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RECIPIENT GUIDANCE

PROGRAM: Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

FOR: All Tribal Government Leaders
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TOPIC: Preparing to Submit Grant Applications

PURPOSE: The purpose of this guidance is to provide tribes with a summary of certain requirements for submitting fiscal year (FY) 2014 ICDBG applications and to make applicants aware of a new funding opportunity. HUD is in the process of developing the FY 2014 ICDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and expects to publish it in the near future.

SUBMITTING ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS THROUGH GRANTS.GOV: Before you can submit a grant application for a FY 2014 ICDBG funds, your tribe or tribal organization must have an active Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (www.dnb.com) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.sam.gov). If you are a returning tribe or tribal organization you must still update/renew your SAM registration in order to apply. Getting your DUNS number and SAM registration can take up to four weeks; therefore, you should start this process or check your status early. You must also have identified an active Authorized Organization Representative within Grants.gov. Failing to do so can lead to missed communications about your application status. Complete registration instructions and guidance are provided at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>.

In FY 2013, many ICDBG applicants had particular difficulty with the SAM part of the registration process. For additional information see https://www.sam.gov/sam/SAM_Guide/SAM_User_Guide.htm#_Toc330768952.

FUNDS TO ELIMINATE IMMINENT THREATS: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76) signed by the president on January 17, 2014, provides \$70,000,000 for ICDBG. Congress provided a set-aside of up to \$3,960,000 for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety. Because the law

provides that Imminent Threat grants are to be made available without competition, you may apply now for one of these Imminent Threat grants. Applicants must meet the requirements of the ICDBG regulation at 24 CFR Part 1003, Subpart E.

Imminent Threat grants may be awarded whenever HUD has funds for such purposes available. If you are interested in submitting a funding request for this type of grant, please first contact your Area Office of Native American Programs (ONAP). For additional information about how to request these funds, please review the FY 2013 ICDBG NOFA which can be found at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg

FUNDS TO REMEDIATE AND PREVENT MOLD: The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act also includes a set-aside of ICDBG funds for mold remediation and prevention in tribal housing. The law specifically provides: “\$10,000,000 shall be for grants for mold remediation and prevention that shall be awarded through one national competition to Native American tribes with the greatest need.” Because the FY 2014 ICDBG NOFA is still in the development phase; no further details about the criteria for the mold remediation grants are available at this time pursuant to the HUD Reform Act. However, HUD will provide further information on how to apply for these funds once the FY 2014 ICDBG NOFA has been finalized and published.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information about the general criteria for all HUD programs in FY 2014 may be found in the “General Section to the Department’s Fiscal Year 2014 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs” at: <http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DHUD%7CDepartment%20of%20Housing%20and%20Urban%20Development>

Once the FY 2014 ICDBG NOFA is posted on the grants.gov website, ONAP will provide further guidance.

QUESTIONS: If you have questions about this guidance please contact Roberta L. Youmans, Lead Grants Management Specialist, in ONAP Headquarters at 202-402-3316, or at roberta.l.youmans@hud.gov.