



## **NAIHC 2020 Q3 Update**

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### **Update on Pending HUD Grants**

- FY 2020 Competitive Grant (\$100M)
  - Competitive grant was included in FY 2020 appropriations that were passed on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - HUD anticipates NOFA in spring

### **NAIHC News:**

- COVID Impacts, Trainings Moving Online
  - Cancelled Annual Convention; Legal Symposium moving to virtual only format
  - On-site trainings and TA were postponed at first, and then rescheduled as mostly virtual sessions
  - Conducting 1-3 Online Training sessions a week (in lieu of regional trainings)
- Leadership Institute
  - In-person courses for this year have been canceled
  - Indian Housing Management course is available online
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> course nearing completion: Online Pathways Homebuyer Education (This fall)
  - Hopeful to produce 2-3 LI courses each year moving forward; Admissions and Occupancy is next to be developed
- NAIHC Rehab Grant
  - NAIHC awarded grants to 20 tribes for Rehab of Senior-owned
  - Work being done through the summer and fall
  - Originally, rehab work was to be done by December 31, but realize work periods may need to be extended
  - Working with Wells Fargo on next round of grants, likely COVID related
- NAIHC Office in Washington, DC
  - Largely teleworking, but NAIHC has moved office space within same building, now on 5<sup>th</sup> floor

## **NAIHC Events:**

- **2020 Legal Symposium: December 7-9**
  - WILL BE COMPLETELY VIRTUAL
  - Registration and Information in next couple of weeks
- **2021 Legislative Conference:** Washington DC
  - NAIHC does not currently expect to host its own event, partnering with NCAI
  - Schedule for in-person week of February 21-25
    - Possibly moving to an online format as well
- **2021 Annual Convention and Members Meeting: May 24-27**, Hawaii
  - Board Meeting: Sunday May 23

## **Other Meetings/Trainings:**

- **HUD Housing Summit**
  - Awaiting approval by HUD
  - Dates TBD
- **HUD Regional Trainings:**
  - Check NAIHC's website/calendar
  - Adding new online trainings sessions every week

## **Legislative Updates:**

### **NAHASDA Reauthorization**

- House Bill: H.R. 5319
  - Introduced in December 2019, 30+ bipartisan cosponsors
  - Sitting at Financial Services Committee: Key obstacles are 30% rule language and Oklahoma Freedmen provisions
  - Bill includes provisions impacting 184 court jurisdiction issues, USDA program improvements, homebuyer counseling grants eligibility, increased TDC allowances for energy efficient homes, and other small non-NAHASDA improvements
- Senate Bill: S. 4090
  - Introduced in June 2020, 9 bipartisan cosponsors
  - first bipartisan reauthorization bill in Senate since NAHASDA expired
  - Sitting at Senate Committee on Indian Affairs;
  - The bill would reauthorize NAHASDA programs through 2031 and update several key provisions such as: creating an Assistant Secretary for Indian Housing at HUD; re-establishing a Drug Elimination program for tribal communities; consolidating environment review requirements; allowing student housing assistance; recognizing tribal sovereignty to govern maximum rent requirements; allowing tribal housing

programs to access the IHS sanitation funding; make tribes eligible for HUD Housing Counseling grants; make tribes eligible for HUD Homelessness Assistance grants; reauthorizing Native Hawaiian housing programs; and other updates

- ***Should see a NAIHC advocacy push for more cosponsors in September***
- HUD-VASH ***PASSED*** in Senate!
  - Full Senate passed S. 257 in June 2019
  - Identical House companion bill introduced in May
  - Currently sitting at House Financial Services Committee, where key obstacle is 30% rule language and Oklahoma Freedmen issues
  - ***Will make a coordinate push with NCAI through these last few months of the year***
- Continuum of Care bill ***PASSED*** in House
  - Would make tribes eligible for HUD's Continuum of Care grants
    - Bipartisan support in both House and Senate
  - Currenting sitting at Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
- FY 2021 Appropriations
  - Expect Level funding and the use of Continuing Resolutions until after the Election
  - Should continue to maintain the \$100M Competitive Grant
- Access to Section 8 Voucher Provisions
  - Should expect to see these in a House/Senate Democrat-led, "Broken Promises" bill, led by Representative Deb Haaland and Senator Warren, and based on recent U.S. Commission on Civil Rights reports detailing failure to uphold trust responsibilities
  - Housing provisions will focus on full funding and access to section 8 vouchers
  - Will work with bipartisan Senators on getting the provision into the next LIHTC bill
    - Each Congress, a "base" LIHTC bill gets introduced, and provisions often get passed through various acts. Key is to get into the base bill for consideration

**Overall reminders:**

- Sign up for newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
- Legislative Committee
  - Next calls: October 1; November 5; December 3
- Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members!