NV
	+ Expect to add 1-2 more on NAHASDA- Tax Credit Compliance Professional courses
	+ Online: Indian Housing Management course is available online
	+ Pathways Homebuyer Education course also available online
		- TTA team selected a few programs active in Pathways to test in fall 2021
		- 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 finalizing development
		- Targeting the full development of one certification track (Occupancy Management)
* NAIHC Rehab Grant (2020)
	+ NAIHC awarded grants to 21 tribes for Rehab of Senior-owned homes during the spring of 2020
	+ Work still ongoing in many communities due to COVID, extensions have been provided
	+ Nearly all the projects have been completed/reimbursed
* NAIHC COVID Housing Assistance Grant (2021)
	+ In March 2021, NAIHC awarded 19 grants to tribes for COVID-related housing projects, up to $44,000 per tribe
	+ Nearly 3/4 of the grants have been completed/reimbursed

**NAIHC Events:**

* **2023 Legislative Conference Scheduled for March 6-7-8**
	+ Registration opening week of January 9
	+ Schedule:
		- Monday, March 6: Advocacy 101, Legislative Conference, Reception
		- Tuesday, March 7: General Sessions, Panel Discussion
		- Wednesday, March 8: Hill Day, Group Meetings Scheduled
		- Expecting to Add HUD 184 Loan Guarantee Proposed Rule Consultation
* **2023 Annual Convention Save-the-Date**
	+ **Waikoloa, Hawaii May 8-11**
	+ **Registration opening late January**
	+ Schedule:
		- Monday, May 8: Golf Tournament, Service Project, Legislative Committee meeting
		- Tuesday-Thursday: Three full days – Opening/Closing Sessions, Breakouts, Organizations’ Members Meeting
	+ Working with our Hawaiian hosts for cultural presentations, side events
	+ Also going to work with Regional Housing Associations for Travel Scholarships (1 per region)
* **2023 Legal Symposium: TBD**
	+ NAIHC is looking to move the event to October (to avoid holidays/end of year)
	+ **Close to finalizing a conference site in Phoenix area**

**Other Meetings/Trainings:**

* ***HUD Housing Summit 2023***
	+ Working with HUD/ONAP on bigger event
	+ Already targeting August 2023
* ***HUD Regional Trainings***:
	+ Still finalizing full 2023 HUD Trainings Schedule (~50 trainings)
	+ Some trainings are moving back to in-person
	+ Check NAIHC’s website/calendar
	+ Adding new online trainings sessions almost every week

**Update on Pending HUD Grants & Comment Periods**

* FY22 Grants:
	+ FY22 ICDBG Annual Program
		- Issued July 19, DEADLINE October 24
		- ~$92 Million in awards
		- **Waiting on Award Notifications**
	+ FY22 IHBG Competitive Grant
		- Issued July 26, DEADLINE ~~November 17~~ NOW January 24, 2023
		- ~$130 Million in awards
* FY23 Grants:
	+ FY23 ICDBG Annual funded at $75 million, NOFO TBD
	+ FY23 IHBG Competitive funded at $150 million, NOFO TBD
* Comment Periods
	+ ICDBG Imminent Threat Program
		- DTLL went out October 21, 2022
		- ***DEADLINE January 6, 2023***
		- Asks for feedback on grant ceilings, programmatic improvements
	+ HUD 184 Loan Guarantee Proposed Rule
		- Published in Federal Register on December 21, 2022
		- ***DEADLINE March 17, 2023***
		- Holding Several Tribal Consultations (regional and national)
	+ HUD CDBG-Disaster Recovery program RFI
		- Notes that no tribe has received this grant, requests feedback on how to improve program for tribes (policy revisions, fund allocation, etc.)
		- ***DEADLINE February 21, 2023***
	+ HUD Office of Housing Counseling SOON

**Treasury Funds**

* Emergency Rental Assistance funding (meant to follow IHBG allocation formula)
	+ $800M for tribal Rental Assistance coming from U.S. Treasury Department
	+ Tribes can provide rental and utility assistance (including arrears) to members 80% AMI and other eligibility requirements
	+ ERA grants should all be in closeout periods now.
		- Group A Tribes: (tribes that did not receive any reallocations)
			* Closeout Reports due on January 30, 2023
		- Group B Tribes: (tribes that did receive reallocations)
			* Final quarterly report due January 17, 2023
			* Closeout Reports due April 28, 2023
		- **Closeout training hosted by Treasury on January 10, 2023, 3pm Eastern**
			* **LINK:** **https://ustreasury.zoomgov.com/j/1609759969**
	+ NAIHC is still working with Congress for options for any extension or flexibility on use of funds
* Homeowner Assistance Fund ~$500 M​
	+ 5% set-aside of larger national program​ ($498M)
	+ 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 had to submit their intent to claim their HAF allocation by December 15, 2021.
		- As of October 2022, ~180 tribal HAF plans have been approved
		- Still ~100 tribes that have not submitted HAF plans
	+ Treasury HAF guidance and more information found on US Treasury website HERE
* NAIHC has Training and TA available for HAF and ERAP issues. Apply at: https://naihcweb.wufoo.com/forms/wlik08p1ph88x3/

**Legislative Updates:**

**117th Congress Wrap-Up:**

* Congress adjourned before Christmas after passing the FY23 full year funding
	+ Saw 2% increase to tribal housing programs
	+ Unfortunately, did not include policy provisions regarding NAHASDA reauthorization or ERA extension
	+ Did see NAHASDA reauthorization pass the Senate for first time since 2008
		- As part of the 2021 NDAA (not included in version that passed the House and signed by President)

**Funding**

* FY23 is fully funded through September 30, 2023
* FY23 package included ~2% increase for tribal housing programs
	+ Full FY23 Appropriations passed on December 23:
	+ Saw increases for IHBG, ICDBG, HUD 184 Loan Guarantee, and HUD-VASH grants



* FY2024 Budget
	+ Administration typically sends budget to Congress in February/March
	+ Congress then starts appropriations work
		- Committee hearings
		- Constituent Feedback
		- Member Priority Letters

**NAHASDA Reauthorization**

* Process to get NAHASDA reauthorized starts over in 118th Congress
* Three versions in prior Congress:
	+ Senate Side: S. 2264
		- 13 bipartisan cosponsors: 9 Dems/4 Republicans
		- 10-year Reauthorization, Includes Hawaiians, Included Tribal Rent provisions
		- ***Passed Senate in 2021 as part of National Defense bill (NDAA)***
	+ House Side: H.R. 5195
		- 1 sponsor: Rep. Waters (D-CA)
	+ American Housing & Economic Mobility Act: S. 1368, H.R. 2768
		- Sponsors: 7 Dem Senators/14 Dem Representatives
		- 10-year NAHASDA Reauthorization, $2.5 billion in Year 1, Access to Section 8 vouchers
* Strategy for 118th Congress is to get both chambers to introduce closer companion bills (more similar provisions than last year’s Senate and House versions)
	+ Hopeful to pull best provisions from both versions

**HUD-VASH**

* Was included in the larger NAHASDA efforts, and introduced as a stand-alone bill in 2023
* ***Passed Senate in 2021 as part of NAHASDA package in NDAA***
* In 118th, will again keep included in NAHASDA efforts and stand-alone

**USDA Re-lending Bill**

* S. 2092, H.R. 6331 both had bipartisan cosponsors in both chambers
* Bill would provide $50M from USDA Single Family Home Loan program to Native CDFIs to provide home loans in tribal communities
* More funding was included in FY23 final package, but not these policy provisions
* In 118th Congress, looking to include this and other tribal housing provisions in Farm Bill

**Other Housing Bills**

* S. 3381, Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act
	+ *Four bipartisan cosponsors:*
		- *Thune (SD), Smith (MN), Rounds (SD), Tester (MT)*
	+ In 118th Congress, expect similar bill to be introduced in 118th Congress
* S. 4045, VA Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act
	+ Led by Senator Rounds and Tester, would make improvements to VA NADL program:
		- Allow for NADL loans to cover refinancing existing mortgages
		- Provide grants to tribes to increase awareness among Native veterans
		- Provide a set-aside of NADL funds to Native CDFIs for greater loan deployment in tribal communities
	+ In 118th Congress, expect to work with Veterans Affairs Leadership to re-introduce this bill
* Broken Promises bill
	+ Last Congress, Senator Warren introduced bill that highlighted federal government’s shortcomings on all federal-tribal programs (including housing)
* Other legislative topics for tribal housing include:
	+ Drug risks/Remediation funding (NAICH Resolution 2018-02)
		- Including in Senate NAHASDA version
	+ Housing & Infrastructure connection (NAIHC Res. 2019-04)
	+ Homeownership program improvements
		- 502 Single Family Loan, other USDA programs (NAIHC Res. 2018-01)
			* Senator Smith and Rounds introduced this bill on June 16
		- 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
			* Will also work with OMB to see if administration open to include tribal access to vouchers in budge process
		- Will work with LIHTC Leads in Congress to include tribal provisions

**Overall reminders:**

* Sign up online to receive newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
* Legislative Committee
	+ Typically First Thursday of Each Month:
		- Thursday, February 2, https://zoom.us/j/97496787338
		- Monday, March 6 (in-person at Legal Symposium)
		- Thursday, April 6, https://zoom.us/j/97496787338
* Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members