



## **NAIHC 2022 Q2 Update** *(edited March 28, 2022)*

### **NAIHC News:**

- NAIHC Annual Convention May 16-17-18-19
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- HUD ONAP Virtual Housing Summit:
  - Online April 6-7 Afternoons 1-5pm Eastern
  - Free Registration, Open Now
  - <https://web.cvent.com/event/adc98fb9-b265-456d-900f-b09ed9a53283/summary>
- COVID Impacts Continue, Trainings Remain Online (some in-person available)
  - NAIHC Headquarters staff still in office part-time, teleworking other days
    - Expect to follow DC guidance once it moves to "Phase 3" to resume full in-office activities
  - Most TTA is still online only, ONAP says they are close to allowing travel
    - Last summer (June), HUD ONAP has informed all TTA providers that on-site TA will not be allowed, due to HUD ONAP travel restrictions; working with ONAP to understand rationale, many tribes asking for on-site only now
    - If Tribes want on-site they need to let HUD know
  - Still finalizing 2022 HUD training schedule, approximately 50 assignments
  - Also assigned curated training-on-demand videos for core NAHASDA trainings

- Full FY22 Appropriations passed on March 10:
  - 19% Increase for formula IHBG; 50% increase for competitive IHBG

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>New FY22 Funding</b>
Indian Housing Block Grant (formula)	\$647 million	\$772 million
Indian Housing Block Grant (competitive)	\$100 million	\$150 million
T&TA grants	\$7 million	\$7 million
Indian Community Development Block Grant	\$70 million	\$72 million
Title VI Loan Guarantee	\$1 million	\$1 million
Section 184 Loan Guarantee	\$1.5 million	\$3 million
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	\$2 million	\$20 million
Tribal HUD-VASH	\$5 million	\$5 million

- FY2023 Budget (still reviewing)
  - Looks to be similar to FY2022 appropriations (chart above)
  - Provides \$7 million for USDA 502 – Native CDFI relending demonstration
- Leadership Institute
  - Tentatively have 7 courses scheduled in 2022 (typical pre-covid level)
    - Hosting a course during Annual Convention
  - Held 3 in-person courses in 2021
    - Basic Accounting course held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in July
    - Pathways Course held in DC in October
    - Admissions & Occupancy course held at Legal Symposium
  - Indian Housing Management course is available online
  - Pathways Homebuyer Education course also available online
    - TTA team selected a few programs active in Pathways to test in fall 2021
    - Provides training to the Housing professional & can be used with individuals in the community
  - Hopeful to produce 2-3 LI courses each year moving forward; Admissions & Occupancy and NTCCP are finalizing development
    - Targeting the full development of one certification track
- NAIHC Rehab Grant (2020)
  - NAIHC awarded grants to 20 tribes for Rehab of Senior-owned at the beginning of 2020

- Work still ongoing in many communities due to COVID, extensions have been provided
- NAIHC COVID Housing Assistance Grant (NEW for 2021)
  - In March 2021, NAIHC awarded 19 grants to tribes for COVID-related housing projects, up to \$44,000 per tribe
  - About ½ of the awards have been closed out

**NAIHC Events:**

- **2022 Legislative Conference Postponed**
  - Originally Scheduled for February 14-15-16
  - Postponing due to covid surge and tribal travel restrictions
  - Moving in-person event to week of September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Possibly hosting virtual session in spring
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- **2022 Legal Symposium: December 12-13-14, Las Vegas**
  - Back to Bally's
  - Bulk of content is Tuesday/Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>)

**Other Meetings/Trainings:**

- **HUD Housing Summit**
  - Working with HUD/ONAP on bigger event
  - HUD now leaning towards mix of virtual and in-person events in 2022
- **HUD Regional Trainings:**
  - Still finalizing full 2022 HUD Trainings Schedule (~50 trainings)
  - Check NAIHC's website/calendar
  - Adding new online trainings sessions almost every week

**Update on Pending HUD Grants/COVID Funding**

- FY 2021 ICDBG-ARP (covid relief) (\$280M), NOFA is out, phased application process
  - All awards have been made
- FY21 ICDBG (\$70M) NOFA is out
  - Deadline was October 25
  - No award announcements yet
- FY21 IHBG Competitive (\$100M) NOFA is out
  - Original Deadline of December 1 extended to January 4

- No award announcements yet
- FY22 Grants: Full year funding just enacted, no NOFAs published

### **Treasury Funds**

- Emergency Rental Assistance funding (meant to follow IHBG allocation formula)
  - \$800M for tribal Rental Assistance coming from U.S. Treasury Department
    - Tribes should have money now
  - Tribes can provide rental and utility assistance (including arrears) to members 80% AMI and other eligibility requirements
  - *Must be spent by September 30, 2022 (original deadline of Sept 2021 was extended by American Rescue Plan passed in March)*
    - *Reallocations could from tribal grantees (to other tribes) could begin in April*
    - *Some tribes have received reallocations from non-tribal grantees*
    - *2<sup>nd</sup> round of Reallocation included 20+ tribes receiving more ERAP funds*
  - Operated through Treasury Department, constantly updating guidelines
  - Through December 31, 2021, tribes have reported \$183.8 M in expenses (23%)
    - Next data release should include March 31 reporting
- Homeowner Assistance Fund ~\$500 M
  - 5% set-aside of larger national program (\$498M)
  - Operated through Treasury, Similar to Emergency Rental Assistance Program
  - Tribal allocations follow IHBG formula (mechanism allows non-IHBG tribes to claim allocation as well)
  - Applications:
    - Tribes had to submit their intent to claim their HAF allocation by December 15, 2021.
    - As of March 21, 39 tribal HAF plans have been approved
  - Treasury HAF guidance and more information found on US Treasury website [HERE](#)

## **Legislative Updates:**

### **NAHASDA Reauthorization**

#### **Senate Side:**

- S. 2264 introduced June 24, with 9 bipartisan sponsors;
- Schatz, Murkowski, Tester and Hoeven lead sponsors
- Bill is similar to prior Senate version:
  - 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; reauthorizing Native Hawaiian housing programs; and other updates
- S.2264 was added to the Senate-passed 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, but the House did not agree (due to lack of Freedmen provisions requested by Chairwoman Waters)
  - *First time Senate passed NAHASDA reauthorization since 2008!*

#### **House-side:**

- Maxine Waters has introduced a NAHASDA bill, HR. 5195, which contains the Freedmen provision and authorization caps for each FY year 2021-2025 (go up each year, starting at \$680M in FY22 and ending at \$820M in FY26)
- NAIHC supports reauthorization but concerned with authorization caps and Freedmen language
- Maxine Waters voted bill out of Committee on Sept 14 along party lines
- Next step would be full House vote, nothing is pending and NAIHC would not support the bill without changes to the authorization caps and resolution of the Freedmen issue
- Other than two issues above, the bill has great provisions for tribes including: 184 court jurisdiction fix issues, USDA tribal set-asides, flood mapping insurance program fix, homebuyer counseling grants eligibility, increased TDC allowances for energy efficient homes, and other small non-NAHASDA improvements

**Other NAHASDA bills:** NAHASDA is also included in American Housing and Economic Mobility Act (*10-year reauth, \$2.5 Billion in first year, tribal access to section 8 vouchers*)

#### **HUD-VASH**

- No bill introduced yet
- Last Congress, bill passed the Senate but not the House
- Is included in the larger NAHASDA efforts
- ***This Congress, NAIHC will again push for stand-alone and NAHASDA HUD-VASH provisions, work with House Leadership on getting bill finalized***

## **USDA Re-lending Bill**

- S. 2092 introduced June 16 with eight bipartisan cosponsors
- Lead sponsors are Senator Tina Smith (MN) and Senator Mike Rounds (SD)
- Bill would provide \$50M from USDA Single Family Home Loan program to Native CDFIs to provide home loans in tribal communities

## **Other Housing Bills**

- FY 2022 Appropriations
  - Full FY22 funding passed on March 10
  - Budget: Biden Administration budget asked for \$1B in total (compared to ~\$825M last year combined for IHBG, Competitive IHBG, ICDBG, HUD-VASH)
  - Congress appropriations included total budget request:
    - Funds IHBG at \$772M; \$150M IHBG Competitive, \$70M ICDBG
  - NAIHC annually asks for nearly \$1 billion in annual IHBG alone
    - Funding is improvement, but still needs growth
- FY 2023 Appropriations Cycle
  - Budget Released in March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Relatively Keeps Gains of FY22 funding
  - Work with Appropriations Committees/Members
- Infrastructure Bill
  - Bipartisan Deal that passed in fall 2021 did not include housing
  - President Biden released his \$2 trillion infrastructure proposal, “Build Back Better” which included \$213 billion for housing nationally
    - Biden Administration proposal provided on July 8 Leg Cmte call:
      - \$650 M IHBG Formula
      - \$350 M ICDBG
      - \$1 Billion IHBG Competitive
  - Democrats are moving ahead with larger package under “Budget Reconciliation” process which only needs Dem support and can pass without any Republican support
  - Build Back Better bill not expecting to pass
- Broken Promises bill
  - Last Congress, Congresswoman Haaland and Senator Warren led effort on large Native programs bill, responding to US Civil Rights Commission report on lack of funding for tribal programs.
  - Senator Warren is expected to lead this effort again this Congress
- Other legislative topics for tribal housing include:
  - Drug risks/Remediation funding (NAICH Resolution 2018-02)
  - Housing & Infrastructure connection (NAIHC Res. 2019-04)
  - Homeownership program improvements
    - 502 Single Family Loan, other USDA programs (NAIHC Res. 2018-01)

- Senator Smith and Rounds introduced this bill on June 16 (just 502 set-aside)
      - NADL improvements (NAIHC Res. 2019-03)
  - Section 8 and LIHTC improvements (NAIHC Res. 2018-03 & 2018-04)
    - Last Congress, bills did include restoring tribal access voucher program
    - Current VAWA bill envisions Emergency Vouchers being used in tribal units

**Overall reminders:**

- Sign up online to receive newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
- Legislative Committee
  - Typically First Thursday of Each Month: April 7, May 5, June 2
  - <https://zoom.us/j/97496787338>
- Monthly Forum Discussion
  - Typically Second Wednesday of Each Month, Single Topic call, Topic TBD
  - April 13, May 11, June 8
- Encourage vendors, product and service providers serving Indian country to become exhibitors at NAIHC events and/or Associate Members!