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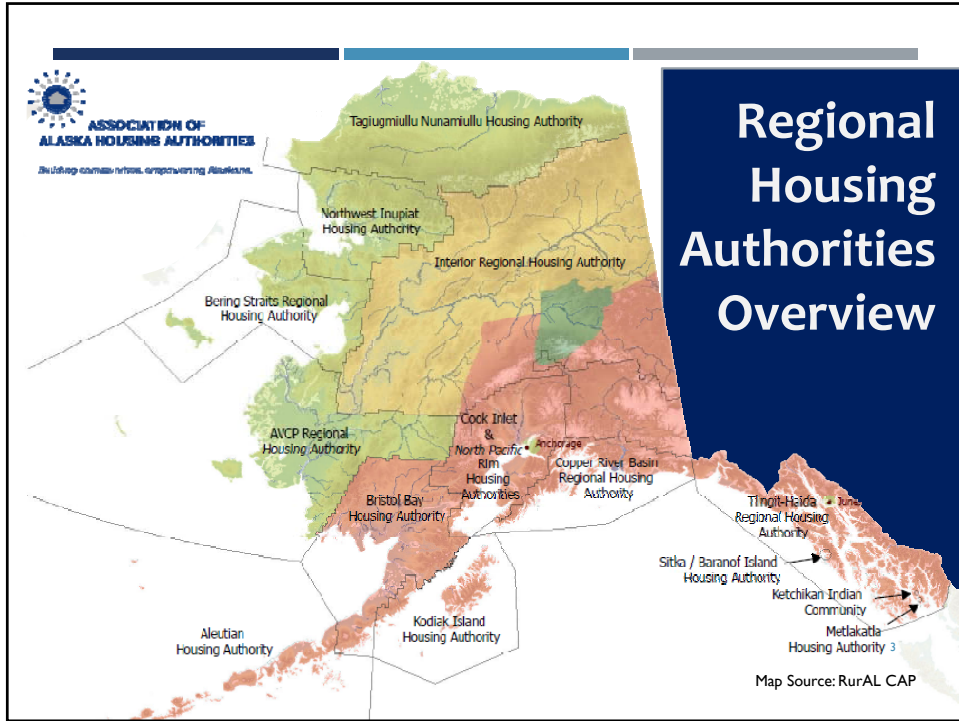
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**Our membership includes 14
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Corporation.**



WHAT DOES AAHA DO...

Advocacy & Education

- Unified State and Federal Legislative Advocacy
- Education about programs



Convener of Affordable Housing Experts in Alaska



Training & Technical Assistance



AAHA'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- Committee Members
 - 5 Committee Members
- Legislative Committee Meetings
 - Majority of the AAHA Members attend meetings
- Consensus

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TRACKING LEGISLATION

- State Programs/Budgets
- Federal Appropriations
- Federal Register Comments
- Tribal Consultation

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DEVELOPING PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- How are program priorities developed?
- How to ensure priorities will be consensus driven
- Process of approval

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DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALS

- State Programs
- Federal Programs
- Economic Impact
- Talking Points

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AAHA Talking Points - AAHA 2018 Federal Priorities

Issue # 1: Reauthorization of appropriations for the Indian Housing Block Grant

- Securing funding for the IHBG is a top priority
- Having the main source of housing development funding unauthorized means possible targeted funding cuts
- Attach the proposed language to a larger piece of legislation

Issue # 2: Inadequate NAHASDA Funding Levels

- BIA & IHS has seen substantial increases over the past few years
- NAHASDA has been flat funded since inception and has been seriously eroding a significant amount of its purchasing power
- TDC has increased significantly
- Hasn't kept pace with population growth

Accessing more funding (opportunities):

- There may be a special opportunity with an infrastructure bill to include Housing Needs Study found that 70% of the Tribes and TDHEs identified debt as one of the top three barriers of developing new housing.
- The Cantwell-Hatch bill would substantially increase the amount of tax credits receive.
- An additional LIHTC allocation is also uniquely positioned to be included in spending package because the program is a true public-private partnership

ADVOCACY EFFORTS

- State Programs
 - Legislative Visits
 - Other Activities
- Federal Programs
 - Congressional Delegation
 - Staff engagement
 - Federal Partners
 - HUD PIH & ONAP; USICH; HUD Field Office

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