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# PROGRAM GUIDANCE

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**PROGRAM:** Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program

**FOR:** Tribal Government Leaders and Tribally Designated Housing Entities

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**TOPIC:** Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Notice of Funding Availability

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this guidance is to provide tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) with a summary of the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, also known as the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program. The SuperNOFA was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2005.

**Program Description:** The purpose of the ICDBG Program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate-incomes.

**Eligibility Information:** All federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages are eligible to participate in the ICDBG Program. Tribal organizations, as described in 24 CFR 1003.5, are also eligible applicants. To apply for funding, an applicant must meet this eligibility criterion by the application submission date.

Eligible categories of funding include housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, homeownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development, and microenterprise programs. For a complete description of eligible activities, please refer to 24 CFR Part 1003, subpart C.

**FY 2005 Funding Availability:** The total approximate amount of funding available for the ICDBG Program for FY2005 is \$68,427,300, less \$4,000,000 retained to fund Imminent Threat Grants, for a total of \$64,427,300. The Area Office of Native American Program (AONAP) allocations are:

Eastern/Woodlands	\$ 7,293,860
Southern Plains	\$13,839,761
Northern Plains	\$ 9,175,317
Southwest	\$24,075,045
Northwest	\$ 3,235,327
Alaska	\$ 6,807,990

**Application Submission Requirements:** Beginning in FY 2005, HUD requires applicants to submit their applications electronically through [www.grants.gov/Apply](http://www.grants.gov/Apply), unless the appropriate Assistant Secretary grants a waiver.

**Electronic Submission Requirements:** Electronic applications are due on June 2, 2005, no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Applicants must have a Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The requirement for a DUNS number is not new this year. If your organization does not have a DUNS number, instructions for obtaining it can be found at [www.grants.gov/GetStarted](http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted) or by contacting Dun & Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711. Your organization must also register online with the Federal Central Contractor Registry and with the credential provider for E-Authentication. Applicants are encouraged to register early since the registration process can take approximately two weeks to complete. Registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure you are able to meet the required application submission deadline.

A complete set of instructions on how to complete electronic application submission is available at [www.grants.gov/CompleteApplication](http://www.grants.gov/CompleteApplication).

**Waivers of Electronic Submission Requirement:** Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov, unless the applicant has received a waiver from HUD. HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.110 permit waivers of regulatory requirements to be granted for cause. Waiver requests must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing and state the basis for the request, explaining why electronic submission is not possible. The bases for waivers for cause may include, but are not limited to, (a) lack of available Internet access in the geographic location in which the applicant's business office is located or (b) physical disability of the applicant that prevents the applicant from accessing or responding to the application electronically.

Waiver requests must include an e-mail or name and mailing address where responses can be directed. Waiver requests will be accepted beginning on the publication date for the NOFA (March 21, 2005) and **no later than 30 days prior to the application submission date**. Since the submission date is June 2, 2005, waiver requests for ICDBG must be received by May 3, 2005. Waiver requests must be submitted to:

HUD Headquarters  
Robert C. Weaver Federal Building  
Attn: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for the Office of  
Public and Indian Housing (PIH)  
451 Seventh St., S.W., Room 4100  
Washington, DC 20410

In the event a waiver is granted, mailed applications must be postmarked no later than June 2, 2005, and received by the appropriate Area Office of Native American Programs (AONAP) for your jurisdiction no later than 15 days after June 2, 2005. Applicants must use the United States Postal Service to submit their applications. Hand delivered, faxed, or other courier delivered applications will not be accepted.

**Accessing the NOFA and the ICDBG Application:** Applicants can download the ICDBG Program NOFA online through [www.grants.gov/Find](http://www.grants.gov/Find) and choose from links provided under the topic “Search Grant Opportunities,” which allows you to conduct a basic search or to browse by category or agency. If you have difficulty accessing the information, you may request customer support from Grants.gov by calling its help line at 1-800- 518-GRANTS or sending an email to [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

Applicants will have to enter the Funding Opportunity and/or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the ICDBG Program to access the application package and instructions. The CFDA number for the ICDBG Program is **14.862**. In order to view the application package, applicants also have to download and install the PureEdge Viewer. This small program (no cost involved) will allow applicants to access, complete, and submit applications electronically and securely.

Applicants who do not have Internet access and need to obtain a copy of the NOFA can contact HUD’s NOFA Information Center toll-free at 1-800-HUD-8929. Persons with hearing or speech impairment may also call toll free at 1-800-HUD-2209.

**Major Changes from FY 2004 NOFA:**

- ICDBG was a stand-alone NOFA in FY 2004 and is part of the SuperNOFA for FY 2005. As a result, applicants must read carefully both the General Section (pages 13575-13643) and the ICDBG program section (pages 13654-13692) to ensure they address all NOFA requirements.
- Imminent Threat funding was reinstated and \$4,000,000 is available. The grant ceiling for Imminent Threat has increased to \$425,000.
- Electronic submission requirement.

**Additional Information/Training on ICDBG NOFA Requirements:** Training on the requirements of the FY 2005 ICDBG NOFA will be provided by the AONAP in your jurisdiction. Questions regarding ICDBG program requirements should be directed to your assigned Grants Management Specialist at the AONAP for your jurisdiction.

**Applicants should not rely solely on information in this Guidance since it does not include all applicable NOFA requirements on the subjects addressed.**