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1. *What's New!* Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

What's New on HUD's [Codetalk Homepage](#):

Executive Summary from the Tribal Housing Needs Study (Published January 4, 2017)

On January 3, 2017, HUD published "Housing Needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Tribal Areas: A Report From the Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs: Executive Summary". This report summarizes principal findings and conclusions of the Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs, a congressionally mandated study. Read the Executive Summary at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HousingNeedsAmerIndians-ExecSumm.pdf>.

Register for Upcoming Trainings

Grant Writing | January 17-19, 2017 | Reno, NV Registration Open [Click here](#)

Title VI/Loan Leveraging | January 31 – February 1, 2017 | Albuquerque, NM. Register at

Managing a Successful Strategic Planning Process | February 8-9, 2017 | Phoenix, AZ

[Click here for Registration and Event Details](#)

For a complete listing of 2016-2017 HUD trainings, visit [HUD Training Sessions](#) Or www.FirstPic.org Or www.NAIHC.net OR www.Firstnations.org

HUD: Dear Tribal Leaders Letter announcing ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Nominations due February 21, 2017!

Published 12/21/16 the **Dear Tribal Leaders Letter** from HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Lourdes Castro Ramirez, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, Heidi Frechette, announces the establishment of HUD's Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and calls for nominations to that committee. This Committee will facilitate communication between HUD and tribal leaders on housing priorities and strengthen capacity building opportunities. The Committee will enhance regular, meaningful consultation and collaboration between federal and tribal officials. Instructions for nominating a tribal official to the Committee are outlined in the **Federal Register** notice. Nominations are due by **February 21, 2017**

HUD: Dear Tribal Leaders Letter regarding COORDINATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIATIVE. Comments due February 12, 2017. (December 14, 2016) - As the lead agency in the federal effort to develop a coordinated environmental review process for housing and housing-related infrastructure in Indian Country, HUD issued a **Dear Tribal Leader letter** requesting review and comments on the draft interagency **Memorandum of Understanding** and its companion draft **Statement of Intent**, which are intended to encourage the use of tools that can streamline the federal



environmental review process. The final documents will be used by entities, incl. tribes, that are responsible for conducting federal environmental reviews. **HUD's webinar to discuss the two draft documents on Jan. 12, 2017** at 1:00 p.m. EST. Conference call: (877) 336-1839. Code: 9110500. For more info., contact Hilary Atkin 202-402-3427.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) YEAR-END ADVICE (INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWS):

Reporting Non-Employee Compensation & Gaming Per Capita Distributions Received in the Same Year

In situations where tribal members have received both non-employee compensation and per capita distributions of gaming revenues during the same year, a tribe may file two Forms 1099-MISC with different due dates:

1. One for non-employee compensation with a due date of January 31 of the following year; and
2. One for per capita distributions of gaming revenues, with a due date of February 28 of the following year (paper form filing) or March 31 of the following year (electronic filing). The interaction of section 6071(b) and section 5507(r) does not result in a January 31 due date for the filing of a Form 1099-MISC for per capita distributions of gaming revenue subject to withholding, since such payments are not non-employee compensation.

If the tribe does file two forms, however, the tribe must include a different account number for each form. See [2016 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns](#) (Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, and W-2G); [Publication 1220, Specifications for Electronic Filing of Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, and W-2G Tax Year 2016](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) REGION 9 TRIBAL NEWS:

1. **Updated HUD Environmental Justice Policy** – Comments due by Feb 15, 2017

Comments can be submitted to EJSTRATEGY@HUD.GOV. The draft Strategy is posted the HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3843/hud-environmental-justice-strategy/>. The updated strategy will be unveiled at the [EJ Conference and Workshop](#) in early March.

2. **January is National Radon Action Month:** [View this message as a Web page](#). Winter is the best time to test homes for radon, so now is the time to finalize your education and outreach efforts for January 2017 and beyond. EPA's National Radon Action Month Web pages are just a click away. Find these resources and more:

- [National Radon Action Month PowerPoint Presentations](#)
- [National Radon Action Month Event Planning Kit](#)
- [Radon Graphics](#) (includes new seasonal images)

Request for applications: INDIAN TRIBES ARE ELIGIBLE - **National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants**. Closing date: 2/17/17. Full announcement available for download [here](#).

U.S. EPA's Office of Air & Radiation (OAR), Indoor Environments Div.(IED) has posted a new RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-17-02): www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding, and, www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290725.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) [Tribal Benefits Coordinator Guide](#). This resource provides tribes' benefit coordinators with accurate and up-to-date information on Social Security's benefit programs, service options, process for applying for benefits, online resources, and much more. The Tribal Benefits Coordinator Guide is also available on the [American Indians and Alaska Natives \(AIAN\) website](#), under the Publications section.

Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans - Contact the following offices for assistance:

- To live on public lands, contact the [Office of Public and Indian Housing \(PIH\)](#).
- To live on a reservation, contact a local [Tribally Designated Housing Entity \(TDHE\)](#).
- Locate your [state housing counseling agency](#) or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the agency nearest you.

Native American Housing Programs

- [Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs \(ONAP\)](#) - administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing is available to Native American families.
- [Indian Housing Grant Programs](#)-provide financial assistance for Indian tribes to develop affordable housing and to provide housing activities on a reservation or Indian area. Guidebooks available.
- [Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#) – provides home repair, renovation, replacement, & new housing grants.
- Native Housing Resources/Tribal Court Clearinghouse (a project of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute): <http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm>
- Healthier Tribal Housing: Combining the Best of Old and New: <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/> .



TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS: ~ Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for current schedule. ~

Training/Conference/Event	Date/Location	Description
WESTERN TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM	Jan. 10 Fallon, NV	This informative Tribal Forum features five specialized tracks including: Economic Development; Tribal Leadership; Grants; Entrepreneurship; and Agriculture. Registration information and the Forum agenda will be available soon. For more info., contact Jenny Taylor (775) 887-1222 x100 – or email to: jenifer.taylor@nv.usda.gov
Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day (Arizona)	Jan. 11 Phoenix, AZ	The [Arizona] Office on Tribal Relations, in cooperation with representatives from the state's Indian nations, facilitates an Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day to pay tribute to the history and culture of the American Indian peoples and their contributions to the prosperity and cultural diversity of, not only the United States, but the State of Arizona. As sovereign nations, Tribal Nations and Communities are relevant and major contributors to local economies and share a unique government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona and the United States federal government. To register visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-indian-nations-and-tribes-legislative-day-tickets-29285623087 . For more info. & the agenda, visit: http://gotr.azgovernor.gov/gotr/indian-nations-and-tribes-legislative-day
Grant Writing for Tribes/TDHEs (HUD/NAIHC)	Jan. 17-19 Reno, NV	Course will enable participants to learn how to prepare proposals designed for affordable housing projects or programs, such as housing construction/rehabilitation, program capacity building, community project/facilities, and infrastructure. Through a hands-on project development approach, course materials cover maximizing benefits through leveraging, matching project goals to funder's goals, and preparing a statement of need, project description, implementation schedule, financial feasibility analysis, and project sustainability plan. Participants will be required to write key components of a grant and analyze an actual grant application. Registration at: https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventId=1870377
DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A TRIBAL RECYCLING PROGRAM (ITEP)	Jan. 24-26 Palm Springs, CA	The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' new course for creating a recycling program from the ground up. Three different tribal professionals will discuss common obstacles, how to build your team, understanding recycling markets, equipment needs, facility design and operations, and give case study examples of different approaches. Attendees will also participate in a variety of small group activities so they can work directly with their fellow tribal professionals, putting into practice what they learn during the lectures. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit TWO different tribal recycling programs: 29 Palms Band of Mission Indians and Morongo Band of Mission Indians to tour their facilities and talk with their staff about how they met various challenges and developed successful approaches to recycling. Course is limited to 20 participants. For more info., and to apply, contact Julie Jurkowski at Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu .
Title VI/Loan Leveraging (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. 31 – Feb. 1 Albuquerque, NM	HUD's Office of Native American Programs and NAIHC present this FREE training. Project planning is vital and must include financing components that use a variety of funding sources. The 1996 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program encourages leveraging. The Title VI Loan Guarantee Program can multiply the funds available under your IHBG grant. Learn how to multiply up to 5 times the Need portion of your IHBG Grant and mix the funds with other resources. This comprehensive two-day class has been designed to cover all aspects of the Title VI program and Loan Leveraging. After attending this class, participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to make informed decisions about the feasibility of including Title VI/Loan Leveraging options as part of their tribe's future housing development plans. Learn more about Title VI/Loan Leveraging can benefit your tribe's housing development plans. Click here for the course description. Click here for the agenda. REGISTER NOW at https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventId=1929484
Sovereignty & E-Commerce: <i>Innovating & Reshaping the Borders of Indian Country</i>	Feb. 2-3 Chandler, AZ	Many Native American tribes are pursuing business operated over the Internet, thus relieving some of the physical realities of modern, yet still remote, Indian country. These E-Commerce opportunities have not only created thriving economies, but they have also led to a tangled web of legal issues where state, tribal and federal laws and policies are colliding. The quick growth of E-Commerce in Indian Country has outpaced a general understanding of how Tribal Digital Sovereignty and E-Commerce law is intertwined with federal Indian law especially as it may relate to States' rights. The 2 day conference explores legal issues surrounding the development of E-Commerce in Indian Country .
Managing a Successful Strategic Planning Process (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 8-9 Phoenix, AZ	HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers this FREE Training. This hands-on two-day course is designed to explore how Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) can effectively manage the strategic planning process. Course reviews how Native ancestors traditionally planned throughout the year, and the importance of strategic planning, common hesitations in undertaking the process, and strategies to address these hesitations. Attendees also learn the key components of strategic planning, including confirming the organizational mission, vision, and values; visioning for the future; identifying potential obstacles, and developing goals and objectives. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, practice developing an actual plan to reach a key goal; and outline key next steps to effective strategic planning. Click here for Registration and Event Details



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Part 58 Environmental Review Training (HUD)	Feb. 8-10 PHX, San Fran, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Reno	The HUD Region IX Environmental Office will conduct a free three-day training to help HUD grantees, federal, state, and local government staff, "Responsible Entities," and consultants undertaking HUD environmental reviews to gain a better understanding of Federal environmental requirements and procedures. This training is designed to assist those who actually prepare Environmental Review documents under 24 CFR Part 58, as well as those who review and approve such documents. Specific topics to be addressed include the National Environmental Policy Act, sole source aquifers, scenic rivers, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Air Act, wetlands, floodplain management and flood insurance, coastal zone management, endangered species, farmlands, environmental justice, noise abatement, toxic and hazardous substances, other factors and procedural requirements of 24 CFR Part 58, including recommended formats for compliance documentation and an introduction to HUD's Environmental Review Online System (HEROS). The training will be conducted in-person in the Los Angeles and San Francisco HUD conference rooms. The training will be simulcast via video-conferencing to the Phoenix (AZ), Reno (NV), Las Vegas (NV), Honolulu (HI), HUD conference rooms. Register for the event http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2958&update=N
Tribal Exchange Network Conference (ITEP)	Feb. 28 –Mar. 1 Alpine, CA	<i>The Tribal Exchange Network Conference provides tribal professionals, and those working with tribes, an opportunity to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the Exchange Network. Share your experiences and learn from other tribal professionals! For more details, visit www.tribalexchangenetwork.org. Click HERE to submit your registration for the Conference</i> (if you are unable to open the Registration Form, contact ITEP for an alternate copy). A limited number of scholarships are available for tribal attendees to cover eligible travel expenses.
National Tribal Air Association Meeting 2017	May 1-4 Tucson, AZ	A gathering of tribal air quality professionals, EPA and other federal-agency staff & representatives from academia, nonprofits and private industry, sharing information, skills, policy, regulatory initiatives and updates, culture and fun. Optional Training Sessions 5/1 \$50 Registration Fee Scholarship Support Available. For more info, visit: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confn_ntf



3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA)	Jan. 9	USDA is seeking new proposals for cutting-edge projects that will provide new conservation opportunities through its competitive Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. Through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the dept will invest up to \$25 million for projects that spark the development and adoption of innovative conservation technologies and approaches in areas like conservation finance, data analytics, and precision conservation to benefit producers on private agricultural and forest lands. CIG is authorized and funded under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and fosters innovative conservation projects that accelerate the transfer and adoption of promising technologies that benefit natural resources, agricultural production, and forest management. American Indian tribes, state and local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals are eligible to submit proposals. More info., including a link to application materials and submission procedures, can be found on the NRCS CIG website .
2017 AmeriCorps State & National Grants, Corporation for National & Community Service	Jan. 18	Details at http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2017/ameri-corps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2017 . Funding Opportunity Number: NCS-8-17-2017. Applicants are encouraged to submit a Notification of Intent to Apply by Dec. 7, 2016. Grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Grant awards generally have two components: operating funds and AmeriCorps member positions. Grant award amounts vary in the level of operating funds and in the type and amount of AmeriCorps member positions. This AmeriCorps competition 4 of the 12 investment priorities incl. Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, & Environment.
2017 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program, (U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities)	Feb. 1	\$50,000 - \$300,000 in grant funds to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and watersheds. Goal to be achieved by: Developing funding mechanisms, plans, or other strategies to implement large-scale watershed protection, source water protection, green infrastructure, or related landscape conservation objectives; Building sustainable organizational infrastructure, social support, and long-term funding commitments necessary to implement large-scale protection of healthy watersheds; and · Supporting innovative or catalytic projects that may accelerate funding for or implementation of watershed protection efforts, or broadly advance this field of practice. Eligible applicants: Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, for-profit companies, tribes, intertribal consortia, interstates, state, & local govt. agencies incl. water utilities/wastewater facilities, & colleges/universities. http://www.usendowment.org/healthywatersheds.html
Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands (Office of Indian Energy)	Feb. 7	Up to \$6 million to install energy efficiency measures and deploy clean energy systems on Indian lands and to help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions. Eligible applicants incl. Indian tribes (including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations to: 1. Install energy efficiency measures and clean energy systems on tribal buildings; and/or Deploy clean energy systems on a community-scale. An eligible "Indian Tribe" (including Alaska Native villages) must be federally recognized as listed in Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the US Bureau of Indian Affairs. Applications may also be submitted on behalf of an Indian Tribe(s) by an authorized Tribal Organization or Inter-Tribal Organization, provided evidence of that authority is provided as part of the application. The intended results of the 50% cost shared projects selected under this FOA are immediate cost savings, reduced energy use, and increased energy security for Indian tribes, Alaskan Native villages, and tribal members. Learn more about the FOA (DE-FOA-0001660) .
Drought Resiliency Projects for FY2017	Feb. 14	Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on Drought Resiliency Projects that will increase the reliability of water supply; improve exchange of water; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought. www.usbr.gov/climate/docs/ClimateChangeAdaptationStrategy.pdf Projects carried out through Drought Resiliency Project Grants, can increase water management flexibility, making our water supply more resilient, which helps to prepare for and address the impacts of drought and climate change. Proposals must demonstrate that the proposed project is supported by an existing drought planning effort. FOA number - BOR-DO-17+F010. For more info. and to apply, visit: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290104 or contact Michael Dieterich at (303) 445-2484 or mdieterich@usbr.gov
Drought Response Program: Drought Contingency Planning Grants for FY2017	Feb. 14	Funding available to states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing Drought Contingency Planning with Reclamation to build resilience to drought in advance of a crisis. Funding may be used to develop a new drought plan or to update an existing drought plan (collectively, Drought Contingency Plans). Applicants may also request technical assistance from Reclamation for the development of elements of the Drought Contingency Plan (Project). FOA number - BOR-DO-17-F009. For more info. Incl. eligibility or to apply, visit http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=290122 . For questions, contact Rupal Shah at (303) 445-2442 or rshah@usbr.gov



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US7830 Tribal Funding Under the Clean Air Act (Region 9) FY 2018	NEW! Feb. 20	\$50,000 to \$120,000 in funding available to support tribal air pollution control projects, and to help tribes build the capacity to manage their air quality programs in accordance with their individual needs. Projects may incl. investigations, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, enforcement, and control of ambient and indoor air pollution and climate change. These activities may include: Air quality characterization studies; Identification and investigation of air pollution sources; Air quality monitoring studies; and/or Training and community education and outreach. Eligibility is limited to federally recognized tribal lands located within Region 9 of the funding agency. For more info., including eligibility and applying, visit: https://www3.epa.gov/region9/funding/pdfs/fy18-tribal-caa103-fund-announce.pdf . For questions contact Lauren Maghran: (415) 947-4107 or maghran.lauren@epa.gov
2017 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation	NEW! Feb. 28	The 2017 CTAS grant has been announced. https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations link to the resource page.
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	- Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
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 & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm
USDA WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS & GRANTS	Open	USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. <u>Eligible Applicants:</u> state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. <u>How to Apply:</u> apply now by using the online application tool RDApply .
Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program (RCAC)	Open	Rural Community Assistance Corporation's (RCAC) Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program helps create, improve or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems and other facilities that serve rural communities. RCAC's loan programs provide the early funds small rural communities need to determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &/or federal program funding. May also provide interim construction financing, and intermediate & long-term loans for system improvements. <u>ELIGIBLE APPLICANT:</u> Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments. <u>ELIGIBLE AREA:</u> Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. <u>ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:</u> Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste & storm water facilities. For more info., contact Mike Carroll at mcarroll@rcac.org or visit www.rcac.org
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, call 202-219-0740 or visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm .
Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees (USDA)	Open	The Rural Broadband Access Loan & Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by Rural Utility Service (RUS) Telecommunications visit: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs

4. HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov • Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](#)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>



- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Southern California Indian Center- www.indiancenter.org
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

- Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **California**: <http://www.itccinc.org/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>
- All Pueblo Governors Council (of **New Mexico**): <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html>
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona www.aiccz.org
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California <http://www.aicccal.org>
- Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) <http://www.swtha.org/>
- Nevada/California Indian Housing Association www.nev-cal.org

FEDERAL PARTNERS:

- **USDA** Rural Development <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html.
- **Department of Interior** Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- **Indian Health Service** (IHS) <http://www.ihs.gov/>
 - IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
 - Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- **Department of Treasury CDFI Fund** <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- **US Department of Commerce - MDBA** (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
 - Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov. Small Business Administration (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- **OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory** www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) –
 - Disaster Preparedness & Recovery <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit#>
 - FEMA - Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Social Security Administration - Public website www.socialsecurity.gov
 - SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aiian/>
- Dept. of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21
- Veterans Administration: Native American Direct Loan Program: <http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp>
 - VA Office of Tribal Government Relations <http://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/>



5. BITS & PIECES: Tribal News

The **Grants.Gov** website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply. For complete list of grant opportunities, visit: [http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?eligibilities%3D07%7CNative%20American%20tribal%20governments%20\(Federally%20recognized\)](http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?eligibilities%3D07%7CNative%20American%20tribal%20governments%20(Federally%20recognized))

NATIVE LEARNING CENTER (KERRETTV) OFFERS FREE TUITION FREE LIVE WEBINARS:

For a listing of upcoming webinars, visit <http://nativelearningcenter.com/trainings/>

Jan 10 - Healthy Homes-Identifying Hazards Caused by Lead-Based Paint

<http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/healthy-homes-identifying-hazards-caused-by-lead-based-paint/>

Jan. 17 Community Development Plans to Fight Drug Abuse Issues

<http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/community-development-plans-to-fight-drug-abuse-issues/>

Jan. 18 – Home Repair Grant Programs

<http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/home-repair-grant-programs/>

Jan 19 – Effects of Noise Pollution in Tribal Communities

<http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/effects-of-noise-pollution-in-tribal-communities/>

Jan. 24 – Native CDFI Bootcamp

<http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/native-cdfi-bootcamp/>

Jan. 31 – Effective Practices for Writing an Indian Community Development Block Grant

<http://nativelearningcenter.com/course/effective-practices-for-writing-an-indian-community-development-block-grant-icdbg/>

Feb. 15 - Energy Efficient Rehabilitation for Tribal Housing

USDA 1994 TRIBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM - [View Application](#) Apply now! Deadline: Sunday, February 5, 2017

Available to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college and rising college sophomores and juniors pursuing a bachelor's degree at a **1994 Land-Grant Tribal College or University**. Earn full tuition, paid internship, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years. **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better. Scholar must maintain a GPA of 3.0 per semester once awarded a scholarship.
- Have been accepted for admission or currently attending one of the thirty-five 1994 Tribal Colleges and Universities.
- Study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related academic disciplines
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature
- Submit a signed application (original signature only)

TRIBAL MENTOR PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES - Applications for competitive opportunities are due **February 3, 2017.**

• The Solid Waste Onsite Mentor Program: Quarter Two applications are now open!

The Solid Waste Onsite Mentor Program is a USDA funded program that allows us to fund up to two mentors a quarter for onsite assistance from another Tribe. If your tribe is facing challenges in implementing waste diversion or source reduction activities as part of your solid waste program (for example recycling, composting, minimizing hazardous substances in your waste stream, making tribally-owned facilities more sustainable, etc.) – then this project may be the way for you to move forward. ITEP will provide you with the opportunity to visit another tribe, or have a technical expert visit your tribe, and spend a few days working with a colleague to learn directly from new techniques to assist your programs. For more details and the application please visit:

https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Waste/waste_mentors



• **Superfund Onsite Mentor Program: Applications now open!**

For tribes facing challenges in the area of Superfund, this new project may provide some assistance. Activities can include any type of Superfund activities such as designing appropriate remediation strategies, conducting or overseeing site assessments, hiring & managing contractors, pursuing and utilizing cooperative agreements, forming partnerships across agencies, and overseeing or implementing cleanup activities. ITEP will provide you with the opportunity to visit another tribe, or have a technical expert visit your tribe, and spend a few days working with a colleague in the area of Superfund. For more info visit: https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/waste/waste_superfundMentor

ONAP OFFERS FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING: HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers **FREE Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities** for a wide variety of tribal housing and related issues. To request specialized Technical Assistance and/or Training from SWONAP, contact Debbie Broermann at deborah.s.broermann@hud.gov or David Southerland at David.W.Southerland@hud.gov.

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