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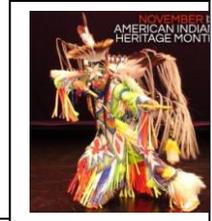


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Information Bulletin of the Southwest Office of Native American Program for the week of November 5, 2012

In this issue: November is Native American Heritage Month

Each Nov. we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month – the history, culture, and character of American Indian and Alaska Native people. This year's theme is "Native Families Moving Ahead: Together We Strengthen Our Nations." The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state, getting endorsements from 24 state governments, to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994.



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1. Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

NOV. IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: While American Indians and Alaska Natives are proud of their heritage year around, this month IS designated for non-Native people to celebrate our heritage as well. The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horse-back from state to state, getting endorsements from 24 state governments, to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George HW Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating Nov. 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994.

ANNUAL STATUS & EVALUATION REPORTS DUE BY NOV. 15: ASERs are due to HUD/SWONAP by **Nov. 15** for Recipients of HUD Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG) with open grants. If you have questions or need information about ASERs, contact your SWONAP specialist. A SWONAP staff listing is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/contact.cfm>

HUD NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS - DEADLINE NOVEMBER 19: Negotiated Rulemaking for the purpose of developing regulatory changes to the funding formula for the Indian Housing Block Grant program authorized by the NAHASDA. Nominate persons to service on the Committee. The submission deadline is **Nov. 19, 2012**. [Click here for more information](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-18/pdf/2012-22986.pdf) or visit: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-18/pdf/2012-22986.pdf>

USDA RURAL DEFINITION EXTENDED TO MARCH 2013: USDA has issued a notice to all local, state, and national Rural Development (RD) staff instructing them to [continue using the current "rural" definition until March 27, 2013](#), postponing implementation of data from the 2010 Census until that time. This notice applies to all USDA-RD programs, including those administered by Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Rural Business Service. March 27, 2013, is the new deadline and coincides with the expiration of the FY13 Continuing Resolution.

2. Trainings, Conferences and Events:

Training/ Conference/Event	Date/ Location	Description
Roundtable Discussion on Tribal Partnering Strategies (NAIHC/USDA)	Nov. 7 Webinar – 3:00 pm EST	NAIHC and USDA-RD Forum to discuss ways for state and regional offices to work effectively with tribes. The end goal is to discuss and examine recommendations to improve the collaboration between tribal housing programs and USDA-RD. Use the following to participate in this webinar: Phone Bridge: 1-800-981-3173. Participant Code: 4248. Live Meeting Login . Online registration available here
Grant Writing Essentials (webinar – 2:00 pm EST)	Nov. 7 Webinar	Native Learning Center offers this Tuition Free Training. This event requires registration: http://www.KerretvOnline.com . Register Now at https://www.kerretvonline.com/login/index.php .



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10 HOUR OSHA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (Indian Health Service)	Nov. 7-8 Tucson, AZ	This course is designed for engineering, inspection & construction personnel working under the OSHA construction standards. Topics include an introduction to the Occupational Safety & Health Act, the "General Duty Clause", OSHA recordkeeping requirements, inspections, competent person, electrical safety, fall protection, personal protective equipment, hand and power tools, excavation and shoring, walking and working surfaces, stairways and ladders, and confined space entry permit. Students can obtain the 10 Hour OSHA Card for the Construction Industry by attending this course. For more, visit http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=class&clID=1429&qs=module=classes&sort=startDate
INDIGENOUS FOOD CULTURE CONFERENCE	Nov. 7-9 Sunrise Park, AZ	Indigenous Food Culture Conference ~ Email for more information
Basic HVAC (NAHC)	Nov. 7-9 Albq, NM	Gain an understanding of HVAC and how heating & cooling systems operate to troubleshoot and fix existing problems. For more info., contact nmahctraining@aol.com or call 505-797-8674.
9TH ANNUAL "FATHERHOOD IS LEADERSHIP" CONFERENCE	Nov. 7-9 Mesa, AZ	Conference promotes the sacredness of family and focuses on topics in the areas of Education, Criminal Justice, and Health and Human Services. This Conference will bring an opportunity for Native People to take a leadership position in bringing the importance of families to all cultures. Register at www.FatherhoodIsLeadership.org or call (480) 833-5007.
2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN 8(a) CONFERENCE	Nov. 8-9 Cabazon, CA	Helping Native American & tribal business owners gain the competitive edge needed to successfully compete for Government Contracts and Small Business Development opportunities. This 2 day event delves into various federal programs that assist tribal communities with economic development initiatives & covers procedures & benefits of establishing an 8(a) tribally-owned business, projects or ventures qualifying for federal funding, how to obtain federal grants or loans, and steps to initiate an 8(a) business. For more info., visit http://nativenationevents.org/conference/second-annual-national-native-american-8a-conference-government-contracting-small-business-development
ARIZONA'S DIGITAL CONNECTIONS SUMMIT 2012: Connecting Arizona's Rural Communities (ATIC)	Nov. 13 Mesa, AZ	Explore high capacity digital Broadband connections to the Internet that are critical infrastructure for the 21st century. Collaborate with your fellow leaders & stakeholders to explore how rural communities can expedite deployment of these critical broadband services; Explore best practices to enable rural communities to use next generation Broadband to support 21st Century education & workforce development, create jobs and support economic and community development, enhance public safety as well as health care and government services, & connect their citizens to the world; and Hear about the nationally recognized Digital Arizona Program initiatives for statewide planning & policy development and funding & tech. assist. available to the 4 rural Councils of Governments & local communities to develop regional or community plans. For more info., visit http://azdigitalfuture.org/ .
USDA Mortgage Loan Processing & Packaging Course	Nov. 13 Albq, NM	This one day course assists attendees in understanding and learning the process for completing loan packages. Participants will become proficient in reviewing income and debt service for acceptable ratios, reading credit reports, and evaluating applicant assets. For more info., contact Al Heller at (505) 761-4941 or albert.heller@nm.usda.gov .
GREENBUILD 2012: National Affordable Green Homes & Sustainable Communities Summit	Nov. 13-14 San Francisco, CA	This 2-day summit, held at the Greenbuild International Conference & Expo , will educate, advance, challenge & inspire those involved in providing green affordable housing & community development. For more info, visit http://www.ipedinc.net/Conferences/National_Affordable_Green_Homes_and_Sustainable_Communities_Summit_at_Greenbuild.aspx?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWf9wsRoks6XMZKXoniHpfX%2B6eQIT%2Fm28M3109ad%2BrmPB63YYDWOEnZ9mMBAQZC81kzhhdCPChdZNF%2BfpQBI8US%2Fm
ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING CONFERENCE, TRADE SHOW, & GOLF TOURNAMENT	Nov. 13-15 Phoenix, AZ	This 3-day trade show & conference supports Tribal Gaming and Business Diversification. Event opens with the Desert Classic Golf Tournament followed by the unique conference that serves two distinct audiences: those already in the gaming industry and others who want to do business with Arizona gaming tribes. Business sessions will cover Developing business prospects through diversified networking, Trends and Opportunities on Arizona Tribal Lands, A look into the future on Arizona Tribal Lands and business-to-business success stories. The gaming operations sessions, which run in tandem, will cover Updates on internet gaming, Tips on growing market share, Optimizing tourism, and Entertainment marketing. Additional sessions will be devoted to regulation, security, data security, social media and employee outreach. For more information, visit www.azindiagaming.org .
Annual Tribal Energy Program Review	Nov. 13-16 Denver, CO	The Tribal Energy Program Review will provide an overview of the wide range of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects under way in Indian Country. The annual gathering provides Tribes an opportunity to network, report on their energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and learn from the experience of other tribes pursuing similar projects. For more, visit the TEP website .
NEW BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIAN COUNTRY (HUD/ONAP)	Nov. 14-15 Albuquerque, NM	This FREE informative training will • Explore the feasibility of starting, promoting, & sustaining youth development programs in Indian Country; • Gain an understanding of the organizational relationships between TDHEs, tribal organizations, & national youth development organizations; • Review HUD and other funding sources to support establishing a local youth development program to serve Native American youth; • Learn from existing youth development programs which are successfully serving the needs of Native American youth to benefit the community. NOTE: Tribes may use Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds to cover travel-related expenses. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or call 1-866-622-5827



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RES Oklahoma: Sustaining Economic Momentum (NCAIED)	Nov. 14-15 Tulsa, OK	The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) will announce the recipients of the prestigious First American Corporate Leadership Award and First American Entrepreneur of the Year Awards at the 37th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards Gala (INPRO) , a featured event of RES Oklahoma. For more info., visit CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
Housing Board Training (NAIHC)	Nov. 28-29 San Antonio, TX	2-day training course for tribal housing boards/housing committees and/or tribal council members charged with overseeing housing programs. Course covers the basics of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), roles & responsibilities under NAHASDA; short- and long-range planning; how to maximize revenues from non-HUD sources; how tribal housing entities should operate; why policies are vital to success; parliamentary procedures; and, how to run productive board meetings. Register: http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1113500
Grant Researching & Proposal Writing in Indian Country	Dec. 3 – 5 Orlando, FL	Native Learning Center offers this Tuition FREE three-day workshop to provide attendees with skills necessary to explore, seek out, and successfully write grant proposals. For beginners, experts, or anywhere in between. For more, visit http://nativelearningcenter.com/indiancountrygrantworkshop/ or contact the Native Learning Center at 954.985.2315.
Basic Surveying (Indian Health Service)	Dec. 3-7 Albuquerque, NM	Course teaches basic surveying principles & skills needed by IHS engineers and construction personnel. Course includes classroom instruction combined with field application of land surveying techniques. Lessons incl. pacing, leveling, traversing, topographic surveying and grade staking. 3.0 CEUs. For more visit http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=class&clID=1440&qs=module=classes&sort=startDate
FROM GETTING BY TO GETTING AHEAD: PAVING THE WAY FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS IN CALIFORNIA	Dec. 4 Fresno, CA	This statewide symposium supports asset building programs & policies in CA & explores best practices and policies shaping the future of Asset Building and financial success with practitioners, experts, policy makers, and industry leaders from across the State. Register at http://cabcassetbuilding2012.eventbrite.com .
 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 4-6 Albuquerque, NM	This 3-day training for IHBG Grantees includes detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting & documenting environmental reviews, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. Additionally, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) & HUD/ONAP are offering students the option to take an examination for Leadership Institute credit after completing the training. Students who receive a passing score would earn credit under NAIHC's Leadership Institute Development Management Certification Track and be issued a certificate of completion. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400 or jpotter@firstpic.org
PROTECTING SACRED SITES & MONITORING CULTURAL RESOURCES (National Indian Justice Center)	Dec. 5-7 Las Vegas, NV	This session examines the challenges and barriers to protecting sacred sites on lands that are important for traditional religious beliefs and practices. The training will also provide an introduction to cultural resources monitoring at road construction sites, energy projects and other activities where sacred sites and cultural resources may be affected. Participants will receive a reference manual and certificate of achievement upon completion of the training session. REGISTER NOW
Basic Electrical (NAHC)	Dec. 5-7 Albq, NM	This workshop is intended to introduce participants to the wiring systems and handling of the electrical problems with a hands-on practices. nmahctraining@aol.com
TRIBAL COURT PROBATION (National Indian Justice Center)	Dec. 5-7 Las Vegas, NV	This training examines tribal court probation & is designed to improve the skills of probation officers and to add new information. The training is primarily for probation officers (adult and juvenile), but is relevant for those who interact with probation activities including police officers and court staff. The training will examine the proliferation of youth gangs on the Rez. For info., REGISTER NOW
National Rural Housing Conference 2012	Dec. 6-7 Washington, DC	Housing Assistance Council presents this national conference for rural housing initiatives and issues. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Click here for Registraton Brochure
Strength from Within: Rekindling Tribal Traditions to Assist Victims of Crime	Dec. 6-8 Coachella Valley, CA	This 13 th Justice for Victims of Crime national conference provides opportunities for tribal, federal, and state participants to share knowledge, experiences, & ideas for developing and improving strategies & programs that serve the needs of Indian Country. For more info., visit www.ovcinc.org .
NAIHC Legal Symposium	Dec. 11-13 Las Vegas, NV	National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) hosts its annual Legal Symposium. CLICK HERE FOR THE AGENDA . This year NAIHC is providing two days of concurrent breakout training sessions on the legal and regulatory areas of tribal housing REGISTER NOW!
WaterCAD Fundamentals/ Intermediate (IHS)	Dec. 11-13 Phoenix, AZ	Tentative: Indian Health Service is planning to offer a 3-day WaterCAD Fundamentals course. More details will be available at www.ehsc.ihs.gov .
Supporting Organizational Sustainability to Address Violence Against Women Institute (US Dept of Justice)	Jan. 23-25 San Francisco, CA	Application deadline: Nov. 9, 2012. Interactive 2.5 days training for community based organizations working with underrepresented and underserved populations. Training participants will be better able to: • Clarify & incorporate core values to your mission, short & long term goals; • Create planning processes that connect daily workloads with long term goals; • Prepare organizational protocols for constructive communication & conflict resolution; • Build organizational culture that supports organizational sustainability; and Produce an action plan to apply lessons learned and enhance your organization's sustainability. For details, please see attached flyer and application form. or contact Mónica Arenas at marenas@futureswithoutviolence.org or 415-678-5519. To apply online, click Online Application or visit: http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/content/action_center/detail/1305 .



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Intermediate Plumbing (NAHC)	Jan. 23-25 Albq, NM	This workshop is intended to introduce participants to the theory and practice of plumbing maintenance issues. nmaahctraining@aol.com
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 5-7 Albuquerque, NM	This FREE three-day training provides a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with program activities, incl. rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing & crime prevention services, Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This course covers the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training presents case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures & hands-on exercises. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400.
 Money & More: TRIBAL RESOURCES FORUM	Feb. 6 Phoenix, AZ	FREE. Don't Miss this 3rd Annual Statewide Forum! Funders, Technical Assistance and Training providers gather together to share resources available to Tribes, tribal organizations, and Native American Communities particularly in Arizona. Attendees may also meet one-on-one with representatives to discuss specific projects and needs. Registration opens Nov. 1. For more info., visit http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1522&update=N
TRIBAL TELECOM 2013; Bringing Digital Opportunity to Indian Country	Feb. 11-13 Phoenix, AZ	Bringing together tribal leaders, telecom industry leaders, federal & state government officials, and professionals to share information, explore options, and pursue solutions to advance digital opportunities for tribal communities. The conference combines introductory workshops; panel discussions highlighting success stories & best practices, regulatory developments & industry updates; breakout sessions; and training opportunities. Conference also serves as a forum for tribal leaders to meet with telecom carriers to discuss the delivery of telecom services on tribal lands. For more, visit http://www.tribaltelemconference.com/?utm_source=Tribal+Telecom+Conference&utm_campaign=1ce1bc2696-TTC13_Save_the_Date10_9_2012&utm_medium=email
New! GREENER HOMES (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 12-13 Albq, NM	The goal of this FREE training session is to provide tools for Tribal housing entities to measure and determine how well their green buildings are performing by providing techniques on data monitoring and collecting, and cost benefit analysis. This session will also introduce the grid tied net zero energy home, rainwater gardens and collection, alternative renewable energy technologies, and key energy cost reduction measures for upgrading inefficient buildings. Registration is FREE. Go to http://registration.firstpic.org . For more info., contact Pillar Lee at 202-393-6400 or plee@firstpic.org
New! SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY TRAINING New! (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 14 Albq, NM	This FREE 1-day workshop is held the day after the Greener Homes Regional Training. (See above) Participants may register for either workshop or both workshops. Sustainable construction offers tribal communities many benefits: control over energy costs, more durable & healthy housing, & lighter environmental footprint. But how can you move from an inefficient home to having an overall energy efficient & sustainable housing stock? This workshop uses real-life examples on benchmarking & modeling, smart retrofit choices, and opportunities to leverage funds with utility companies. Go to http://registration.firstpic.org . For more info., contact Pillar Lee at 202-393-6400 or plee@firstpic.org
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	March 5-7 Denver, CO	This FREE three-day training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training will be presented through case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures and hands-on exercises. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400.
National Indian Gaming Association Conference	March 24-27 Phoenix, AZ	Save the Date. For more info., visit www.indiangaming.org

3. Funding Announcements for Tribes/Tribal Entities:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
UWP- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant	Open	USDA – Rural Development's grant program for Emergency Community Water Assistance. For more info., visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm .
Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance (Dept. Energy)	Open	Free technical assistance to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, and other organized groups and communities—including Alaska Native villages or regional and village corporations—with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Typically limited to 40 hours and may include renewable energy technology information, renewable resource information, energy efficiency techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning and training. Download the attached technical assistance request form, fill it out and submit it to tribal@go.doe.gov .



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Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program	Open	Up to \$100K from Commerce EDA to assist eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. For more, visit http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=189193
Grant for Innovative VITA Sites (First Nations Dev. Institute)	Nov. 9	First Nations will provide grant support to three organizations for building or expanding Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Native American communities and to support innovations such as the tax time savings bond, low- or no-fee debit cards for unbanked clients, alternative RALs, or anything else that enables tax filers to save money. First Nations will offer three grants of \$15,000 each to support innovative VITA work. For more info., visit this page or contact Sarah Dewees at sdewees@firstnations.org or 540-371-5615.
Az State Housing Fund (SHF)	Nov. 15	(AZ only) Tribes, TDHEs and HAs are eligible. Approx. \$4 million is available from the Arizona Dept of Housing Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for housing rehabilitation programs and for owner occupied single family dwellings. The Application process for SHF can be found in the FY2013 SHF Program Summary and Application Guide. For guide & application forms, visit http://www.azhousing.gov/ShowPage.aspx?ID=453&CID=16
FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge	Nov. 16	Up to \$35,000 per selected project. Program supports a broad range of activities designed to foster community resilience with particular focus on reaching across social sectors, while increasing local dialogue that includes the sharing of information about local risks and the vulnerabilities of and consequences for local residents and their well-being. Activities can range from establishing a way to train neighborhoods to prepare and take care of themselves & others in an emergency situation to co-hosting initiatives with the private sector to actively involve businesses and organizations to improve preparedness programs, from involving children & youth through educational programs & activities to sponsoring drills for local hazards. For more, visit the Challenge Web page.
Environmental Education Regional Model Grants (EPA)	Nov. 21	Eligible Tribal education agencies incl. a school or community college controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation that is recognized as eligible for special programs and services provided by the U.S. to Indians and which is not administered by the BIA. The program purpose is to increase awareness & knowledge of environmental issues and provide skills to make informed environmental decisions & take responsible actions toward the environment. Applications must address at least one of the EPA educational priorities listed and at least one EPA environmental priority. EPA educational priorities are community projects, human health & the environment, and career development. EPA environmental priorities incl. protecting air quality, preventing pollution, cleaning up our communities, and protecting America's waters. For more info., visit the grant opportunity Web page .
FY 2013 BROWNFIELDS AREA-WIDE PLANNING GRANTS	Nov. 30	These EPA grants may be used to facilitate community involvement and conduct research, training and technical assistance necessary to develop area-wide plans & implementation strategies to facilitate brownfields assessment, cleanup, and subsequent reuse. Grants will be funded up to \$200,000 for a 2- year project period. The FY13 <i>Proposal Guidelines</i> are posted at: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm
USDA 2013 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT	Dec. 3	Approximately \$900,000. <i>Eligible entities:</i> Any U.S. nonfederal organization, operating within the United States or its territories. Program will support urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or widespread impact and application. Seeking innovative grants proposals for program development, research, and collaboration to address the following two strategic priority issues: (1) proposals that demonstrate the connection between the personal benefits of urban forests and quality of life within a community through community engagement; and (2) proposals that design an urban forestry recruitment program and retention strategies that support existing urban forestry academic curricula. Urban and community forests demonstrate benefits including urban heat island reduction. All grant funds must be matched at least equally with non-federal source funds. For more information, see the request for proposals .
Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (Nat'l Endowment for the Humanities)	Dec. 4	Grants to help cultural repositories plan & implement preservation strategies that balance effectiveness, cost, & environmental impact. Projects should be designed to be as cost effective, energy efficient, & environmentally sensitive as possible, and should aim to mitigate the greatest risks to collections rather than to meet prescriptive targets. For more info., visit http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections
Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (EPA)	Dec. 12	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, invites grant proposals from federally recognized tribal governments & eligible intertribal consortia for FY2014 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 in accordance with their individual needs. This funding notification encourages tribes to use these funds for "Linking Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Land Use Plans." For more info., visit http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/tribal-gap.html .
National Tribal Protection Order Registry (OVW)	Dec. 18	This grant is open to federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal nonprofit organizations. A maximum of \$2.5 million in grants is available. The Office on Violence Against Women< http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/ > (OVW) will fund< http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/ntpori.pdf > the development of a national tribal protection order registry that will provide data to tribal governments on individuals who are subject to a criminal or civil protection order that a tribal court has issued. View eligibility details & additional info. about this grant at http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/ntpori.pdf .
Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EPA)	Jan. 7, 2013	\$1.5 million in environmental justice small grants is available to be awarded in 2013. EPA's program aims to ensure equal environmental and health protections for all Americans, regardless of race or socioeconomic status. Applicants must be incorporated non-profits or tribal organizations working to educate, empower & enable their communities to understand and address local environmental & public health issues. EPA will host 4pre-application teleconference calls on Oct. 30, Nov. 14, Dec. 1, and Dec. 13, to help applicants understand the requirements. For more info., visit http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ei-smgrants.html



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GMSP 2013 scholarships	Jan. 16, 2013	The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMSP), funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, opened its 2013 scholarship competition. GMSP was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following discipline areas: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health, or science. To learn more, visit www.oup.org/funding/other_funding.asp .
AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2013	Jan. 23	This AmeriCorps State and National (AmeriCorps) <i>Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity Notice (Notice)</i> will focus grant making for fiscal year 2013 in six focus areas: (1) Disaster Services; (2) Economic Opportunity; (3) Education; (4) Environmental Stewardship; (5) Healthy Futures; and (6) Veterans and Military Families. Click here to view the Notice of Funds Availability / Notice of Funding Opportunity (PDF) . ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Frequently Asked Questions and Technical Assistance Information

4. Helpful Resources/Websites for Tribes and Tribal Organizations:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.usa.gov)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs are electronically posted at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act information: www.recovery.gov.
- Government Information by Topic can be found at: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- HUD PIH Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development Rural Gateway: www.hud.gov/ruralgateway
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force to Improve Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in Indian Country <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a04700000ArPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans. www.nativelearningcenter.com
- Native Home Capital (CDFI) <http://www.nativehomecapital.com/>
- Native Community Finance (CDFI) www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org
- National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net
- **Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils**
 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 Indian Pueblos Council (of New Mexico): <http://www.20pueblos.org/>

Federal Partners:

- [USDA Rural Development](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html) <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/EHSC/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>

Helpful Resources/Websites for Tribes and Tribal Organizations (continued)

- [US Department of Commerce - MDBA](http://www.mdba.gov/) (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](http://www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html) www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
- FDIC Community Affairs Programs <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/community/offices.html>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – *Disaster Preparedness & Recovery* <http://www.fema.gov/index.shtm>.
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/>.
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco: <http://www.frbsf.org/community/index.html>
- 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>
- Enterprise Green Communities Sustainability Training Grants:
<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/sustainability/index.asp>.
- Native Center for American Indian Enterprise Development www.ncaied.org
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – Rural section:
www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Department of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov
DOT Information on the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21) www.dot.gov/map21

5. Bits and Pieces:

SAN CARLOS HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES 2012 MOST VALUABLE PARTNER AWARD FROM HUD: *Sandra Rambler, Eastern Arizona Courier* - Bill Shaw, Phoenix Field Office Director, presented the San Carlos Apache Tribe with the 2012 Most Valuable Partner Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 220 new homes built on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. "The Tribe received recognition for their exemplary work in using housing as a platform," said Gilson Wash District Councilman Tao Etpison. "This is a national award and a prestigious award at that. "Since 2007, there have been 220 homes built, and more are scheduled to be built beginning this month. Prior to that, there were no homes built for at least six years," Etpison said. "The Commission members of the San Carlos Housing Commission should be recognized for working together and making a commitment to address our housing needs," he added. "This is also to say thanks to San Carlos Housing Authority Director Ron Boni and Housing Authority staff for a job well done. *Read the full article at* http://www.eacourier.com/news/san-carlos-housing-authority-receives-most-valuable-partner-award-from/article_4e4fe836-2305-11e2-ac38-0019bb2963f4.html

THREE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED IN RURAL NEW MEXICO: Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced the selection of 112 recipients in 38 states, Washington, DC, and the Western Pacific for loans and grants to help spur economic development and create or save jobs. "These awards illustrate the broad impact that USDA Rural Development's assistance has on small towns and rural communities," Vilsack said. "Whether the funding is given directly to individuals or businesses, or indirectly through utilities and other intermediaries, the results are the same: new jobs, stronger economies and more vibrant communities." Funding for three projects in New Mexico by the Jemez Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc. the Pueblo of Isleta and the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation, Inc. were part of today's announcement by Secretary Vilsack. The three projects that are being funded in New Mexico include two Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG) made to:

* The Jemez Mountain Electric Cooperative in the amount of \$50,000 will be used to pay for a feasibility study targeting regional economic development for technology, green industry and new media.

* The Pueblo of Isleta in the amount of \$88,000 grant to assess the feasibility of establishing a tribally-owned energy company.

And, a Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant (SSDPG) made to:

* The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation, Inc. to provide rural, cooperative development technical assistance to small, socially disadvantaged producers in New Mexico.

For a complete list of recipients selected for funding, go to <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/rdEconomicDevNRCHARTOct2012.pdf>.

MORONGO CHAIRMAN HONORED BY BANNING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: The head of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians received a special honor this week for his contributions and service to the communities of the San Gorgonio Pass. Tribal Chairman Robert Martin was given the "Excellence in Leadership" award by the Banning Chamber of Commerce. "For 25 years, Chairman Robert Martin has been a proven leader in economic development, job creation and philanthropy in the San Gorgonio Pass," said Art Welch, president of the Banning Chamber of Commerce. "Under Chairman Martin's steady leadership, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians has strengthened our local economy, our local businesses and our community. We are delighted to be recognizing Chairman Martin



with our Excellence in Leadership Award." Martin was responsible for overseeing the development of the original Casino Morongo, along with the newer, renovated \$250 million Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa, according to tribe spokesman Michael Fisher. What's more, Fisher says, under Martin's leadership the tribe contributes more than \$1 million annually to support communities and non-profit organizations across the San Geronimo Pass and the region, from Pass area food kitchens to local youth athletics and local schools. "The Morongo Band of Mission Indians has led the region in economic development, generating thousands of new local jobs and nearly \$3 billion in annual economic activity in a wide variety of industries," Fisher said. Among those in attendance to support Martin on Thursday night were: U.S. Congresswoman MaryBono Mack, Congressman Joe Baca, California state Senator Bill Emmerson, state Assembly members Brian Nestande and Paul Cook, Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley and Banning Mayor Don Robinson.

FAMILY, FRIENDS REMEMBER 95-YEAR-OLD YUOK ELDER; BLANCHE BLANKENSHIP WAS 'A REAL GENTLE, KIND SPIRIT': Yurok elder Blanche Blankenship was a woman ahead of her time, who dedicated her life to serving the community, being a strong businesswoman and raising a family. The 95-year-old lived in Orick for the majority of her life, and was passionate about education, ranch and timber issues. Blankenship was fondly remembered by family and friends, who lost count of the vast number of community organizations she was involved in throughout her life. Daughter Tene Kremling, 66, said her mother participated in everything from church events to rodeo fundraisers. "Everywhere she went, she seemed like she knew somebody," Kremling said. "She loved to talk to people, and she really listened when people talked to her." Blankenship grew up in Orick, but moved to Arcata to attend high school. She went on to be one of the first Yurok women to graduate college, becoming a Humboldt State University alumna in 1939. After college, she started teaching. She taught for about 15 years in Scotia, Hoopa, Stockton and Big Lagoon, Kremling said. "One of her earliest teaching experiences was in Hoopa, where she taught high school algebra," Kremling said. In 1942, she married Harry Blankenship and started working nights at a tomato canning operation in Stockton -- while also teaching during the day. Living to 95 allowed Blankenship to participate in the Yurok Tribe's jump dance at Cha-pek-w. The jump dance was held in July and is a sacred ceremony that functions as a prayer for the continuance of mankind, according to the tribe. The dance hadn't been performed for about 120 years to 135 years, after the U.S. government outlawed the dance in the 1800s in an effort to colonize Native American tribes. Kremling said her mother told fellow dance participants that maybe the reason she lived to so long was so she could be part of the jump dance and travel the dance's ceremonial trails. "This summer when she participated in the jump dance, she went up and down the trail," Kremling said. "She really did a lot for a 95-year-old body." She said Blankenship was a dedicated member of the Yurok Tribe, and adored her fellow tribal members. She was a real gentle, kind spirit," Kremling said. "She was well loved."

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