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NwONAP Highlights

NwONAP has had a lot of staffing changes in the last year. Most recently, Bryce Harper has accepted a position with the ONAP Grants Evaluation Department in Washington, DC. In addition, after 3 years as a Grants Management Specialist with NwONAP, Sandel Ferguson is our new Grants Management Team Lead. We know they will be successful in their new roles.

Also, Kate Wilson has been hired as a new Grants Management Specialist and will start on February 3rd. She is joining the NwONAP team from the Corporation for National & Community Services where she worked as a Program Officer. We are also in the process of hiring 2 new Grants Evaluation Specialists who will start in the next few months.

With all the staffing changes, we hope to have grantee assignments solidified by the end of February.

Training and Technical Assistance

Kirsten Franklin-Temple, Administrator Advisor, is now managing all Training & Technical Assistance for NwONAP. Please submit requests using the form from the Codetalk website, or via phone/email to your assigned grant specialist(s) who will forward to Kirsten.

Upcoming Northwest Trainings:

- Save the Date: 2/25 – 2/27: NAHASDA Essentials – Silverdale, WA
Registration is open now-visit <https://www.firstpic.org/events/> for agenda and registration details.
- More to come...

National Trainings & Conferences (see Codetalk for details & to register):

- 2/4 – 2/5: Self-Monitoring – Anchorage, AK
- 2/4 – 2/6: National Crime Prevention Summit – Denver, CO.
Registration is now open – visit www.naihc.net for agenda and registration details.
- 2/11 – 2/14: NAHASDA Essentials – Anchorage, AK
- 2/13 – Opportunity Zones 101 – ONAP National Webinar
- 3/4 – National Best Practice Webinar featuring Blackfoot Tribe’s HUD-VASH Program
- 3/17 – 3/19: Contract Administration & Procurement – Anchorage, AK

Grants Evaluation

Status of 2020 Monitoring

- Grants Evaluation has been conducting onsite monitoring. We have completed an onsite review for the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe in December and will be monitoring Makah in April 2020. Onsite monitoring will also occur this year at Quinault (May), Warm Springs (June) and the Klamath Tribe (end of August).

Common Monitoring Findings

This past year's monitoring has identified a few compliance areas where common findings were issued. NwONAP is providing this information to help Tribes and TDHEs avoid some of these issues:

- **Procurement:** Please review your procurement policies to ensure they are up to date. Make sure your procurement policies and procedures are being followed.
- **Admissions and Occupancy** documentation is lacking in many files. Either the policy is not followed, or documentation is not in the file to demonstrate eligibility and income verification. Recertifications are not being completed per the A&O policy.
- **Environmental Review**, documentation is not in the file to demonstrate compliance with laws and authorities. In addition, environmental reviews are not being conducted, or not being conducted at the right level of review.

Grants Management

2020 IHBG Funding

- Final 2020 funding amounts will be published the week of February 17th. The 2020 funding is based on the IHBG allocation of \$646 million. If you need a copy of the 2020 final funding calculation for your housing entity, please contact us directly and we can email as soon as available. In addition, final FY20 funding details for all grantees will be found on the Codetalk Website at: [IHBG Formula - HUD](#).
- Actual 2020 IHBG grant amounts should be made available no later than March 31st. As always, NwONAP will expedite the grant award process (and correspondence) **immediately** upon receipt of the authority to do so.

2020 IHBG Funding Status-Competitive

- The 2020 final budget included an **additional** \$100 million of IHBG (Competitive) funding. The NOFA related to these grants is in the final approval stages and should be available in late Spring. When additional details on this opportunity and any related NOFA training become available, NwONAP will share directly with all our eligible grantees.

2018-2019 IHBG Competitive Results:

- The competition was extremely competitive. HUD received almost 200 applications from eligible Tribe's and TDHE's. Of these, 52 Tribes and TDHE's were awarded, with the lowest score being "90".
- 21 Northwest Tribes/TDHE's applied, and 7 received awards totaling \$22.4 million. Awards ranged from \$1 to \$5 million.

ICDBG FY19 and FY20 NOFA published

- The 2019 final budget included \$65 million for the ICDBG program and the 2020 budget included \$70 million. Reminder, this NOFA is being issued to cover two fiscal years under one grant cycle.
- Applications are due by 11:59:59 (EST) on **February 3, 2020**
- Recorded NOFA training available along with additional ICDBG resources can be found at the HUD "Codetalk" website: <http://www.hud.gov/codetalk>
- When additional details on this opportunity and any related NOFA training become available, NwONAP will share directly with all our eligible grantees.

Tribal HUD VASH Expansion

- Prior budgets included an **additional** \$3 million of Tribal HUD-VASH funding to fund grants for both existing and new recipients. The NOFA related to these grants is in process and should be available in late Spring. Participants in this program must partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide case management and supportive services.

Program Guidance Highlights (can be found at www.hud.gov/codetalk)

- 2019-05 FBI Criminal History Guidance.
- 2019-04 FY 2019/20 NOFA for the ICDBG.
- 2019-03-A Recent changes to the federal Micro-Purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds.

EPIC Platform Reminder

- When a SF-425 report is submitted via the EPIC platform, please forward a courtesy e mail to your Grant Specialist, as we are not notified from the system that a report has been submitted.

Other News

AmeriCorps*NCCC

NwONAP is considering a pilot project where we would sponsor an AmeriCorps*NCCC team that Northwest Tribes can tap into. Tribes and/or Housing Authorities can host teams on-site for up to 6 weeks to address unmet needs. The team can be used to install handicapped ramps and other home modifications for elders, lead community cleanup efforts, assist with youth activities and community events, and much more. If interested, please contact Kirsten at kirsten.u.franklin-temple@hud.gov or 206-220-6415 for additional details.

Request for Information – Comment deadline extended to January 31, 2020

Secretary Carson chairs the **White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing** which has been tasked with soliciting feedback from State, local and tribal government officials to identify regulations and administrative practices that artificially raise the costs of housing development and identify practices and strategies that remove burdensome regulations.

HUD published a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) in the Federal Register on November 22, 2019. The RFI provides additional details on the type of feedback requested. We are reaching out to you to encourage you to submit your important feedback by January 21, 2020 (NOTE: Extended to January 31, 2020). Electronic comments can be submitted here: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=HUD-2019-0092-0001>.

Additional details on the White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing can be found here:

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-establishing-white-house-council-eliminating-regulatory-barriers-affordable-housing/>

Coastal Resilience Community Training-Input Wanted

NwONAP is working with the HUD Seattle Regional Office (Region 10), to consider hosting a coastal communities resilience forum for the states of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington. We anticipate the forum will provide a learning exchange amongst planners, scientists, policymakers and other leaders from tribal communities, cities, counties, and state and federal agencies. We expect the agenda to include presentations on best practices from tribal and local communities and a review of available financial and technical assistance opportunities from a variety of federal and state agencies. The goal of the forum is to help coastal communities develop mitigation and recovery actions to prepare for and minimize the effects of disasters specific to coastal communities. NwONAP is requesting feedback from our Northwest Tribal partners about their interest in participating in such a training. Additional direct outreach will be occurring over the next several months, in the interim if interested please contact our office directly.

National ONAP Webinars

February 13, 2020, 10 am PST - Opportunity Zones 101 - An introductory webinar for Tribes and Native communities

To register: <http://newregistration.firstpic.org/opportunityzones>

To join the webinar:

Step 1: Dial into the conference. Dial-in: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694; Access Code: 5556669#

Step 2: Join the conference on your computer.

Entry Link: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/820993>

March 4, 2020, 10 am PST – ONAP National Best Practice webinar featuring the Blackfeet Tribe’s Tribal HUD-VASH Project Based subdivision.

The conference begins at 10:00 AM Pacific Time on March 04, 2020; you may join the conference 10 minutes prior.

Step 1: Dial into the conference.

Dial-in: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694; Access Code: 9008325#

Step 2: Join the conference on your computer.

Entry Link: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/820998>