



What's New on Codetalk

January 21, 2025

[NOFO: Advancing HUD's Learning Agenda through Cooperative Agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions](#)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announces \$10 million to support quality research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions that contributes to knowledge on housing and community development. PD&R has identified a subset of research questions adapted from HUD's Learning Agenda that are the focus of this NOFO. The research questions are grouped under seven broad topic areas: (1) Community Development and Place-Based Initiatives, (2) Disaster Recovery, (3) Fair Housing, (4) Homelessness, (5) Homeownership, Asset Building, and Economic Opportunity, (6) Housing and Health, and (7) American Indian, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian Housing Needs. PD&R believes that Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) are uniquely positioned to address the selected research questions in a manner that could amplify the impact of the research findings at the state and local level. Interested institutions are encouraged to visit [PD&R's webpage for MSIs](#) to access [short papers](#) that provide a high-level overview of the selected research questions included in the NOFO, and potential applicants should carefully review the NOFO for the application instructions.

Applications are due on April 9, 2025. For more information on this funding opportunity and the eligible research questions, please visit the [FR-6900-N-29F](#) funding opportunity page on Grants.gov.

[Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-9/11/12, Locations, Denver, CO; Oklahoma City, OK and Seattle, WA](#)

Posting period: 1/17/25 – 1/30/25

25-HUD-580-P (DEU – Public)

As a **Grants Evaluation Specialist**, you will:

- Implement national policies, standards, procedures and guidelines with regard to the monitoring and evaluation of all applicable programs.
- Participate as individual or member of functional team to conduct targeted compliance assessments of specific TDHEs using diagnosis, problem analysis and resolution, and follow-up.
- Provide feedback to the Division Director regarding the effectiveness of current policies and procedures in meeting ONAP objectives and the unique concerns of assigned Indian communities.
- Monitor performance indicators and implements long-term proactive performance trending so that potential problems are identified and solutions developed before they reach the problem state.

- Represent Grants Evaluation Division in meetings with Federal, State and local groups or individuals, and other HOD offices with regard to the implementation of applicable programs.

Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-9/11/12, Locations, Chicago, IL; Phoenix, AZ and Albuquerque, NM

Posting period: 1/16/25 – 1/29/25

25-HUD-675-P(DEU – Public)

As a **Grants Evaluation Specialist**, you will:

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ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, Honolulu, HI

Posting period: 1/13/25 – 1/24/25

25-HUD-418- Open to the Public

As a/an Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, you will:

- Serve as the primary point of contact between the ONAP and NHHBG recipient(s) and mortgage lenders that participate in the Section 184A program.
- Respond to requests and inquiries, both written and oral, from NHHBG and Section 184A program participants, HUD, other government officials, and the public on a variety of matters related to Native Hawaiians, the NHHBG and Section 184A programs, and other HUD housing programs.
- Meet with the state of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) personnel and occasionally the Hawaiian Homes Commission, to address any aspect of the NHHBG and Section 184A programs.
- Interpret and implement policies, program standards, procedures, and guidelines for use by program participants in response to the unique problems and issues related to Hawaiian Home Lands and the NHHBG and Section 184A programs.

HUD Announces \$150 Million Investment Toward Affordable Housing in Tribal Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced \$150 million in funding for new affordable and innovative housing in Tribal communities through the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant program. This funding will be awarded to thirty-two grantees across 16 states and will result in the construction or acquisition of approximately 412 housing units and the rehabilitation of 123 housing units. A total of 535 units will be assisted to benefit Native families.

“Working with our Tribal partners and investing financial resources for the construction of new, affordable housing is a priority for this Administration,” said HUD Agency Head, The Honorable Adrienne Todman. “This funding is critical to the future of housing across Indian Country, especially for Tribal families who need them most.”

“There continues to be a substantial housing need in Native Communities where Tribes face complex issues and unique challenges to constructing new affordable housing, said Principal Deputy Secretary for Public and Indian Housing Richard Monocchio. “Indian Housing Block Grant funding is an important resource to help Tribes provide housing solutions that best serve their communities. “This additional IHBG Competitive funding provides a rare opportunity to fund strong and viable affordable housing projects in Indian Country.”

The IHBG program is the primary means by which the Federal Government fulfills its trust responsibilities to provide adequate housing to Native Americans and is the single largest source of Indian housing assistance. IHBG Competitive funds play a crucial role in bolstering vibrant American Indian and Alaska Native communities. These funds are designated for various purposes, such as new construction, rehabilitation, and infrastructure to support affordable housing within Indian reservations and similar areas.

View the list of awardees [here](#).

Tribal Housing and Urban Development–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Expansion Program – Funding Notice

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published a [Funding Notice](#) for the Tribal Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Expansion program.

Under this Notice, approximately \$2.2 million is available for eligible Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to provide housing and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Applicants will have until 11:59:59 PM EST on May 16, 2025, to submit applications via www.grants.gov. If you are unable submit your application electronically, please contact TribalHUDVASH@hud.gov to request a waiver to this requirement. Please review the [Dear Tribal Leader letter](#) for more information.

Volunteer Opportunity for HUD's Office of Housing Counseling Tribe and TDHE Certification Exam

HUD's Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) is working on developing the Housing Counselor Certification Examination as part of the certification program for Tribal entities conducting housing counseling in connection with the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program or the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program.

OHC's contractor Ajanta is currently recruiting individuals that work for tribal governments, tribally designated housing entities or other native housing organizations assisting individuals and families with achieving their housing and financial goals. Volunteers would assist Ajanta on this project and work with the contractor's certification and examination research partner, The Caviart Group, LLC.

You may be contacted by The Caviart Group and invited to take part in this process and to help identify topics that should be covered in the exam. The goal of this process is to ensure the exam accurately assesses the knowledge and skills necessary for competent performance of the job of Tribal housing counselors. No prior exam development experience is required, and The Caviart Group will provide an honorarium for your participation.

If you are interested in participating, you may also volunteer at this time by contacting hud_counseling_certification@ajantaconsulting.com noting your interest. A representative of the Caviart Group will then contact you with additional information.

This is an important effort for ensuring a fair examination process and we hope that you are willing to take part.

For verification purposes, please feel free to contact HUD Housing Counselors at housing.counseling@hud.gov.

Tribal Homelessness Network Series – Webinar on January 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. ET

Building Communities – Panel Discussion- What Could a Tribally Developed CoC Look Like? Attend this discussion to hear more from the MN Tribal Collaborative on their experience partnering with a CoC, efforts they are making to become their own CoC, and the barriers they have encountered and overcome along their journey to ending Tribal homelessness.

January 22, 2025 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET

[Register Now](#)

Request for Information from Tribal Communities

HUD published a Request for Information (RFI) on 12/30/2024 HUD seeking public input regarding how best to assess measures to increase the resilience of residential properties to natural hazards and extreme weather. This information will allow HUD to develop policies that better support HUD's program participants in increasing resilience to natural hazards, including extreme weather, and accessing affordable insurance for their properties.

Click link to read full publication: [Federal Register :: Request for Information Regarding Resilience Measures and Insurance Coverage](#)

There are 4 Tribal Community Specific Questions:

Question for comment #8: What unique challenges do Tribal communities face when implementing housing resilience measures? How can HUD support Tribal communities in addressing these challenges?

Question for comment #9: What partnerships between Tribal governments, local authorities, and other organizations exist to enhance housing resilience on Tribal lands? Are there ways in which these partnerships can be expanded or improved? Please explain and provide specific recommendations, successes, and challenges as well as any supporting data as applicable.

Question for comment #10: How can Tribes or organizations in remote locations with limited options for resilience investments better access or incorporate resilience strategies, resources, or methods? What resources can HUD provide in partnership with groups in these areas?

Question for comment #11: What Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge about building practices can be integrated with modern resilience measures in tribal communities? Please explain and provide specific recommendations, as well as any supporting data.

How to Submit Comments

- Electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>
- By mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500

See Notice for more information on how to submit feedback. Comment period ends 02/28/2025.

Biden-Harris Administration Awards \$225 Million To Preserve and Revitalize Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the [award of \\$225 million](#) in competitive grant funding for 17 awardees with proposed projects across 26 states through the Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) program. PRICE is an innovative grant program – providing funding to preserve and revitalize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities (MHCs) across the country, including rural, suburban, urban, tribal, and disaster impacted areas.

“This is an historic investment – as the first federal grant program specifically for residents of manufactured homes,” said **HUD Agency Head, The Honorable Adrienne Todman**. “Manufactured housing provides an affordable path to homeownership for many families. This funding builds upon HUD’s commitment to advancing housing innovation and reduce housing costs.”

More information on the PRICE competition, including a fact sheet with additional information on the winning proposals can be found [here](#).

HUD Publishes Multi-Agency Tribal Public Interest BABA Waiver

HUD's proposed [Multi-Agency Tribal Public Interest BABA Waiver](#) will be posted to the Federal Register today. Public comments will be received for 15 calendar days, with the comment period closing at 5:00pm EST on December 28, 2024. Please send all public comments to the Department of the Interior, the coordinating agency for this multi-agency waiver, and reference "Indian Tribes" in the subject line of the email: DOI_Grants_BuyAmerica_Waiver@ios.doi.gov.

The proposed waiver would apply as follows.

- 5-Year Exemption for Awards of \$2.5 Million or Less. For 5 years from the effective date of the final Waiver, awards and subawards to Tribes, TDHEs, or DHHL of \$2.5 million or less would be exempt from BABA requirements so long as (1) the total prime Federal award or subaward does not exceed \$2.5 million and (2) the Federal award or subaward amount does not exceed \$2.5 million for the life of the award.

- Manufactured Products. In addition to the 5-year \$2.5 million exemption, for Federal financial assistance obligated to Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL between the effective date of the final Waiver and September 30, 2026, manufactured products would be exempt from BABA requirements, regardless of the Federal financial assistance amount. For Federal financial assistance issued prior to the effective date of the final waiver, the waiver would apply to funds not yet expended.

HUD Extends the Date by which Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL will be Required to Adopt the New HOTMA definition of “Annual Income” in the IHBG and NHHBG Programs

HUD issued [PIH Notice 2024-37](#). The Notice extends the compliance date for HUD’s final rule entitled “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104” for Indian Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Indian Tribes and TDHEs that apply the income requirements in the 24 CFR part 5 definition of “annual income” under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, along with DHHL will not be required to comply with the changes to these parts in the HOTMA final rule until January 1, 2026.

In the meantime, Indian Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL are free to adopt the new HOTMA definition if they choose to do so but are not required to. During the transition and implementation period, Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL may continue to rely on the definition of annual income contained at 24 CFR 5.609 prior to the HOTMA changes, when determining annual income for families.

New Guidance on Applicability of Build America Buy America Act (BABA) Requirements to Housing Projects

Consistent with Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure (M-24-02), single family housing projects (buildings consisting of 1-4 dwelling units) are considered “private.” Accordingly, BABA requirements will not apply to HUD Federal Financial Assistance used to fund the construction, maintenance, alteration, or repair of such housing, as such projects are not properly classified as public infrastructure projects for purposes of BABA. However, BABA requirements will apply to projects involving the construction, maintenance, alteration, or repair of housing with 5 or more units (multifamily housing projects). ONAP will issue additional guidance and update existing guidance for Tribal Recipients relating to BABA and housing projects soon. For now, ONAP encourages all Tribal Recipients to review PIH Notice 2024-35 closely and hold clarifying questions to ONAP staff. We are working on FAQs and will be updating BABA guidance soon to incorporate this new guidance from OMB.

Webinar- Radon in Tribal Housing, December 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be hosting a webinar on December 12, 2024, to provide an overview of radon, including what it is, what it does, how it is measured, and how to reduce exposure. Speakers will share resources, including funding opportunities, for Tribes to test and mitigate for radon. The webinar will feature speakers from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Kansas State University Radon Program, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), and HUD. The webinar will be recorded and posted on [Codetalk](#).

Background

Exposure to radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. On January 11, 2024, HUD issued its [Departmental Policy for addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process](#). This policy requires consideration of radon for all HUD environmental reviews. The policy will go into effect for Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Department of Hawaiian Homelands in January 2026.

December 12, 2024

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

[Registration Link](#)

Secretary's Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary's Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities. This prestigious award acknowledges innovative approaches, best practices, policies, and community engagement that make significant contributions to serving HUD-assisted Tribal residents.

Awards will be considered under the following priority areas: Community Development, New Housing Construction, Supporting Native Youth, and Honoring and Serving Native Veterans. HUD encourages Tribal Leaders and TDHE staff to submit nominations by February 28, 2025.

Learn more and apply here: [HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities](#).

HUD/IHS Joint Tribal Consultation Comment Period Extension and Webinar

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Indian Health Service (IHS) have published a [Dear Tribal Leader letter](#), extending the Tribal Consultation period seeking Tribes' feedback and recommendations on how HUD and IHS programs can better address housing-related water and sewer infrastructure needs within Tribal communities.

Comments

The deadline for submitting comments on the HUD/IHS Housing-related Infrastructure for Tribal Communities Tribal Consultation has been extended from Saturday, November 9, 2024, until **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**. Please email your comments and recommendations to consultation@hud.gov and consultation@ihs.gov. Use the SUBJECT LINE: HUD/IHS Housing-related Infrastructure for Tribal Communities.

[OLG INFO 2024-22](#) – ONAP Provides Clarification on Accessory Dwelling Units for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program and Section 184A Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Program

On October 18, 2024, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) issued [Dear Lender Letter 2024-09](#) (DLL) titled "Accessory Dwelling Units".

PIH Publishes BABA Implementation Guidance for Tribal Recipients

On Friday, October 11th, 2024, PIH published [Notice PIH 2024-35](#): Implementation Guidance for Tribal Recipients on the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). The Notice will remain in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded. The Notice provides guidance to Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), Tribal entities, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) (collectively called “Tribal Recipients” in this Notice) on how to implement the “Buy America Preference” (BAP) imposed by BABA. It is intended to outline BABA requirements for all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Tribal Recipients when applying the BAP to covered programs and projects. It also clarifies which Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) grants are subject to BABA, how to determine if the BAP is applicable to a project, which HUD general waivers may apply to a project, how to document BAP compliance, and how to submit a specific waiver request for approval. BABA established BAP requirements for certain infrastructure projects funded with Federal awards, and HUD issued a waiver of these requirements for Tribal Recipients that expired after September 30, 2024. This Notice is effective upon publication and applies to any Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) obligated by HUD to Tribal Recipients on or after October 1, 2024. The notice can be found at this link: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH_2024-35.pdf

BABA Public Interest Waiver Expiring

HUD issued a [waiver](#) of the Build America Buy America requirements for **Tribal Recipients** that expires after **September 30, 2024**.

Starting October 1, 2024, any **NEW** obligations made by HUD (grant agreements signed by HUD) will be subject to the Buy America Preference (BAP) requirements for infrastructure projects.

We anticipate that BABA requirements will not begin to impact Tribes and TDHEs until later this year when ONAP anticipates obligating new funding given that we are currently under a Continuing Resolution.

ONAP will provide more specific guidance in a forthcoming implementation notice that is intended to outline BABA requirements for all HUD Tribal Recipients when applying the BAP to covered programs and projects. It will also clarify which how to determine if the BAP is applicable to a project, which HUD general waivers may apply to a project, how to document BAP compliance, and how to submit a specific waiver request for approval.

The most current information can currently be found at HUD’s website [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#).

General Applicability Waivers from BABA Requirements

HUD has approved several general applicability waivers for specific public interest circumstances:

- **Small Grants/Projects**: Where a grant or project’s total cost is equal to or less than the current Simplified Acquisition Threshold of \$250,000.
- **De Minimis Portion of a Project**: Where the cumulative total of product purchases is no more than 5 percent of the total cost of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials, up to a maximum of \$1 million.

- **Exigent Circumstances:** Where there is an urgent need to immediately complete a project because of “exigent circumstances,” or a threat to life, safety, or property of residents and the community.

If your situation falls within any of the categories above, BABA waived. Tribes and TDHES do not have to submit anything to HUD to take advantage of these existing waivers. Tribes and TDHES simply must keep documentation demonstrating that the waiver applies.

ONAP appreciates all Tribal feedback that has been received from Tribal grantees to date on this topic and will be issuing additional guidance shortly. Thank you for your patience. More to come shortly.

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)- Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) Enhancement Project

HUD will host listening sessions on **November 14th**, and **December 5th, 2024**. The sessions will include an overview of TDAT’s recent enhancements and an opportunity for Tribal comments and questions. Through these listening sessions, HUD hopes to advance its understanding of Tribal perspectives on the challenges, benefits, needs, and opportunities for using TDAT. HUD recognizes that Tribal input and continued collaboration throughout the project is vital for its success. Attached is a list of questions for you to consider in advance of these listening sessions. HUD looks forward to hearing your thoughts on TDAT and the ways it can be improved to support your Tribe.

[Dear Lender Letter 2024-07](#)- Extension of the COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Options

[PIH Notice 2024-28](#)- Total Development Cost (TDC) for Affordable Housing Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)

This Notice transmits the updated schedule for the maximum amount of funds that may be used for affordable housing under NAHASDA based on Marshall Valuation Service, Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, LLC (M&S/B) and RSMMeans Residential Cost Data (RSMMeans) for 2024.

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)- Simplified Environmental Review Process

ONAP is excited to share new processes that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) developed to simplify and streamline environmental reviews for certain activities funded by the Indian Housing Block Grant, Indian Community Development Block Grant, Title VI Loan Guarantee, Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant, and Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)- 2026 Census Challenge

The purpose of this **Dear Tribal Leader letter** is to inform Tribes and TDHES that HUD is extending the deadline for FY 2026 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula Census Challenges from March 30, 2025, to May 29, 2025. Additionally, this letter announces that Tribes and TDHES are now able to access their FY 2026 IHBG Formula Needs Data online here: <https://ihbgformula.com/2026-needs-data/>.

The regulatory waiver that provides for the Census Challenge deadline extension is linked here:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/2026_Census_Challenge_Regulatory_Deadline.pdf