

NAIHC 2023 Q1 Update

NAIHC News:

- NAIHC is seeking applicants for Executive Director position
 - o https://naihc.net/executive-director-at-naihc/
- Thanks to All who attended our 2022 Legal Symposium!
- Training and Technical Assistance in 2023
 - Largely continuing trend of virtual trainings and in-person Technical Assistance
 - NAIHC also assigned curated training-on-demand videos for core NAHASDA trainings, (not a recording of a live training, but scripted training to be recorded)
 - o HUD ONAP Housing Summit planned for August 2023 in Minnesota
 - Homeowner Assistance Fund & Emergency Rental Assistance trainings/technical assistance is available on request directly to NAIHC:
 - https://naihcweb.wufoo.com/forms/wlik08p1ph88x3/
- Leadership Institute
 - Currently have 5 in-person courses scheduled:
 - Property Maintenance Management, March 21-23; Seattle, WA
 - Financial Management, April 25-27; Charlotte, NC
 - Resident Services, August 29-31; New Orleans, LA
 - Supervisory Management, September 19-21; Milwaukee, WI
 - Environmental Review, December TBD, Las Vegas, NV
 - o Online: Indian Housing Management course is available online
 - o Pathways Homebuyer Education course also available online
 - Targeting the full development of one certification track (Occupancy Management)

NAIHC Events:

- 2023 Legislative Conference Scheduled for March 6-7-8
 - Registration opening week of January 9
 - Schedule:
 - Monday, March 6: Advocacy 101, Legislative Conference, Reception
 - Tuesday, March 7: General Sessions, Panel Discussion
 - Wednesday, March 8: Hill Day, Group Meetings Scheduled
- 2023 Annual Convention Save-the-Date
 - o Waikoloa, Hawaii May 8-11
 - Registration opening late January
 - o Schedule:
 - Monday, May 8: Golf Tournament, Service Project, Legislative Committee meeting
 - Tuesday-Thursday: Three full days Opening/Closing Sessions, Breakouts,
 Organizations' Members Meeting
 - o Also going to offer Travel Scholarships (1 per region)
- 2023 Legal Symposium: TBD
 - o NAIHC is looking to move the event to October (to avoid holidays/end of year)
 - o Close to finalizing a conference site in Phoenix area

Other Meetings/Trainings:

- HUD Housing Summit 2023
 - o Working with HUD/ONAP on bigger event
- HUD Regional Trainings:
 - Still finalizing full 2023 HUD Trainings Schedule (~50 trainings)
 - Check NAIHC's website/calendar
 - Adding new online trainings sessions almost every week

Update on Pending HUD Grants & Comment Periods

- FY23 Grants:
 - FY23 ICDBG Annual funded at \$75 million, NOFO TBD
 - o FY23 IHBG Competitive funded at \$150 million, NOFO TBD
- Comment Periods
 - o ICDBG Imminent Threat Program
 - DTLL went out October 21, 2022
 - DEADLINE January 6, 2023
 - Asks for feedback on grant ceilings, programmatic improvements
 - o HUD 184 Loan Guarantee Proposed Rule
 - Published in Federal Register on December 21, 2022
 - *DEADLINE March 17, 2023*
 - Holding Several Tribal Consultations (regional and national)
 - HUD CDBG-Disaster Recovery program RFI

- Notes that no tribe has received this grant, requests feedback on how to improve program for tribes (policy revisions, fund allocation, etc.)
- DEADLINE February 21, 2023

Treasury Funds

- o ERA grants should all be in closeout periods now.
 - Group A Tribes: (tribes that did not receive any reallocations)
 - Closeout Reports due on January 30, 2023
 - Group B Tribes: (tribes that did receive reallocations)
 - Final quarterly report due January 17, 2023
 - Closeout Reports due April 28, 2023
 - Closeout training hosted by Treasury on January 10, 2023, 3pm Eastern
 - LINK: https://ustreasury.zoomgov.com/j/1609759969
- Homeowner Assistance Fund ~\$500 M
 - As of October 2022, ~180 tribal HAF plans have been approved
 - Still ~100 tribes that have not submitted HAF plans
 - o Treasury HAF guidance and more information found on US Treasury website HERE
- NAIHC has Training and TA available for HAF and ERAP issues. Apply at: https://naihcweb.wufoo.com/forms/wlik08p1ph88x3/

Legislative Updates:

117th Congress Wrap-Up:

- Congress adjourned before Christmas after passing the FY23 full year funding
- FY23 is fully funded through September 30, 2023
- FY23 package included ~2% increase for tribal housing programs
 - Full FY23 Appropriations passed on December 23:

Programs	Last Year	New FY23 Funding
Indian Housing Block Grant		
(formula)	\$772 million	\$787 million
Indian Housing Block Grant		
(competitive)	\$150 million	\$150 million
T&TA grants	\$7 million	\$7 million
Indian Community Development		
Block Grant	\$72 million	\$75 million
Title VI Loan Guarantee	\$1 million	\$1 million
Section 184 Loan Guarantee	\$3 million	\$5.5 million
Native Hawaiian Housing Block		
Grant	\$22.3 million	\$22.3 million
Tribal HUD-VASH	\$5 million	\$7.5 million

• FY2024 Budget

- o Administration typically sends budget to Congress in February/March
- Congress then starts appropriations work
 - Committee hearings
 - Constituent Feedback

NAHASDA Reauthorization

- Process to get NAHASDA reauthorized starts over in 118th Congress
- Three versions in prior Congress:
 - o Senate Side: S. 2264
 - 13 bipartisan cosponsors: 9 Dems/4 Republicans
 - 10-year Reauthorization, Includes Hawaiians, Included Tribal Rent provisions
 - Passed Senate in 2021 as part of National Defense bill (NDAA)
 - o House Side: H.R. 5195
 - 1 sponsor: Rep. Waters (D-CA)

- o American Housing & Economic Mobility Act: S. 1368, H.R. 2768
 - Sponsors: 7 Dem Senators/14 Dem Representatives
 - 10-year NAHASDA Reauthorization, \$2.5 billion in Year 1, Access to Section 8 vouchers
- Strategy for 118th Congress is to get both chambers to introduce closer companion bills

USDA Re-lending Bill

- S. 2092, H.R. 6331 both had bipartisan cosponsors in both chambers
- Bill would provide \$50M from USDA Single Family Home Loan program to Native CDFIs to provide home loans in tribal communities
- In 118th Congress, looking to include this and other tribal housing provisions in Farm Bill

Other Housing Bills

- S. 3381, Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act
 - o Four bipartisan cosponsors:
 - Thune (SD), Smith (MN), Rounds (SD), Tester (MT)
 - o In 118th Congress, expect similar bill to be introduced in 118th Congress
- S. 4045, VA Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act
 - o Led by Senator Rounds and Tester, would make improvements to VA NADL program
 - o In 118th Congress, expect to work with Veterans Affairs Leadership to re-introduce this bill
- Broken Promises bill
 - Last Congress, Senator Warren introduced bill that highlighted federal government's shortcomings on all federal-tribal programs (including housing)
- Other legislative topics for tribal housing include:
 - o Drug risks/Remediation funding (NAIHC Resolution 2018-02)
 - o Housing & Infrastructure connection (NAIHC Res. 2019-04)
 - Homeownership program improvements
 - 502 Single Family Loan, other USDA programs (NAIHC Res. 2018-01)
 - NADL improvements (NAIHC Res. 2019-03)
 - o Section 8 and LIHTC improvements (NAIHC Res. 2018-03 & 2018-04)
 - Last Congress, bills did include restoring tribal access voucher program
 - Will also work with OMB to see if administration open to include tribal access to vouchers in the budget process

Overall reminders:

- Sign up online to receive newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
- Legislative Committee
 - o Typically First Thursday of Each Month:
 - Thursday, February 2, https://zoom.us/j/97496787338
 - Monday, March 6 (in-person at Legal Symposium)
 - Thursday, April 6, https://zoom.us/j/97496787338