



NAIHC 2023 Q2 Update *(edited April 3, 2023)*

NAIHC News:

- **Thanks to All who attended our Legislative Conference in Washington, DC March 6-8**
- **2023 Annual Convention**
 - **Waikoloa, Hawaii May 8-11**
 - Registration open now, over 640 registered right now
 - <https://web.cvent.com/event/b8fc60eb-bc50-4e52-bcea-0190c96f4eca/summary>
 - Schedule:
 - Monday, May 8: Golf Tournament, Service Project, Legislative Committee meeting, First time Attendees Session
 - Tuesday, May 9: Opening General Session, NAIHC Members Meeting, Breakout Sessions, Awards Luau Dinner
 - Wednesday, May 10: AMERIND Members Meeting, Breakout Sessions
 - Thursday, May 11: Three full days – Breakout Sessions, Closing General Session
 - Extra luau tickets are available
 - <https://naihweb.wufoo.com/forms/xaub6hg0niy9c5/>
 - Price: \$175 adults; \$90 children 5-12; under 5 free
 - Working with our Hawaiian hosts for cultural presentations, side events
 - Also going to work with Regional Housing Associations for Travel Scholarships (1 per region)
- **Training and Technical Assistance in 2023**
 - Some Trainings are scheduled for in-person as well, particularly those around Regional IHA meetings
 - 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)
 - 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://naihweb.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
 - Online: Indian Housing Management course is available online
 - Pathways Homebuyer Education course also available online
- NAIHC COVID Housing Assistance Grant (2021)
 - In March 2021, NAIHC awarded 19 grants to tribes for COVID-related housing projects, up to \$44,000 per tribe
 - Nearly 3/4 of the grants have been completed/reimbursed

Update on Comment Periods

Comment Periods

- **DEADLINE SOON: Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process**
 - Published in Federal Register February 13
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-03004>
 - **DEADLINE April 14, 2023**

Treasury Funds

- Emergency Rental Assistance funding (meant to follow IHBG allocation formula)
 - 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
 - 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)
 - Treasury HAF guidance and more information found on US Treasury website [HERE](#)

Legislative Updates:

117th Congress Wrap-Up:

- Congress adjourned before Christmas after passing the FY23 full year funding
 - Saw 2% increase to tribal housing programs
 - Unfortunately did not include policy provisions regarding NAHASDA reauthorization or ERA extension
 - Did see NAHASDA reauthorization pass the Senate for first time since 2008
 - As part of the 2021 NDAA (not included in version that passed the House and signed by President)
- FY2024 Budget
 - Administration released FY24 budget to Congress in mid-March
 - FY24 budget includes 4.2% increase for Indian Housing Block Grant, requesting \$820 million for IHBG formula
 - Full chart below
 - Congress starting appropriations work
 - Committee hearings
 - Constituent Feedback

Programs	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024 President's Budget Request	NAIHC Recommendation
Indian Housing Block Grants	\$772 million	\$787 million	\$820 million	\$1.642 billion, no less than \$1.111 billion
Competitive IHBG	\$150 million	\$150 million	\$150 million	*combined above
T&TA grants	\$7 million	\$7 million	\$7 million	\$7 million
Indian Community Development Block Grant	\$72.1 million	\$75 million	\$75 million	\$100 million
Title VI Loan Guarantee	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million
Section 184 Loan Guarantee	\$3.5 million	\$5.5 million	\$906 thousand**	\$10 million
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	\$22.3 million	\$22.3 million	\$22.3 million	\$20 million
Tribal HUD-VASH	\$5 million	\$7.5 million	\$5 million	\$7.5 million
HIP	\$11.7 million	\$12.2 million	\$18 million	\$23 million
Rural Development 502 Single Family Direct Loan	\$1.25 billion *general program, not tribal specific	\$1.25 billion +\$10 million for Native CDFI Re-lending Pilot	\$1.5 billion +\$17 million for Native CDFI Re-lending Pilot	\$1.5 billion (general) <i>with</i> tribal set-aside

(** HUD indicates that existing program carryover funds are sufficient to carry out these activities even with less appropriations in FY24)

NAHASDA Reauthorization

- Process to get NAHASDA reauthorized starts over in 118th Congress
- Three versions in prior Congress:
 - 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)
 - House Side: H.R. 5195
 - 1 sponsor: Rep. Waters (D-CA)
 - 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 (more similar provisions than last year's Senate and House versions)**
 - **In Senate, effort still led by Senators Schatz and Murkowski**

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- Was included in the larger NAHASDA efforts, and introduced as a stand-alone bill in 2023

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. 70, Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act
 - *Four bipartisan cosponsors:*
 - *Thune (SD), Smith (MN), Rounds (SD), Tester (MT)*
 - Bill would codify timelines for BIA to process mortgage related documents regarding trust lands (TSRs, etc)
- S. 185, VA Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act
 - Led by Senator Rounds and Tester, would make improvements to VA NADL program:
 - Allow for NADL loans to cover refinancing existing mortgages
 - Provide grants to tribes to increase awareness among Native veterans
 - Provide a set-aside of NADL funds to Native CDFIs for greater loan deployment in tribal communities
 - Broken Promises bill
 - Last Congress, Senator Warren introduced bill that highlighted federal government's shortcomings on all federal-tribal programs (including housing)

Overall reminders:

- Sign up online to receive newsletter by email every two weeks for recent updates
- Legislative Committee
 - Typically First Thursday of Each Month:
 - Thursday, April 6, <https://zoom.us/j/97496787338>
 - Thursday, May 4 by zoom
 - Monday, May 8 in-person as part of Annual Convention