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[HUD's Office of Native American Programs](#) (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

The [Eastern Woodlands Office](#) (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$80 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$6 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

Eastern Woodlands Region



For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the [CodeTalk website](#).

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INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

[The White House releases "Standing with Indian County" factsheet](#) detailing key funding figures affecting Tribes from the President's 2015 Budget Proposal. To read the factsheet, [click here](#).

[FEMA Seeks Input on Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Administration:](#) The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released an [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Program Administration by States](#). This Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is very important to many of our tribes and ultimately input into this process will help expedite recovery process and reduce costs, which might have a positive impact for tribes. FEMA is seeking public comment by 5/12/2014. For information on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, [click here](#). For more information on the program pilot, [click here](#).

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS AND EVENTS, CONTINUED

[IRS Interim Guidance on Per Capita Distributions:](#) The IRS issued the interim guidance ‘Per Capita Distributions of Funds Held in Trust by the Secretary of the Interior– 2014-17’ concerning the federal income tax treatment of per capita distributions made to members of Indian tribes from funds held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Treasury Department are issuing this notice to allow Indian tribes to review the interim guidance and provide comments prior to the issuance of final guidance. Comments may be submitted in writing on or before September 17, 2014 to Internal Revenue Service, CC:PA:LPD:PR (Notice 2014-17), Room 5203, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044, or electronically to notice.comments@irsounsel.treas.gov . Please include “Notice 2014-17” in the subject line of any electronic communications. To read the notice, [click here](#).

[FCC Seeks Nominations for Tribal Government Representatives to Service on Native Nations Broadband Task Force:](#) The Federal Communications Commission has long recognized that it shares a unique trust relationship with Tribal Nations. It is this unique government-to-government relationship that guides the Commission in its dealings with Tribal Nations and in the Commission’s efforts to promote Tribal self-sufficiency and economic development. As part of these endeavors and its efforts to ensure that the concerns of Tribal governments are considered in all relevant Commission proceedings, the Commission created the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force (Task Force). The Commission seeks applications for open positions on the Task Force and is particularly interested in applicants with diverse professional experience and backgrounds in broadband, telecommunications, broadcast, and technology infrastructure deployment and adoption. Nominations and recommitments from current Task Force members must be submitted to the Commission no later than May 15, 2014. To read the public notice, [click here](#).

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

[President Obama Releases Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal:](#) On March 4th, President Obama submitted the Administration Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 budget proposal to Congress. The budget proposal will follow the \$1.014 trillion fiscal 2015 discretionary spending levels agreed to in the bi-partisan budget accord reached last year. The Administration’s request includes level funding of \$650 million for Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) accounts, \$8 million for the Section 184 Loan Guarantee Fund, \$70 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and \$13 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant. The Administration proposed \$3 million Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) for a national or regional organization. To view the President’s 2015 budget proposal, click [here](#) .

The Administration budget includes language related to the unexpended funds within IHBG, proposing to withhold funding from any grantee that, on January 1, 2015, has a total undisbursed balance greater than three times the funding allocation it would otherwise receive in 2015. This proposal will not affect grantees with funding allocations below \$5 million, and any funds withheld will be allocated among all other grantees in accordance with the need component of the formula. [Information on NAHASDA funding begins on page 575.](#) The proposed budget also allows for HUD-VASH vouchers to be made available to Tribes and TDHEs. [This language can be found on page 570.](#)

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS, CONTINUED

NAHASDA Reauthorization: On March 18th, 2014 the draft Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014 was introduced to the House. This bill will be referred the House Financial Services Committee for further consideration. To read the draft bill, [click here](#). The bill calls for \$650 million in NAHASDA funding and allows for use of HUD-VASH vouchers by Tribes eligible for NAHASDA block grant funds.

Negotiated Rulemaking: HUD ONAP announced the third meeting of the negotiated rulemaking committee will be held on Wednesday April 23 through Friday, April 25 in Washington, DC at the Washington Hilton Hotel. To see the Federal Register announcement, [click here](#).

Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program Lifts Moratorium on Refinancing: Effective April 4th, 2014, the loan guarantee fee on Section 184 loans will increase by half a percent to 1.5%. It is estimated to cause an average increase of \$4.50 to household monthly mortgage payments. As a result of the increase in the loan guarantee fee, the moratorium on refinancing has been lifted. **As of April 4th, 2014, ONAP's Office of Loan Guarantee will again be accepting applications to refinance existing mortgages on fee simple lands.** A 'Dear Tribal Leader' letter was sent to all Tribes, TDHEs, and Approved Lenders. To read the Federal Register Notice, [click here](#).

HUD releases its 2014 General Section to the Department's Discretionary Funding: It presents the Department's requirements, other cross-cutting federal requirements, and application submission requirements applicable to individual HUD Program NOFAs in 2014. The NOFA identifies four priorities areas: Promote health & housing stability of vulnerable populations, Promote economic development & economic resilience, Affirmatively further fair housing, and Increase the health & safety of homes and embed comprehensive energy efficiency and healthy housing criteria across HUD programs. For more information, [click here](#).

NAHASDA Program Guidance: 2014-02 Preparing to Submit ICDBG Grant Applications Guidance addresses DUNS, SAMS, and the new funds to remediate and prevent mold. To see this notice, [click here](#). To see all NAHASDA Program Guidances, [click here](#).

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

White Earth Land Recovery Project hosted the 11th Annual Indigenous Farming Conference on March 13-16th 2014: From the March 5th 2014 Anishinaabeg Today, "Come join us and learn about a wide array of topics such as; indigenous seed storage, constructing high tunnels, plant breeding, the origin of corn, pesticide drift, tribal food policy, environmental justice, urban gorilla gardening, native agriculture and much more! Featured workshop topics will include; development of an indigenous seed library, making cough medicine from local garden plants, and seed saving techniques." [Click here](#) for more information on the topics explored at the conference. For more information on White Earth Land Recovery Project, [click here](#).

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS, CONTINUED



[Pokagon Carpenter Apprenticeship Program](#): The Pokagon Band’s carpenter apprenticeship program—now in its third year—gives Pokagons the chance to develop not only job skills, but a career. Apprentices will become journeyman carpenters after completing the program’s four years of training that includes 144 classroom hours of instruction annually 8,000 hours of construction related work experience. The program is registered by the U.S. Department of Labor and apprentices work on current Tribal development projects like the 32 new

homes at Pokegnek Edawat. For more information, [click here](#).

[NASA Officials Tour Ho-Chunk Headquarters](#): Two NASA Goddard Space Flight Center officials recently toured the corporation headquarters of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska’s economic development corporation, Ho-Chunk, Inc., in Winnebago, Nebraska, as well as its office in Bellevue, WI. The representatives from the Office of Human Capital Management at Goddard arranged the tour to better understand how the corporation and its subsidiaries reinvest government contracting revenue into the Winnebago community. The officials particularly sought to learn more about the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Summer College Internship Program. NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center provides a series of internship opportunities at its facilities throughout the United States. NASA internships work to prepare students for careers aligned with Goddard and its industry and university partners. Similarly, Ho-Chunk, Inc.’s internship program provides hands-on experience to students seeking a career aligned with Ho-Chunk, Inc. and its industry within a business environment. A Ho-Chunk, Inc. subsidiary was recently awarded a \$23 million dollar federal contract for work to be performed at NASA headquarters and Goddard Space Flight Center facilities throughout the U.S.

[Bemidji State University to Build Tele-Conference System with Regional Tribal Colleges](#): A Bemidji State University-led consortium of higher education institutions has won a \$500,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to expand distance learning and telemedicine opportunities for rural northern Minnesota residents. The grant will allow schools in the BSU-led Aazhoogan (Bridge) Consortium, which includes Northwest Technical College, Leech Lake Tribal College, Red Lake Nation College and White Earth Tribal and Community College, to build a network of high-definition video connections linking the five institutions. The network will give students on those campuses access to industry-driven certification training, bachelor’s degrees and specialized associate’s degrees not available at their home colleges. For more info, [click here](#).

[Join the EWONAP Bulletin Listserv](#) to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Eastern Woodlands Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, and Training Opportunities. [Click here to join](#). Please share the link with others who may be interested in receiving the EWONAP Bulletin.

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Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority Rehabilitating 40 homes with Low Income Housing Tax Credits: The Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority (RCCHA) recently achieved two important milestones for its Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project, Red Cliff Rehab I: it closed the project with an equity investor, RBC Capital Markets, which will provide about 72 percent of the project's \$7.3 million cost, and it was awarded \$320,000 in Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago. Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority's (WHEDA) award of \$639,704 in LIHTCs in April 2013 made this project possible. The additional \$320,000 grant through the Affordable Housing Program will reduce the tribal contribution for the project. The tax credit investor, RBC Capital Markets, will provide about \$5.2 million over the course of the project, which is already under construction and is expected to be complete by next spring.

The homes are a mix of single-family and duplex units that were originally constructed between 1967 and 1984. After rehab, each unit will have at least a one-car garage and a patio; the inside of each unit will also include an oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, clothes washer and dryer, and hard surface vinyl flooring. As part of the renovations, all units will receive new insulation, new efficient heating and air conditioning systems, new and upgraded plumbing and electrical systems, new driveways, new windows and roofs and completely new kitchens. The project will also build three new community playgrounds. For more information, [click here](#).

EWONAP Offers Free Specialized Technical Assistance (TA) for Tribal and TDHE grant recipients. TA is available in a variety of topic areas related to Indian housing programs, administration & management, and financing. Tribes or TDHE's are encouraged to request training and/or technical assistance by contacting Grants Management Specialist, Mary White, at 312.913.8762 or mary.white@hud.gov.

Collecting IHBG Leveraging Success Stories- EWONAP would like to collect housing development success stories that illustrate the impact of IHBG funding. Specifically, we are looking to highlight how IHBG funds can be optimized when leveraged with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits, Section 184, Title VI and private loans, or funds from state and federal partners. Please send us your project press releases and let us share your accomplishments with Congress and other Tribes. Please contact EWONAP Administrator Advisor, Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.l.halloran@hud.gov with your success stories.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

[Check the HUD ONAP Calendar of Upcoming Training here.](#)

For information about [NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training](#), [click here](#).

[April 1 – 3, 2014, Green Bay, WI- Training for Building Sustainable Communities in Indian Country](#): This three day conference will provide Tribal communities with the tools to develop economic opportunities, sustainable community infrastructures, alternative energy sources, and provide essential building blocks to create safer communities. Participants will join critical sessions related to Tribal housing programs and to HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program. Topics include NAHASDA related courses, youth and elder opportunities, and crime prevention. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

[April 2-3, 2014, Tucson, AZ– Tribal Constitutions: Rebuilding Native Governments](#): Offered by the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy and the University of Arizona, this course is designed to assist Native nation leaders & key decision-makers in developing the governance tools needed to achieve their nations' strategic goals. Leaders & governance experts will share information & lessons that learned from constitutional reform on topics such as: (1) Key Things a Constitution Should Address; (2) The Process of Constitutional Reform: The Challenge of Citizen Engagement; and (3) The Legal Process of Constitutional Reform. [Click here for the agenda](#). [Click here for registration information](#).

NEW! [April 9-11, 2014, Reno, NV– Protecting Tribal Sovereignty](#): The National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) will conduct this training session for stewards of tribal sovereignty including tribal government officials, tribal councils, tribal court personnel and tribal police officers. This training offers practical advice on protecting tribal sovereignty in light of recent negative opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court. It examines the status of sovereign immunity, tribal civil and criminal jurisdiction, adjudicatory v. regulatory jurisdiction and Indian gaming issues. This session is essential for new tribal council members and others vested with the duty to administer tribal government programs. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

NEW! [April 9-11, 2014, Reno, NV– Tools to Protect Sacred Lands and Monitor Cultural Sites](#): The National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) training session examine legislative and policy tools created to meet the challenges that Native Americans face in seeking to protect a spiritual site and other culturally relevant resources. Training also provides an intro. to monitoring at road construction, energy development and other public projects to ensure that mitigation measures are implemented and cultural resources are protected. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

NEW! [April 9-11, 2014, Reno, NV—Updates on Federal Indian Law](#): This National Indian Justice Center session is essential for stewards of tribal sovereignty including tribal government officials, tribal councils, tribal court personnel and tribal police officers. Training offers practical advice and examines the status of sovereign immunity, tribal civil & criminal jurisdiction, adjudicatory vs. regulatory jurisdiction and gaming issues. For more info and to register, [click here](#).

[April 14-15, Freeport, ME— Organics Management in Urban & Rural Areas](#): Northeast Recycling Council will hold its Spring Workshop, Organics Management in Urban & Rural Areas, on April 15 - 16, 2014 in Freeport, Maine. The Workshop will combine technical sessions with practical strategies for successfully operating an organics management program, i.e., case studies on siting and permitting, storm water management, and pile management and odor control, as well as hands-on activities designed to solve common problems at organics facilities. Also included in the agenda is a Q&A session with organics experts. The Workshop is intended for new organics management companies, municipal facility operators, regulators, consultants, and others interested in or implementing an organics management program. The [Agenda](#) and [Registration](#) are now available.

[April 14-17, 2014, Green Bay, WI- Food Sovereignty Summit](#): If you are interested in Native food sovereignty, please attend the 2nd Annual Native Food Sovereignty Summit. It will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, April 14-17, 2014. It is co-sponsored by First Nations Development Institute, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the InterTribal Agriculture Council and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. [To register, click here](#).

[April 15-16, 2014, Orlando, FL— Construction Administration](#): Learn how to manage construction in Native communities from the drafting table to the grand opening. This 2-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to understand the process of construction administration. Training topics include basic skills, reading schematics and drawings, understanding the project manual, contracting, construction, and closeout. Topics of special interest include contracting for rehabilitation work and also special procurement and construction issues such as design-build, force account, small purchase, and non-competitive. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. To register, [click here](#).

NEW! [April 22-23, 2014, San Francisco, CA— Federal Labor Standards Workshop for Housing Authorities, Tribes, and TDHEs](#): A 2-day workshop for Public and Indian Housing Authorities, Tribes, and Tribally-Designated Housing Entities responsible for administering and enforcing Federal labor standards compliance on HUD projects subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wages. Topics include: Applicability Factors, Operations/Development, Maintenance, (routine & non-routine), HUD-determined wages/Davis-Bacon determined wages, Federal Labor Standards Provisions, Request for Additional Classification, submission and preparation of required reports, and project payroll review. For registration info, [click here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

[April 24, 2014 - 1-2pm CST—Deconstruction Waste Management Webinar, Part Three of Three](#): This three part webinar series is brought to you by [WasteCap Resource Solutions](#) and [The ReUse People of America](#). They will provide an overview of Deconstruction, its advantages, specification of what materials can be salvaged, and tools to assess a project to its suitability for deconstruction. To register, [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE- [May 6-8, 2014, Austin, TX- NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training](#): Courses to include Introduction to Indian Housing Management, Acquisition Basics, Admissions & Occupancy, and Environmental Compliance. Registration and Lodging information coming soon.

NEW! [May 6-8, 2014, New Orleans– Solid Waste Management Systems](#): For more info and to register, [click here](#).

[May 13-15, 2014, Bloomington, MN– NAHASDA Essentials Training](#): This exciting and interactive three-day training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics that will be covered include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. To register, [click here](#).

NEW! [May 13-15, 2014 Austin, TX- NAIHC Leadership Institute Training](#): Four Sessions will be held: Introduction to Indian Housing Management, Acquisition Basics, Admissions & Occupancy, Environmental Compliance. For more information, [click here](#). Registration information coming soon.

NEW! [May 13-15, 2014, Anacortes, WA - 2014 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality](#): The NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, funding, and technical topics in air quality. For more information, [click here](#).

[May 28-30, Nashville, TN- 2014 HUD National Healthy Homes Conference](#): The nation's leading interdisciplinary event brings together health, housing and other professionals dedicated to improving the lives and homes of America's families and communities. This national conference brings you leaders from the forefront of the healthy homes industry and offers the opportunity to learn from professionals, stakeholders, and leading experts that are guiding the nation toward healthier homes and communities with more than 130 sessions in six dynamic tracks. For information and to register, [click here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

NEW! Save the Date! [June 3-5, 2014, Kansas City, MO– NAIHC’s 40th Annual Convention](#): The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) will be holding its 40th Anniversary Convention & Trade Show on June 3-5, 2014, in Kansas City, MO at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. In addition to celebrating 40 years of advocacy and capacity-building to NAHASDA grantees throughout Indian Country, this will be an election year for the organization. [Check Here](#) for updated event and registration information.

[June 3-5, 2014 Hollywood, FL- NLC’s 6th Annual Summer Conference](#). National Learning Center presents [Promoting Strong & Safe Tribal Communities](#). NLC partners with the U.S. Dept of HUD to offers Tuition FREE courses and trainings to Native Americans and Indigenous people with an emphasis on the educational needs of Tribal members and their communities. For more information, [click here](#).

[June 24-26th, 2014, Mystic Lake, MN– Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning](#): This free training session from the National Indian Justice Center will focus on Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning, specifically the elements of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWM Plan), Federal requirements associated with ISWM Plans, and case studies to build practical skills in ISWM Plan development. Workshop includes walking participants through the development and/or updating of components of ISWM Plans, using the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network ISWM Plan template as a guide. Recommend bringing your current ISWM Plan or the data/research materials for creation of your plan. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)

NEW! [July 9-11, 2014, Reno, NV– Grant Writing and Tribal Constitutions, Codes, and Federal Limitations](#): The National Indian Justice presents two sessions. For more information and to register for Grant Writing, [click here](#). For more info on the Tribal Constitutions, Codes, and Federal Limitations session and to register, [click here](#).

NEW! SAVE THE DATE– [July 22-24, 2014, Denver, CO - NAIHC Leadership Institute Trainings](#): Courses include Introduction to Indian Housing Management, Acquisition Basics, Admission & Occupancy, and Financial Management. Registration and Lodging information coming soon. For more information, [click here](#).

[August 18-22, Catoosa, OK- NLC’s Indian Housing Training Conference](#): Save the Date. More info will be available soon at the [Native Learning Center website](#).

NEW! SAVE THE DATE– [September 23-25, 2014, Tampa, FL- NAIHC Leadership Institute Trainings](#): Courses include Development & Modernization, Pathways Home, Maintenance Management, and Housing Services. Registration and Lodging information coming soon. For more information, [click here](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

NEW! [October 8-10, 2014, Las Vegas, NM - National Indian Justice Center's Tribal Administration and Juvenile Justice and Gang Issues](#): For more information on the Tribal Administration session, [click here](#). For more information on the Juvenile Justice and Gang Issues session, [click here](#).

NEW! SAVE THE DATE– [October 15-17, 2014, Kenosha, WI– Shifting Seasons: Climate Change Adaptation Training for Northeastern Tribes](#): College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute presents a 3-day climate change adaptation training for Tribes. More information will be forthcoming.

[IRS's Indian Tribal Governments](#) office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

[Free Online Permaculture Design Course](#): The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design online course curriculum. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

[New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities](#): The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

[On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool](#) US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

[HUD's Office of Environment and Energy Offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages](#) on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

[EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance](#): This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

[FY2014 Rural Business Enterprise Grants \(USDA-RD\)](#): USDA Rural Development announces funding for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program for Fiscal Year 2014. The primary purpose of the RBEG is to support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, public bodies (e.g., states, boroughs, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, authorities, and districts), and federally recognized Tribes. The small and emerging private business that derives the benefits from the applicant must have (or will have) under 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Eligible RBEG projects can range from technical assistance workshops to specialized equipment to be leased by small business. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 1, 2014**

[NEW! Sustainable Employment & Economic Development Strategies](#): Indian Tribes and Tribal entities are eligible for this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services SEEDS initiative to promote job growth and business development in Native communities that are experiencing challenging economic conditions. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 15, 2014.**

[NEW! Native American Language Preservation & Maintenance](#): Indian tribes and tribal entities are eligible for this U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services program that provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 15, 2014.**

[NEW! Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant](#): U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services program provides funding for the costs of planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the capability of tribal governing bodies to regulate environmental quality. Projects must follow tribal cultural preservation and natural resource management priorities in order to achieve environmentally healthy, sustainable Native American and Alaska Native communities. Indian tribes or other tribal or village organizations or consortia are eligible. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 15, 2014.**

[Department of Labor YouthBuild Grants](#): The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), announces the availability of approximately \$73 million in grant funds authorized by the YouthBuild provisions of the Workforce Investment Act. YouthBuild grants will be awarded through a competitive process to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. For the NOFA, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 22, 2014.**

[NEW! Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Teen Dating Violence, Sexual Violence, & Intimate Partner Violence](#): Tribal governments are eligible to apply for this U.S. Department of Justice program that provides funds to projects that help in understanding the context within which teen dating violence occurs, as well as research supporting the effec-

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tiveness of policies and programs intended to prevent/respond to adolescent relationship abuse. For more information, [click here](#).

Deadline: April 25, 2014.

NEW! [Department of Justice Research on Gang & Gang Violence](#): The program goal is to improve knowledge and understanding of criminal gangs-related issues in order to reduce gang membership & violence, particularly at the state & local levels in the US, as well as promote healing and justice for victims of gang-related crimes. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 25, 2014.**

NEW! [HHS Assets for Independence Demonstration Program](#): The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications will be accepted for grants to administer projects for the national Assets for Independence (AFI) of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). The projects will provide IDAs and related services to individuals and families with low incomes. A primary feature of each AFI project is that participants save earned income in an IDA to purchase a home, capitalize or expand a business for self-employment, or attend postsecondary education or training. Projects also ensure that participants have access to financial education training and coaching, including family budgeting, debt and credit counseling, using mainstream financial products, and accessing refundable tax credits. As a condition of their federal AFI grant, grantees must provide non-federal funds to support their AFI project in an amount at least equal to the Federal AFI grant amount. 2014. This is a standing announcement. For the next three Fiscal Years (2014, 2015, 2016), there will be multiple application due dates during each year. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: May 7, 2014 and July 14, 2014.**

NEW! [Department of Transportation FY 2014 TIGER Grants](#): Tribal governments are eligible for funding from the Dept. of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments. Provides opportunity for all Americans by investing in transportation projects that better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services (including for non-drivers) and that hold promise to stimulate long-term job growth, especially in economically distressed areas. Additional consideration will be given to proposals that seek to strengthen opportunities to expand the middle class. TIGER FY 2014 is authorized to award up to \$35 million (of the program's \$600 million total) for planning grants. Planning grant applications must identify themselves as project-level or regional plan applications. For more information, [click here](#) or [Download the NOFA as a PDF](#).

NEW! [Indian Education Formula Grants](#): This Department of Education program is designed to address the unique education and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, including preschool children, so that these students can achieve to the same challenging state performance standards expected of all students. The program is the Department's principal vehicle for addressing the particular needs of Indian children. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: May 31, 2014.**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

[AmeriCorp Indian Tribes Grants](#): With the FY 2014 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Notice of Funding Opportunity, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in to Improve academic outcomes for children, youth, and young adults, serve veterans and military families or engage veterans and military families in service; increase community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation; and increase economic opportunities for communities and AmeriCorps members. For full NOFA details, [click here](#). **Deadline: April 30, 2014.**

[USDA to Consider Tribal Projects to End Childhood Hunger](#): The USDA has announced new funding opportunities for state agencies and Indian tribal organizations to develop innovative strategies to prevent hunger and food insecurity. The demonstration projects under the new initiative are designed to find solutions so that no child goes hungry. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010 provided \$40 million to conduct and evaluate demonstration projects aimed at ending childhood hunger, including alternative models for service delivery and benefit levels that promote the reduction or elimination of childhood hunger and food insecurity. The HHFKA requires that at least one demonstration project be carried out on an Indian reservation in a rural area with a service population having a prevalence of diabetes that exceeds 15 percent. For application information, [click here](#). **Deadline: May 1, 2014.**

[EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs Grants](#): The Economic Development Administration (EDA) supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States by fostering job creation and attracting private investment. Specifically, under the Economic Development Assistance programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. **Deadline: Multiple funding cycles, [see announcement](#).**

[Department of Energy Tribal Funding Resource Database](#): The site lists information on grants and funding opportunities for Tribal energy projects from the DOE and other federal government programs. For more information, [click here](#).

[Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiencies \(DSIRE\)](#): This is the most comprehensive source of information on incentives and policies that support renewables and energy efficiency. For more information, [click here](#).

[Rural Business Cooperatives Loans & Grants](#): USDA Rural Development's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program for FY 2013. Funding will support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants. **Deadline: OPEN**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program: The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program supports a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts throughout the U.S. and internationally. Funded projects include pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local, and community organizations are eligible to apply. **Deadline: OPEN**

Indian Health Service Offers Loan Repayment Program: The Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program provides repayment of student loans to health and allied health professions in order to assure an adequate supply of trained health professionals necessary to maintain accreditation of, and provide health care services to, Indians through Indian health programs. There is a service obligation and payback requirement for participants of the LRP. To qualify for this benefit program, you must have student loan debt. You must also be qualified/certified/licensed in dentistry, family medicine, internal medicine, geriatric medicine, psychiatry, as a nurse or nurse anesthetist, or you must be a current or prospective student accepted or enrolled in an accredited degree program, college or university. For more info call 301-443-3396 or [click here](#). **Deadline: OPEN**

HUD ONAP Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program: Many Tribes are now considering or utilizing Section 184 loans to develop up to 20 units of housing at a time. Some of the benefits include:

- Residential mortgage interest rates (which continue to be low)
- Low-down payment
- Rapid processing (may take longer if obtaining TSRs for Tribal Trust land)
- May utilize up to 15% for site infrastructure costs
- Flexibility in offering housing units on a rental or lease-to-own basis to Tribal members
- Nominal loan assignment fee (1.5%)
- No household income restrictions
- May utilize other funding to assist low-income families
- Refinancing on both Tribal Trust and Fee Simple Land.

For more information on Section 184 financing or to schedule 184 Training, contact EWONAP Native American Program Specialist, Brian Gillen, at Brian.Gillen@hud.gov or 312.913.8626. To visit the Section 184 website, [click here](#).

HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program: The Title VI loan guarantee assists [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\)](#) recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG ‘Need’ funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. For more information on Title VI Program, contact EWONAP Native American Program Specialist, Brian Gillen, at Brian.Gillen@hud.gov or 312.913.8626. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#).

USEFUL LINKS

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