



EWONAP INFORMATION BULLETIN DECEMBER 2014



[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 \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

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

[Join the EWONAP Bulletin Listserv](#) to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands ONAP 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 with others who may be interested in the EWONAP Bulletin.

Eastern Woodlands Region



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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings. Winter arrived a bit early for some of us. After a surprising venture in the 50's over the weekend, Chicago's rain turned to snow today. I know the snow was welcomed by hunters in the Great Lakes region who are out looking for deer which has long been a part of the cycle of the seasons. The fresh snow allows them to track deer better, as well as, see them better against their natural cover. We wish them good luck.

However, with the arrival of winter come issues about keeping tenants and homebuyers warm and protected against the cold. We urge all TDHE's to advise those who qualify to access their local State, County or Tribal **LIHEAP fund**. LIHEAP stands for **Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program** and is usually, but not always administered by the State. Tribes are also eligible to run their own LIHEAP program, which can allow more money to be used for weatherization which



GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

can improve a dwellings use of energy. LIHEAP does not itself pay a low-income tenant their entire energy bill, but it might be just enough to get them through the winter. Many grants are for about \$300. You can find your state's program by searching on google by the State's name and LIHEAP. Another way to save money on heating is to either program your thermostat to a cooler temperature at night when you are sleeping, or away, and turn it back up when you are home and active. If you can save 10% of a \$1000+ winter heating bill, that may not seem like much but its \$100 many tenants can hardly afford. Teaching our tenants and homebuyers to use better heating strategies requires broad distribution of good information and a proactive approach. As a former Executive Director of a TDHE I've seen many scenarios that can be avoided if people plan ahead. Almost all of these methods are either costly or dangerous: Heating units with ovens cranked up, or old fashioned space heaters, boiling water –which has the side effect of increasing humidity and providing a perfect environment for mold, detaching dryer vents to keep the heat in the house but then also returns moisture and lint which can clog furnace filters cutting overall hearing efficiency and providing a fire hazard, running power cords from a house without electricity to one with electricity, etc. If your staff notices these practices it's clearly time to try to discuss LIHEAP or other energy savings tips with your tenants or homebuyers. So stay warm this winter and enjoy the holiday season. Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

[2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference:](#) This coming Wednesday December 3, President Barack Obama will be hosting the sixth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C. In addition to leaders and representatives of the 566 federally recognized tribes who will be attending, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Deputy Secretary Mike Connor and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Kevin K. Washburn, will join President Obama and other cabinet Secretaries during the conference. Each year, the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference has provided tribal leaders the opportunity to interact with President Obama, Agency Secretaries, and the [White House Council on Native American Affairs](#).

[Social Security Administration:](#) Important Change to Procedures for Treatment of Assets Held in Indian Gaming Trusts: Effective Dec. 1, 2014, SSA is implementing a new policy for how we evaluate Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) trusts for the purpose of counting resources under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. We based our new policy, in part, on IRS guidelines for analyzing IGRA trusts for income tax purposes. We will apply the new policy to any SSI claims or appeals currently pending with our agency. For more information visit our website: [American Indians and Alaska Natives](#) webpage.

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

Proposed Changes to HUD Tribal Consultation Policy: HUD Secretary, Julian Castro, addressed Tribal Leaders regarding revising HUD's Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation Policy: On November 12, 2014, a "Dear Tribal Leader" letter was sent to all ONAP Grantees along with a draft copy of the proposed revisions. To read the letter, [click here](#). To read the draft revision to the policy, [click here](#). Comments to the attached policy are due by Dec. 16, 2014.

[HUD ONAP's Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Program Announced New Fee:](#) Effective November 15, 2014 a new annual premium of 0.15 percent of the remaining loan balance will apply to all new loan guarantees, including refinances. The fee will be assessed until the balance reaches 78% of either the sales price or the appraised value (whichever is lower) based on the initial amortization schedule. The annual premium will be cancelled once the loan reaches the 78 percent loan-to-value ratio. This fee is only applicable to new loans and is in addition to the one time loan fee of 1.5%. If you have any questions, contact Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov. To read the full register entry, [click here](#).

NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

If you have not set up your new eLOCCS account, please do so immediately to avoid any restrictions to your funds.

ELOCCS Conversion- HUD is retiring the Line of Credit Control Voice Response System (LOCCS-VRS). All LOCCS users must convert to eLOCCS. Contact your [Grants Management Specialist](#) with any questions.

Please note:

- All ONAP recipients must have a Coordinator and at least one user registered. If your entity does not have the staff to support 2 eLOCCS users, please notify your Grants Management Specialist immediately.
- ONAP recipients must register as 'Multifamily Housing'.
- To read step by step instructions on how to register for eLOCCS, [click here](#)
- An eLOCCS Registration Guide is also available, [click here](#).
- To read the eLOCCS ONAP Program Guidance, [click here](#).
- For the Getting Started guide (to be used once registered), [click here](#).

Training via Live Meeting is available. The next upcoming trainings will be:

- December 3rd, 2014 from 3:00 to 4:00 EST
- December 5th, 2014 from 2:00 to 3:00 EST

To join the training, click the following link at the scheduled time: [Join the meeting](#)

To join the teleconference, dial: 877.336.1839 then the code: 7099513

To save time before the meeting, [check your system](#) to make sure it is ready to use Office Live Meeting.

Unable to join the meeting? Follow these steps:

1. Copy this address and paste into your web browser:
<https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/hud/join>
2. Copy and paste the required information:
Meeting ID: CSZCF4
Location: <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/hud>

Additional trainings will be scheduled as needed and notices will be sent to Housing Directors and Tribal Leaders. If you need assistance, contact your [Grants Management Specialist](#).

All HUD Offices will be closed Thursday, December 25th, 2014 and Thursday, January 1st, 2015



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

Let ONAP Help!

Free Technical Assistance

HUD ONAP OFFERS
FREE SPECIALIZED TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE
GRANTEES

How Does It Work?

EWONAP Staff or consultants will develop materials tailored to meet your individual needs.

We can work one-on-one or train in small groups.

Training and Technical Assistance can be done remotely or on-site.

Training and TA available on:

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
- Or customize your own!



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EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

The Eastern Woodlands ONAP welcomes two new team members!

Patsy Ojeda Gomez has joined us from El Paso, Texas where she earned a Master degree in Adult Education and Training Curriculum, a Bachelor degree in Human Services and is a Board Certified Human Services Practitioner, and a Board Certified Guardian. Patsy worked as the Director of Social Services Programs for a non- profit organization and served as an advocate for persons with disabilities, the elderly, veterans, and persons at risk of becoming homeless. Patsy also served as an Advocate and Legal Guardian for persons with diminished capacity, persons with mental illness, and or intellectual disabilities.



Mario Lindsey comes to the Office of Native American Programs from the City of Memphis Law Division where he was a Grants Coordinator in the Office of Grants Compliance ensuring regulatory compliance for various city divisions’ grants. In addition to working for the City of Memphis, Mario has experience working in the banking and retail merchandising industries. He is a graduate of the University of Memphis. Mario is excited about coming to HUD and utilizing his experience in serving the team and clients.

Once their training is complete, they will each be assigned a portfolio of grantees to serve.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Financial Management (NAIHC/HUD ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Sioux Falls, SD	This course covers administrative requirements that pertain to the use of IHBG funds in accordance with NAHASDA. Students will discuss 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. During this course, students will develop a working knowledge of the regulations and be introduced to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles GAAP for tribal housing. Students will also participate in skill building exercises and case studies. To register, click here .
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 2-4, Oklahoma City, OK AND Dec. 9-10, Portland, OR	This 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 .
NAIHC Leadership: Low Income Housing Tax Credits	Dec. 9-10 Las Vegas, NV	This intensive, three day training course provides tribal housing professionals with an overview of the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, and how the program can complement other tribal housing initiatives. The course provides general explanation of the program and describes detailed procedures and requirements for continuing operational compliance under the LIHTC and NAHASDA programs. To register, click here .

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
National Museum of American Indians: “Bringing It Home: Artists Reconnecting Cultural Heritage with Community”	Dec. 10 Live Webcast 2-3:30pm ET	LIVE WEBCAST Participants in museum's Artist Leadership Program discuss their work, their research with the Smithsonian, and their plan to share their experiences and knowledge with their community. Hear from Native artists from Arizona, Chile, Oklahoma, and Peru who will share power point presentations about themselves, discuss their artwork, their community projects, and reflect upon their NMAI research experience. For additional info., visit www.nmai.com
National Indian Board & Council Members Conference (Falmouth Inst.)	Dec. 10-12 Las Vegas, NV	Learn how to build a team that leads and inspires its staff; that makes a long-lasting contribution to the community and that can weather any challenge - be it political, financial or internal. This conference will present tools and techniques that will make you a more effective board or council member. During 9 general sessions and 12 workshops, expert faculty will facilitate 3 exciting, eye-opening days of training, covering topics essential for every dedicated board or council member. Click here for more information.
Money Skills for Housing Participants	Dec. 15-19 2 to 3pm, EST Webinar	Money Skills for Housing Participants is a five-part webinar series design for your housing tenants. Although each of the webinars can stand on its own, many of the most powerful concepts are built upon one another – like the layers of a pyramid. So, to get the maximum benefit, it is recommended that you attend all five webinars in the series. To register, click here .
Environmental Reviews & Lead Base Paint (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 6-8, 2015, Sacramento, CA	Learn the ins and outs of environmental review. This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out an environmental review. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting and documenting an environmental review, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. To register, contact Pooja.Patel@icfi.com
Executive Director’s Refresher Course (NAIHC HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 7-8, 2015 Salt Lake City, UT	NOTE DATE CHANGE: NAIHC Executive Directors Refresher Course . The ONAP Executive Director’s Refresher is intended to facilitate a unique peer to peer forum for veteran and new Directors alike. Indian Housing management has become increasingly complex where Directors have to work within laws, regulations, PIH notices, and other documentation which can stretch the limits of one’s knowledge needed to perform the job well. The Executive Director today is challenged to develop exceptional management and problem-solving skills. In this workshop we endeavor to provide opportunity for skill building and a series of tips and tools to support the Director in doing their complex job better. To register, click here .

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Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Jan. 13-14, 2015 Billings, MT	Leveraging the IHBG grant is a valuable NAHASDA resource. But many tribes are unaware of or have not used this tool to meet their housing needs. After attending this interactive workshop, participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about leveraging, using Title VI, Section 184 and other funding sources to finance tribal development. 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. To register, click here .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging	Feb. 10-11, 2015 Phoenix, AZ	Leveraging the IHBG grant is a valuable NAHASDA resource. But many tribes are unaware of or have not used this tool to meet their housing needs. After attending this interactive workshop, participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about leveraging, using Title VI, Section 184 and other funding sources to finance tribal development. To register, click here .
National RES – Reservation Economic Summit	March 9-12 2015 Las Vegas, NV	National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development hosts this annual event. Watch for more information coming soon or visit http://res.ncaied.org/

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](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)[®] has been updated to improve its value to users while also providing a more secure online environment. Portfolio Manager is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. Visit [PortfolioManager.EnergyStar.Gov](#) for more information, or [click here](#).

[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 on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. 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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

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](#).

[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](#).

[FindYouthInfo.gov](#) is the U.S. government web site that helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs.



Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. FindYouthInfo.gov was created by the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP), which is composed of representatives from 18 federal agencies that support programs and services focusing on youth. The IWGYP promotes the goal of positive, healthy outcomes for youth in four significant ways:

- **[Create and Support FindYouthInfo.gov](#)** which provides interactive tools and other resources to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan, implement, and participate in effective programs for youth.
- **[Create and Support YE4C.gov](#)**- This site is the home of the IWGYP's online youth engagement efforts. YE4C helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 engage in change on personal, community, and national levels.
- **[Identify and Disseminate Promising and Effective Strategies](#)**- IWGYP identifies strategies, tools, and resources accessible through FindYouthInfo.gov that will help promote effective community-based efforts addressing youth risk and protective factors. The Program Directory, provides visitors with information about such efforts. Communities can determine whether replicating these strategies will meet their needs.
- **[Promote Enhanced Collaboration](#)**- IWGYP identifies and engages key government, private, and nonprofit organizations that can play a role in improving the coordination and effectiveness of programs serving and appealing to youth. These partnerships and collaborations provide mechanisms to obtain feedback on how federal initiatives are translated at the local level; keep organizations informed about federal funding opportunities; and provide the IWGYP with communication mechanisms to reach regional, state, and local programs. To learn more, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
National Historical Publications and Records Commission	Dec. 4	The National Historical Publications and Records Commission desires to make historical records of national significance to the United States broadly available by disseminating digital surrogates on the Internet. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. Grants are awarded for digitizing documentary source materials and support to undertake more complex work, such as document transcription, tagging, or geo-referencing. Such online editions should provide basic access to collections. Award amounts can range from \$20,000 to \$150,000. Federally and state recognized Tribes are eligible. To read the full NOFA, click here .
AMERICORPS	Intent Letter Due Dec. 10	Helpful resources at: nationalservice.gov/2015americorpsgrants . The Application Instructions , have useful info. needed to successfully submit your application: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) ; Frequently Asked Questions (regularly updated); Technical Assistance documents ; Performance Measure instructions ; List of upcoming (and recordings of past) Technical Assistance calls .
EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program	Dec. 10 Grant proposals due; Full App due May 8, 2015	The EPA is seeking grant proposals for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) for FY 2016 work plan program development activities. The goal of the GAP is to assist tribes in developing the capacity to plan and establish environmental protection programs and to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs. For more information, see the funding opportunity description . Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized tribal governments and eligible intertribal consortia.
National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” Grants	Dec. 15	Organizations may apply for creative place-making projects that contribute to the livability of communities and place the arts at their core. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000. Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Place-making. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. For more information, click here .
EPA BROWNFIELDS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	Dec. 19	EPA’s annual competition for Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants Guidelines are available at: Assessment and Cleanup guidelines. Summary of FY15 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Guideline Changes as compared to last year, FY2015 Assessment Guideline Checklist , and Frequently Asked Questions are also available.
Solid Waste Management Grant	Dec. 31	Tribes are eligible for grant funding from USDA. For more information, click here .
Project for Public Spaces (PPS)	Jan. 9, 2015	PPS is offering Local and Tribal communities FREE technical assistance to address community challenges to becoming more livable and resilient. PPS is offering technical assistance with their Partners at Livability Solutions thanks to a grant from the EPA’s Office of Sustainable Communities. Learn more at http://www.pps.org/livability-solutions/epa/

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Source	Deadline	Details and links
Environmental Justice Small Grants Program	Jan. 9, 2015	The deadline has been extended to January 9, 2015 . The EJSG Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and/or public health issues within an affected community. The EJSG Program is designed to help eligible non-profit organizations and Tribal communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks at the local level. In an effort to ensure that support reaches new areas, the Agency also is prioritizing funding to organizations that have not recently received an award under the EJSG Program. For more information regarding the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program and to view the RFA, please click here .
Museums, Libraries, & Cultural Organizations: Planning & Implementation Grants	Jan. 14, 2015	These National Endowment for the Humanities grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Planning Grants support the early stages of project development; and Implementation Grants support final scholarly research and consultation, design development, production, and installation of a project for presentation to the public. Planning Grants: \$40,000 to \$75,000 over a period of 1 year; Implementation Grants: Maximum of \$1,000,000 over a period of up to 3 years. To read the RFP, click here .
Generation Google Scholarships - for students from an underrepresented group in computer science	Jan. 15 2015	The Generation Google Scholarship was established to help aspiring computer scientists from underrepresented groups (including Native Americans) excel in technology and become leaders in the field. Selected students will receive \$10,000 for the 2015-2016 school year. College students and current high school seniors are eligible. For more information, click here . To apply, click here .
Google's Anita Borg Scholarship for Women in Computer Science	Jan. 15 2015	Google Anita Borg Scholarship recipients will each receive a \$10,000 award for the 2015-2016 academic year. A group of female undergraduate and graduate students will be chosen from the applicant pool, and scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's academic background and demonstrated leadership. All scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Annual Google Scholars' Retreat in Mountain View, California in 2015. As an Anita Borg Scholar, you will participate in a unique program that includes professional development as well as outreach in your community which kicks off at the Scholars' Retreat. For more information, click here . To apply, click here .
Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants	Feb. 9, 2015	Approx. \$76 MM available for FY 2014. Subject to appropriations, HUD Individual grant awards up to a maximum of \$30MM. NOFA & application package at www.grants.gov . CFDA # 14.889. Additional information, click here or visit: www.hud.gov/cn .
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grants (DOJ)	Feb. 24, 2015	This U.S. Dept. of Justice program provides funding to Indian Tribal Governments to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues in tribal communities. Maximum of \$4MM over a period of up to 3 years depending on purpose area. Link to RFP: http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/tribal/pages/attachments/2014/11/19/ctas_fy-2015_solicitation.pdf

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National Park Service NAGPRA	March 11, 2015	The National NAGPRA Program assists the Secretary of the Interior. Section 10 of NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Link to Additional Information: http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm
National Disaster Resilience Competition	March 16, 2015	HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) makes \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. For a list of eligible applicants, click here . Tribes would need to apply through their state. For the program fact sheet, click here .
Veterans Cemetery Grants, VA	July 1, 2015	This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. For 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. For more information, click here .
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)	Open	This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group; Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives; A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, click here .
Indian Land Tenure Foundation Grants	Open	Tribal, local and state governments, and 501c3 nonprofit organizations, including educational institutions are eligible. The Foundation is devoted to serving Indian nations and Indian people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. Programs and initiatives are focused on education, cultural awareness, economic opportunity and legal reform. For more info., visit http://www.iltf.org/grants

[The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program](#) is a home mortgage specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.



Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of December 2014, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 27,000 loans, almost \$4.5 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,000 loans were made bringing \$463 million in private capital to Tribes/TDHEs and directly to Tribal Members.

Tribes and TDHEs can 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
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, [click here](#). For a map of eligible states and counties, [click here](#).



[HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program](#)- Title VI loans enable [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. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#).

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8626.

Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:

Mowa Choctaw HA	Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.
Iswa Development Corp.	Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.
Aroostook Band of Micmac	Construction of 17 units in two communities.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.
White Earth Reservation HA	Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.
Lac Courte Oreilles HA	Construction of 20 multifamily units.
Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA	Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing.
Red Lake Reservation HA	Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.
Lumbee Tribe	Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.

USEFUL LINKS

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