

What's New on Codetalk

BABA Grantee Training Invitation

You are invited to join a virtual training from HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) on Build America Buy America (BABA) on Monday, September 23rd from 1 pm to 2:30 pm EST.

The goals of this training include getting background and history on BABA, as well as roles and responsibilities for ONAP grantees. In addition, under certain circumstances BABA requirements may be waived. The training will review the waiver process for Tribes/TDHEs. Lastly, there will be a Q&A portion.

TDHE/Tribal Housing Development Staff and others are encouraged to attend. This training will be provided through Microsoft Teams. It is not necessary to register in advance. Please use the following link to join on the day of the training: [BABA Training for ONAP Grantees](#).

For those unable to join, the training will be recorded and posted on CodeTalk. For questions, please contact Daniel Cox at daniel.r.cox@hud.gov.

About BABA:

- The [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA), signed on November 15, 2021, included the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) which is a law applying to *all* Federal agencies and *all* sources of Federal funds.
- BABA established the Buy America Preference requirements for certain infrastructure projects funded with Federal awards. For ONAP grantees, BABA goes into effect for grants awarded on or after October 1, 2024.

HUD Celebrates 50th Anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant Program

Today, August 23, 2024, marks the 50th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. President Biden acknowledges the impact of CDBG across 1,200 jurisdictions and hundreds of Tribes across the country. Read his full letter here.

[POTUSLetterCDBG50.pdf \(hud.gov\)](#)

[Dear Lender Letter 2024-08](#) - Office of Loan Guarantee FY 2024 Year End Close

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

Vacancy Announcement- [Supervisory Grants Management Specialist GS-14](#)

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Closes: August 30, 2024

[View Announcement and Apply Here](#)

NEW Funding Opportunity

[Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Builds | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

Grants.gov Link- [CoC Builds](#)

The Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBUILDS) NOFO is a new grant funding opportunity. The program supports efforts within CoC geographic areas to create new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for people experiencing homelessness through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation.

- HUD expects to make approximately 25 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.
- Up to **3 awards** are set aside for the highest scoring project applications where the PSH units are located on **Tribal reservations or trust lands**.
 - **Applications due: November 21, 2024**

ONAP encourages all Tribes and TDHEs to review this funding opportunity. More information can be found here: [CoCBUILDS Notice of Funding Opportunity | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#). You may send any questions you may have to: CoCBUILDS@HUD.gov

HUD plans on hosting a Tribal-specific webinar soon to share more information about this program. More information to come.

Request for Feedback from Tribes and TDHEs for the Choice Neighborhoods Program

- HUD publication Link: [Request for Information\(RFI\) for HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Grant Selection Process and Award Implementation](#)
- HUD encourages Tribe's and TDHE's to provide feedback on the Tribal specific questions (listed below). The purpose of the feedback is to better understand the opportunities and barriers to applying for and managing Choice Neighborhoods Planning and Implementation Grants.

RFI Tribal Specific Questions

8. For Tribal Entities, are there specific requirements in the NOFO which make it challenging for you to apply for a grant?

9. For Tribal Entities, are there inconsistencies among the housing, people or neighborhood goals and objectives of the Choice Neighborhoods program, as outlined in the NOFO, and the goals and objectives of your tribe, which impact your ability to apply for and receive a Choice Neighborhoods grant?

Comments Due Date: October 11, 2024.

There are two methods for submitting public comments.

1. Electronic Submission of Comments. Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit

comments electronically through www.regulations.gov. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make comments immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through www.regulations.gov can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that website to submit comments electronically.

2. Submission of Comments by Mail. Comments may be submitted 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. To receive consideration as a public comment, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above.
 - All submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the RFI.
 - Commenters are encouraged to identify the topic and number of the specific question(s) to which they are responding.
 - Comments may include the name(s) of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the comment; however, because any responses received by HUD will be publicly available, comments should not include any personally identifiable information or confidential commercial information.

****See publication linked above for more information

[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.

Applying to the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program

Recently, the **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)** announced the **availability of nearly \$1 billion under the Digital Equity Act (DEA) Competitive Grant Program** to fund programs that ensure underserved communities have access to devices and skills to fully participate in the digital world.

Join NTIA and HUD for a webinar designed specifically for HUD-assisted housing providers seeking to learn more about the Digital Equity Act Competitive Grant Program and how to apply. The deadline for most applicants is September 23, 2024.

In this webinar you will have an opportunity to:

- Hear from Marianne Nazzaro, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments, about why this opportunity is important for HUD-assisted communities;
- Receive an overview of the Digital Equity Act;
- Learn how grant funding can be used; and
- Get details about the application process.

When is the webinar?

Thursday, August 15th from 1-1:30 p.m. ET

Who is eligible to apply for the DEA Competitive Grant?

Public Housing Authorities, Tribes, non-profit entities, community anchor institutions, and other types of entities are all eligible applicants!

Where can I find resources to apply or learn more?

- Read through the [Introduction to the Digital Equity Act Competitive Program](#)
- Register for NTIA's [Digital Equity Act Webinar Series](#) which starts on August 7th!
- Visit NTIA's website to read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Who should I reach out to with questions?

Email digitalequity@ntia.gov with any questions!

[Register Now](#)

[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

IHBG Competitive Grant NOFO Amended

The 2024 IHBG Competitive Grant NOFO has been [amended](#) at Rating Factor 2, Subfactor 2.1 – Need for Funding – Formula Data. Since ONAP used the 2024 IHBG formula data for the Needs Table, the dollar amounts listed in Subfactor 2.1 were increased by 40% to correspond with the increase in 2024 IHBG formula allocations. In addition, ONAP increased the de minimis indirect cost rate from ten percent to fifteen percent in anticipation of the revised 2 CFR 200 being implemented later this year.

*NEW - The [FAQs](#) for the 2024 NOFO are now available.

BABA Tribal Waiver Extended Through September 30, 2024

HUD has published the Build America, Buy America (BABA) final waiver extension for Tribal recipients. The extension can be found here [Extension of Public Interest, General Applicability Tribal Consultation Waiver of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Tribal Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance](#) (Effective as of July 1, 2024.)

This waiver delays BABA's applicability for Tribal recipients of HUD programs **through September 30, 2024**. OMB expects HUD's Tribal recipients to fully comply with BABA starting October 1, 2024, for Federal financial assistance obligated by HUD after that date.

Before October 1, 2024, HUD will issue additional guidance to Tribal recipients on BABA's applicability to housing and infrastructure and provide additional training and technical assistance. HUD appreciates all the Tribal comments and feedback received regarding BABA.

Press Release: HUD Expands Support for Housing Counseling Services in Tribal Communities

WASHINGTON - Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Housing Counseling announced that it published a [final rule](#) outlining housing counselor certification requirements for housing counseling conducted in connection with the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) programs. Housing counseling programs are an important tool to help further financial literacy – particularly for low- and moderate- income families. This can be the key to ensuring that potential homebuyers are set for long-term success and that renters avoid eviction. With this rule, HUD is removing previous impediments to participation in the HUD housing counseling program by Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and other Tribal entities. HUD expects the rule to expand the number of HUD-certified housing counselors serving the unique needs of Tribal communities. [View Entire Press Release](#)

IHBG Competitive NOFO Published

The FY 2024 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been published. Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are encouraged to apply for part of the \$150 million available in grants to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income American Indian and Alaska Native families. The NOFO can be found [here](#). Applications are due by August 29, 2024, and are to be submitted through www.grants.gov. A Dear Tribal Leader letter regarding the NOFO can be found [here](#).

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)- Announcement of Continuum of Care Tribal Homelessness Network

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) is pleased to announce two opportunities for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to connect and learn more about resources to address homelessness including the Continuum of Care (CoC) program. We recognize that Tribes and TDHEs are newer to the CoC Program and that connecting with one another provides the opportunity for peer sharing, learning, and networking. View the letter [here](#).

OMB Makes Changes to 2 CFR Part 200 and Issues Implementation Memo

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has published a final rule revising 2 CFR Part 200. The guidance makes changes to government-wide policies for the award and administration of Federal financial assistance. Tribes and TDHEs administering IHBG and ICDBG grants are subject to 2 CFR Part 200 and should review the latest changes.

The following links cover the newly issued rules and guidance. HUD may issue additional guidance on the latest changes to 2 CFR Part 200 in the future.

- [Uniform Grants Guidance](#) pre-publication internet version released on Thursday, April 4, 2024.
- [Implementation memorandum](#) directing agencies to put the revisions into effect by October 1, 2024, and provide additional tools to strengthen and streamline the administration of Federal financial assistance.
- [OMB Key Features of 2024 Uniform Grants Guidance](#)

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Model Activity Requests Notice

HUD recently published PIH Notice 2024-08 (“Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Model Activity Requests”) which provides IHBG formula recipients with updated information on the process to follow when requesting approval for IHBG model activities. Grantees should review this Notice closely. The Notice can be found [here](#).

Calculating Annual Income for Purposes of Eligibility under NAHASDA Notice

HUD recently published PIH Notice 2024-07 (“Calculating Annual Income for Purposes of Eligibility under NAHASDA”), which provides updated guidance on how to calculate ‘annual income’ under NAHASDA programs following the changes made by HOTMA to the Section 8/Part 5 definition of ‘annual income’. Grantees should review this Notice closely. The Notice can be found [here](#).

[Dear Lender Letter 2024-02](#)– Updated Appraisal Validity Periods

This Dear Lender Letter (DLL) extends the initial appraisal and appraisal update validity periods for Section 184 and Section 184A loans.

HUD Seeking Public Comment on Proposed Rule Making Technical Conforming Changes to ICDBG Program Regulations

HUD has issued a proposed rule in the Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/10/2024-00039/submission-for-community-development-block-grant-program-consolidated-plans-and-indian-community>. This rule proposes to make various changes to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program regulations. As part of this

rulemaking effort, HUD is also making some conforming technical changes to the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) regulations.

Please note that this is not the rule that the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is currently conducting Tribal consultation on.

[Read the Proposed Changes Now](#)
