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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 $90 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

White House Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience Announces Tribal Climate Resilience Program – At the fourth and final meeting of the White House State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, the Obama Administration announced the new Tribal Climate Resilience Program to help Tribes prepare for climate change. As part of this new initiative, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will dedicate $10 million in funding for Tribes and Tribal organizations to develop tools to enable adaptive resource management, as well as the ability to plan for climate resilience. The program will offer nationwide climate preparedness planning sessions and provide funding for Tribal engagement and outreach within regional and national climate communities. The Department of the Interior and Environmental Protection Agency will also partner to create a new subgroup on climate change under

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the White House Council on Native American Affairs, which will share data and information and coordinate Administration efforts to assist Tribes in climate resilience and mitigation efforts.

Task Force members Chairwoman Karen Diver of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Mayor Reggie Joule of the Northwest Arctic Borough were tasked by the President with providing recommendations on climate preparedness and resilience specific to tribes. They led a national effort consisting of listening sessions, conference presentations, and agency webinars, to collect a multitude of tribal input on how to make Tribal communities more prepared and resilient in the face of climate change. Task Force partners stated, "We look forward to continuing our work with Indian Country on this important topic and thank Chairwoman Diver and Mayor Joule for their tireless efforts leading to today's announcement of this crucial new program." For the White House Blog article, click here.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Passes 7 Bills- The Senate Indian Affairs Committee approved seven bills at a business meeting on Wednesday July 30, 2014. There was little discussion on the bills though some minor changes were made to some measures before all were passed in a single voice vote. The bills are:

- S.1948, the Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act. The bill creates a grant program to support Native language immersion programs.
- S.2299, the Native American Languages Reauthorization Act extending a Native language grant program through FY 2019.
- S.2442, the Northern Cheyenne Lands Act. The bill requires the Interior Department to place land, mineral rights and important sites into trust for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana.
- S.2465, the Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act, requiring DOI to place into trust for the 19 Pueblos of NM.
- S.2479, the Moapa Band of Paiutes Land Conveyance Act, requiring DOI to place land into trust for the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians in Nevada.
- S.2480, the Nevada Native Nations Land Act. The bill requires DOI to place land into trust for seven tribes.
- H.R.4002, a bill to allow the Miami Nation to revoke the charter that was approved under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act.

The seven measures can now be considered on the Senate floor. H.R.4002, the Miami Nation bill, passed the House in June so it only needs one more vote before it can be sent to President Barack Obama for his signature. For more information, click here.

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

NAHASDA Reauthorization Update- On July 30th, 2014 the House of Representatives Financial Services Committee approved H.R. 4329, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 2014, sponsored by Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM). It was approved 47-11. H.R. 4329 extends the authorization for NAHASDA for five additional years. To read H.R. 4329 in full, click here. The bill now awaits consideration by the full House of Representatives. Please click here to view primary differences between HR 4329 introduced in March and the substitute bill approved by the House Financial Services Committee today. To read the full NAIHC Legislative Update, click here.

All HUD Offices will be closed September 1, 2014 in observance of Labor Day.

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Opens Snowbird Youth Center - The new 15,000 square feet Snowbird Youth Center, funded in part by HUD ONAP ICDBG funding, opened with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. The facility was built on approximately 20 acres owned by the U.S. Forest Service. Due to the lack of a suitable site for the Center on EBCI trust lands in the area, the Tribe entered into a 25-year lease with the Forest Service. "It is an amazing day for the community and the county," said Wanda Blythe, Snowbird Youth Center manager. "It is a wonderful facility. It is simply amazing… beautiful. I am just so thrilled for these kids to have something that they can call their own." the future leadership." Steven Westcott, U.S. Forest Service public affairs officer, told the crowd on Wednesday, "It is indeed a special day…the Snowbird Youth Center and the programs that it will offer will help young people of the Eastern Band in the Snowbird Community in a number of ways. The Forest Service is proud to be a part of this special project." Many guests came including Stephanie Bryant, the newly elected chairperson of the Poarch Band of Creek In-

dians, who related, "The facility is absolutely amazing. We are actually in the process of building a new infrastructure for our children as well. It is such an honor to be here for the opening of the facility because what better investment than in the children of our communities – the future leadership." To view a video of the grand opening, click here.

Cristina Danforth was elected as chairperson of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin on July 12, 2014. Ms. Danforth was previously Tribal Treasurer and served on the Business Committee for nine years as a councilmember, Vice Chair and Chair respectively. Other elected positions include service on the Gaming Commission as Vice Chair and the Appeals Commission. Also, Melinda Danforth was elected as Tribal vice chairwoman and Trish King was named treasurer. For more information, click here.

USDA Awards Grants to Native American Communities to Strengthen Small Businesses and Create Jobs

USDA is providing support to Native American communities in 18 states to help strengthen Tribal business and create jobs. The funding is from USDA's Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program, which promotes the development of small and emerging businesses in rural areas. "USDA continues to create ladders of opportunity in Native American communities by investing in the tools needed to create good-paying jobs and raise the quality of life for residents," USDA Secretary Vilsack said. "These strategic investments will help deliver more products and services to local customers, boost residents' earnings and improve the economic vitality of these tribal communities." Rural Business Enterprise Grants also may be used to help fund distance learning networks and employment-related adult education programs. **Grantees in the EWONAP region include**:

- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. – $99,999 grant to provide job skills training and financial literacy education.
- Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut – $97,609 grant to provide entry-level job training for Tribe members.
- Passamaquoddy Tribe – $99,500 grant to establish a revolving loan fund for a small business producing maple syrup.
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan – $200,000 grant to build a farmers market pavilion.
- White Earth Tribal Council – $200,000 grant to help expand and renovate a Tribal business in Waubun, MN.

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BIA Midwest Region's 3rd Annual *Partners In Action* Conference– August 5-7th, Prior Lake, MN - This year's theme "Planning for the Future" highlights the important responsibility that we face in meeting the needs of Tribal communities. As the Nation continues to address its fiscal challenges and seeks ways to enhance efficiency in operations and spending, planning becomes integral to prevent adverse affects to tribal services and funding.

Our challenge in meeting the trust obligation is many, but fundamentally it lies in our ability to plan for the future. To do this, it is paramount that we participate in processes that affect us. Whether it is testifying on Capitol Hill, meeting with Agency heads, or volunteering on the Federal Budget Formulation Teams, our participation ensures that our voices are heard and our issues are raised. By participating, we are empowered with the ability to influence change and play a part in planning the future.
For more information, including agenda and registration, click here.

College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute (CMN SDI) will host **Shifting Seasons**, a 3-day summit on October 15th-17th, 2014, that will include information sharing and training related to Tribal climate change adaptation. This includes training for Tribes in adaptation planning and training for non-Tribal entities in how to best work and cooperate with Tribes. This event offers opportunities to network between indigenous practitioners, Tribal leaders & land managers, federal agencies, and climate change scientists. Although the focus is on the northeast region, the summit is open to all who are interested in the issues of climate change and Tribes. The event is being planned with assistance from Northern Arizona University's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and a Michigan State University (MSU) faculty member, and is funded by the Department of Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs Climate Change program, the Northeast Climate Science Center, and the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessment Center (GLISA). For registration and agenda, click here.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When &Where	Description and Registration
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	August 1-2, Ukiah, CA	This training provides a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance & 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 include the IHBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here.
BIA's Midwest Region's Partners in Action	August 5-7, Prior Lake, MN	**NEW!** This year's theme "Planning for the Future" highlights the important responsibility that we face in meeting the needs of Tribal communities. As the Nation continues to address its fiscal challenges and seeks ways to enhance efficiency in operations and spending, planning becomes integral to prevent adverse affects to tribal services and funding. For more information, including agenda and registration, click here.
Self-Monitoring: IHP/APR	August 6, 2014 Online, 2-3pm EST	**NEW!** This course will give participants clear guidance on how to implement the new Self Monitoring Checklists developed by HUD to perform self-monitoring for Indian Housing Plans and Annual Performance Reports. To register, click here.
Veterans Training Summit (US Dept of Veterans Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations)	August 7-8, Spirit Lake, ND	Topics Include: Vocational Rehabilitation/Compensation & Pension, Native American Direct Home Loan Program (NADL); Homelessness Programs/Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) Grant, VHA/IHS/Tribal Health Reimbursement Program, Veteran Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Nagi Kikcho Pi, Women Veterans, Listening Session with Senior VA Leaders, Veterans Burial, Tele-health in Indian Country. For more information, or to register, contact Peter Vicaire at: Peter.Vicaire@va.gov or 651-405-5676.
Tribal Court Trial Skills College	Aug. 11-13 Tempe, AZ	Native Nations Institution will host Tribal Court Trial Skills College. The Skills College is geared toward lay and law-trained Tribal attorneys and judges, to assist them on improving their trial skills. The Trial Skills College will include lectures and simulations in the areas of opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, jury selection and instructions and closing arguments. Participants will also receive individual feedback and evaluations on their skills from workshop judges. For more information, contact Kathy Tevis at Kathy.Tevis@asu.edu or call Jen Williams at 480-727-0420 or Click here.
Understanding Your Financial Statement	August 12, Online, 2-3pm EST	**NEW!** Basic preparation of financial information and compliance are requirements of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). This session is designed to help housing staff understand financial statements, as well as discuss the review and submission of financial and compliance documents. To register, click here.
Occupancy & Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 12-14 Sacramento, CA	This course will cover Admissions and Occupancy program management with topics to include the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should bring copies of their own A&O policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies and role playing exercises presented during this course. To register, click here.

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Grant Writing Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 13, Oklahoma City, OK	This course will give you guidance in making your proposal standout as well as several keys to writing a successful grant. After this course, you will be able to: Effectively communicate problems and solutions to funders, Define measurable and realistic program outcomes, Establish your organization's credibility and capacity, Avoid common pitfalls. Training is designed for Board of Directors for Indian Housing Authorities (IHA), Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE), Tribal Leadership & Tribal non-profits. To register, click here.
Financial Management (HUD/ONAP)	Aug. 13-15, Cedar City, UT	This course covers those administrative requirements of the use of IHBG funds in accordance with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). The skills required to perform the responsibilities related to sound financial management and the methods for complying with 24 CFR Part 85, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87, and A-133 will be covered. To register, click here.
Understanding Your Audit Statement (NLC)	August 14, Online, 2-3pm EST	**NEW!** Basic preparation of financial information and compliance are requirements of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). This session is designed to help housing staff understand audit statements, as well as discuss the review and submission of financial and compliance documents. For more information and to register, click here.
NLC's Indian Housing Training Conference	Aug. 19-22, Catoosa, OK	Native Learning Center (NLC) is excited to present our Second Annual Indian Housing Training Conference. The NLC will provide housing professionals with the resources to maintain quality homes, build drug-free housing developments, and create safe and prosperous communities for Native families by expanding affordable housing opportunities into the heart of Indian Country. Key speaker: HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary, Rodger Boyd. For more information and to register, click here.
Solid Waste Management (NIJC)	Aug. 19-21, Reno, NV	This course is designed for Tribal elected officials, Tribal environmental personnel, Solid Waste management personnel, state and federal EPA personnel that are either experienced or inexperienced in integrated solid waste management planning and others interested in increasing the capacity of tribes to develop effective ISWM Plans. In order to make the most of your experience we recommend bringing your current ISWM Plan or the data/research materials you have available for creation of your plan. For more information on what you will need to start developing an ISWM Plan and a draft agenda for the workshop, click here.

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Basic Accounting Principles (HUD ONAP)	August 26, Oklahoma City	This training session is designed to help professionals working within Tribal Housing Departments and TDHEs produce accurate financial records, promote staff accountability, and effectively manage the sustainability of Tribal resources. No previous knowledge of accounting is required and session concepts strengthen the practical application of the following: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; Understanding and Auditing Financial Statements; Working with your Internal and External Accountants. To register, click here.
Self-Monitoring (HUD ONAP)	Aug. 26-27, Reno, NV	This course is designed to assist Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement under the law, it demonstrates a recipient's willingness to be accountable for their performance. Attendees will learn practical ways to conduct monitoring and complete an annual compliance assessment to ensure compliance with NAHASDA's statutory & regulatory requirements. For more information, click here.
DOE Tribal Energy Program, Community Scale Renewable Energy Development and Financing Workshop	August 26-28, Prior Lake, MN	Department of Energy's Tribal Energy Program is hosting a **Community-Scale Tribal Renewable Energy Project Development and Finance Workshop**, designed for Tribal leaders, Tribal executives, and Tribal staff interested in gaining knowledge and confidence to develop community-, facility-, and commercial-scale renewable energy projects. Attendees are encouraged to review the "Foundational Topics" course material on the National Training & Education Resource site. For more information on the workshop including registration and agenda, click here.
Planning for Succession (NLC)	August 28, Online, 2-3pm EST	**NEW!** As senior managers leave the Tribal workforce, their vast knowledge doesn't have to leave with them. Succession plans can help ensure the knowledge of operations, culture, and other aspects are passed on to the younger employees. Explore creative ways to develop succession plans. Don't wait until their replacements enter the workforce to start the exchange of information, start developing programs now. Learn about different approaches to accomplish this important task. Click here to register.
Tribal Water Resources Management	Sept 1-Oct. 26 On-line	Northern Arizona University (NAU) & the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) offers Tribal Water Resources Management , a comprehensive online course developed with NAU's College of Engineering, Forestry, and Natural Sciences' faculty, the ITEP, legal experts and Tribal environmental professionals from across the country. This course will cover a variety of Tribally-specific management topics ranging from fundamentals of water quality to quantification of Indian water rights. One key objective for this training is to increase participants' exposure to practical and applied water resource management concepts as well as foundational theories. For more information and to register, click here.

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Using the Environmental Assessment Process to Promote Environmental Planning (NLC)	Sept. 3, Online, 2-3pm, EST	NEW! Tribes must use an environmental assessment (EA) process (HUD's procedures, as set forth in the 24 CFR 58) for all federally funded projects. Generally the EA process ensures that certain minimum standards be met. The EA process, however, can be used to get Tribal decision makers to consider more sustainable alternatives. Examples will include water (groundwater recharge vs. runoff), energy, and brownfield redevelopment projects. To register, click here.
Federal Procurement Fundamentals (HUD/ ONAP)	Sept. 9-10 Atlanta, GA	FREE Training for Board of Directors for Indian Housing Authorities (IHA), Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE), Tribal Leadership, Tribal housing employees, and Tribal non-profit organizations. A standard procurement process ensures that all goods and services are appropriate and procured at the best possible cost and its relation to quality, quantity, time, and location. Topics include: NAHASDA Objectives I-V and Titles V- II, The Indian Housing Block Grant 24 CFR Parts 1000 and 85, Internal Controls, OMB Circular Cost Principles, IHP/APR, Procurement 24 CFR Parts B to H. To register, click here.
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 9-11, Albuquerque, NM	This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the IHBG formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here.
Occupancy & Maintenance (HUD/ONAP)	Sept. 9-11, Bismarck, ND	This interactive course is designed to enhance the job performance of Occupancy and Maintenance staff and other tribal housing professionals. This course will cover Occupancy program management with topics to include the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should bring copies of their own Admissions and Occupancy policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies during this course. To register, click here.
AMERIND Annual Convention	Sept. 16-18 Portland, OR	Our annual conference is a great tool for Tribal leaders and business professionals to gain valuable information to share with their communities. During the conference, we will have trainings that range from fire and workplace safety to business liability and claims fundamentals. It will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Portland. We hope that you can join us in September. Register EARLY to save money! For more information, click here.
NAIHC's Leadership Training Expo	Sept. 23-25, Tampa, FL	NAIHC's Leadership Training Expo courses will include: Development and Modernization, Pathways Home, Housing Services and Maintenance Management. For more information and to register, click here.

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
First Nations L.E.A.D Conference	Sept. 25-26, Tulalip, WA	First Nations Development Institute will hold its 19th Annual First Nations L.E.A.D. Institute Conference at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, Washington on September 25 - 26, 2014. Pre-conference sessions will be held on September 24. First Nations Development Institute has worked with Native nations and organizations to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. As an extension of this mission, the L.E.A.D. conference is designed to help emerging and existing leaders in Indian Country network, grow professionally, share ideas and learn new skills related to asset-building. For more info, click here.
Tribal Grant Administration and Juvenile Justice & Gang Issues	Oct. 8-10 Las Vegas, NV	Click the links for more information on these trainings: Tribal Grant Administration and Juvenile Justice and Gang Issues.
Self-Monitoring (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 14-15, Billing, MT	This course is designed to assist IHBG recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement, it demonstrates a recipient's willingness to be accountable for their performance. Attendees will learn practical ways to conduct monitoring and complete an annual compliance assessment to ensure compliance. For more information, click here.
Sustainable Development Institute	Oct. 15-17, Kenosha, WI	College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute will host a 3-day summit focused on different levels of climate change adaptation training with Tribes. This event will also include opportunities to network between indigenous practitioners, tribal leaders & land managers, federal agencies, and climate change scientists. The information is specific to the northeast region, but is open to all who are interested in the issues of climate change and Tribes. The event is being planned with assistance from the Northern Arizona University's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), Michigan State University (MSU) faculty, and is funded by the Department of Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs Climate Change program and the Northeast Climate Science Center. For more information and to register, click here.
IHP/APR Training (HUD/ONAP)	Oct.28-29, Sioux Falls, SD	Participants at this training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully complete the newly combined IHP/APR form. In addition to a walk-through of the new automated form, participants will also receive guidance on the development, planning, and reporting processes and requirements. All grantees are encouraged to attend this training. To register, click here.

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Financial Management, Program Income and Basic Audit	Oct. 28-30, Phoenix, AZ	The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an orientation of the financial management systems necessary to achieve and maintain administrative capability in operating the Indian Housing Block Grant program. Participants will be provided with an overview of the financial and administrative requirements that pertain to the use of funds distributed to Tribes and TDHEs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Registration coming soon.
Construction Management & Contract Administration (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 28-29 Reno, NV	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 participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. For information and to register, click here.
Occupancy & Income Eligibility (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 4-6, Albuquerque, NM	This course will cover Admissions and Occupancy program management with topics to include the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should refer to copies of their own Admissions and Occupancy policies so that they can practice applying them to case studies and role playing exercises presented during this course. To register, click here.
Environmental Training (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 4-6, Green Bay, WI	**NEW! Save the Date!** Environmental Training. To check back for registration details, click here.
Native Asset Building: A Pathway to Economic Self-Determination II (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 12-13, St. Paul, MN	This 2-day conference provides a forum to exchange ideas about asset building in Indian Country and strategies to support residents as they move on their path toward self-sufficiency. Participants will learn how Tribes across the country are incorporating asset-building into their economic development strategies. Workshops include Financial Education; Credit Counseling; Rental Readiness & Homeownership; Workforce Development; TANF Best Practices; Child Savings Accounts; 18 monies, and more. Presenters represent a broad spectrum of experts: tribal, state, federal, financial, entrepreneurs, national intermediaries & non-profits. To register, click here.

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Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Executive Director's Refresher Course (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 18-19, Salt Lake City, UT	NEW! Save the Date. NAIHC Executive Directors Refresher Course. To check for registration details, click here.
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Oklahoma City, OK	This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here.
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 9-10, Portland, OR	This exciting and interactive three-day training provides attendees with a comprehensive introduction to NAHASDA. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. For more information and to register, click here.
Financial Management, Program Income and Basic Audit (HUD/ONAP)	Jan.13-15, 2015, Reno, NV	The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an orientation of the financial management systems necessary to achieve and maintain administrative capability in operating the Indian Housing Block Grant program. Participants will be provided with an overview of the financial and administrative requirements that pertain to the use of funds distributed to Tribes and TDHEs under the NAHASDA. Registration coming soon.
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Jan. 13-14, 2015 Billings, MT	Save the date! Title VI/Loan Leveraging. To check for registration details, click here.
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Feb. 10-11, 2015 Phoenix, AZ	Save the date! Title VI/Loan Leveraging. To check for registration details, click here.

For information about NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training, click here.

For information about NAIHC's HUD ONAP Trainings, click here.

For information about FirstPic's HUD ONAP Training, click here.

For information on the Native Learning Center's Trainings, click here.

Guides, Resources, and Tools

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DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country: This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, click here.

National Training and Education Resource: Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, click here.

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 construc-

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tion 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.

HUDUSER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. Homeowners & renters can benefit from home improvements that promote energy efficiency & improve indoor air quality. Raising the bar on air quality & energy performance at home helps reduce heating & cooling costs, saves energy, and improves occupant health & comfort. To help consumers better understand the strategies and product options available to them, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has developed the Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. The Guide is a new section of our website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. Explore the new Consumer's Guide to identify strategies to improve energy efficiency & air quality in your home. For the full guide, click here.

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Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program Lifts Moratorium on Refinancing: The loan guarantee fee on Section 184 loans increased by half a percent to 1.5%. **The moratorium on refinancing has been lifted.** ONAP's Office of Loan Guarantee is accepting applications to refinance existing mortgages on fee simple and Tribal trust lands.

Tribes can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Refinancing now available on fee simple and trust lands
- Low down payment
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%) and no PMI
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For more information on Section 184 financing for individual borrowers or for Tribal Development, contact Rebecca Halloran at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8027. To visit the Section 184 website, click here.

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities	August 1	The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces the availability of up to $7 million in Fiscal Year 2014 for competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. The grant funds may be used to acquire, construct, or improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities with average annual residential expenditure for home energy exceeding 275 percent of the national average. On-grid and off-grid renewable energy projects and implementation of energy efficiency, and energy conservation projects are also eligible. To read the full NOFA, click here.

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Native Land Acquisition (Indian Land Tenure Foundation)	Aug 4	Grants of up to $100,000 to help Native Tribes reacquire alienated federal lands and ensure that Indian people have, at minimum, access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. Applicants are encouraged to send Letters of Inquiry (due August 4th) before submitting a complete proposal. For more information, click here.
HHS Tribal Health Systems Management	Aug 5	Indian Tribes & Tribal Organizations are eligible to apply. This U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services program seeks to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in assuming all or part of existing Indian Health Service programs, functions, services, and activities. To view the RFP, click here.
Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants	Aug 12	Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants will support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term; 2. People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and 3. Neighborhood: Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. To read the full NOFA, click here.
EPA Clean Diesel Grant	Aug 12	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **announced that grant funding is available for Tribal applicants** to establish clean diesel projects aimed at reducing emissions from older diesel engines. Diesel pollutants are linked to asthma, lung and heart disease, and premature death. EPA is making $1 million available and anticipates awarding three to five tribal assistance agreements. Projects may include school buses, transit buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, marine engines, locomotives, energy production generators, and other diesel engines. For more information, click here.
Home Depot Foundation Grants for Veterans Housing	Aug 15	Grants of up to $5,000 in the form of Home Depot gift cards will be awarded to volunteer-driven projects designed to help veterans stay in their homes comfortably. Community Impact grants support a range of activities, including repairs, refurbishments, & modifications to low-income &/or transitional veteran's housing or community facilities; weatherizing & efforts to increase the energy efficiency of low-income &/or transitional veterans' housing or community facilities; & planting trees or community gardens &/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans. Grants must support work completed by local volunteers in U.S. communities & must specifically benefit veterans. For more information, click here.

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National Endowment for the Humanities– Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges	Aug 21	NEH *Bridging Cultures* at Community Colleges grants are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at community and Tribal colleges. Grants are used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. NEH *Bridging Cultures* at Community Colleges grants create opportunities for community and Tribal college faculty members to study together while improving their capacity to teach the humanities; enhance or develop areas of need in an institution's humanities programs; and give community college faculty access to humanities resources through partnerships with other institutions with appropriate resources. For the full NOFA, click here.
National Science Foundation's Tribal Colleges and Universities Program	Sept 2	The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP) provides awards to Tribal Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native-serving institutions, and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions to promote high quality science (including sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, statistics, and other social and behavioral science as well as natural science and education disciplines), technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach. For more information, click here.
Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency on Indian Lands	Oct 2	The DOE's Tribal Energy Program is currently seeking applications for funding from Indian Tribes, Tribal energy resource development organizations, and Tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. To read the full NOFA, click here.
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	Open	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. Up to $150,000 for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. Up to $500,000 for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more details, click here.
Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program	Open	Grants are available for the development and operation of Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in Indian country. This program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women's leadership and capacity in Tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. Tribal Coalition nonprofit organizations have accomplished this through technical assistance, expanding the capacity of the Tribal coalitions, developing or enhancing appropriate standards for Tribal governments, Tribal nonprofits organizations, Tribal organizations, victim services and victim service providers to increase the understanding of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. For more information, click here.
HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program	Open	The Title VI loan guarantee enables Indian Housing Block Grant 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 Administrator Advisor, Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8027. To visit the Title VI website, click here.

USEFUL LINKS

HUD ONAP CodeTalk website
EWONAP website
HUD Indian Housing Block Grant
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant
HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee
HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee
HUD Healthy Homes
HUD ROSS Grant
HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing
HUD PIH Environmental Resources
HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs
HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program
HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program
DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives
USDA Rural Development Grants
Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources
VA Native Health Services
Economic Development Administration
GLIHA
USET
GLITC
Grants.gov
Federal Register Today
White House Native Americans Resources Page
DOT Tribal Transportation Program
Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force
Asset Building for Native Communities
Center for American Indian Economic Development
Native American Contractors Association
National Congress of American Indians
National American Indian Housing Council
DOE Tribal Energy Program
DOE Weatherization Grants
DOE Federal Energy Management Program
EPA Tribal Grants
Small Business Administration Loans
CDFI Native American Initiatives
VA Native American Direct Loan
BIA Housing Improvement Program
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