



NAIHC 2023 Q4 Update

NAIHC News:

- **NAIHC is seeking applicants for Executive Director position**
 - <https://naihc.net/executive-director-at-naihc/>
 - Effective 12/18/23, NAIHC received 22 applications for the position of Executive Director. The steering committee is interviewing and vetting candidates. We anticipate hiring before the end of January. We hope to announce our selection at or before the February Legislative Conference.
- **Thanks to All who attended our 2023 Legal Symposium!**

NAIHC Events:

- **2024 Legislative Conference Scheduled for February 5-7**
 - Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC
 - Registration is open
 - Schedule:
 - Monday, February 5: Advocacy 101, Legislative Committee, Reception
 - Tuesday, February 6: Healthy Walk, General Session
 - Wednesday, February 7: Capitol Hill Meetings, Legislative Priorities Focus Group
- **2024 Annual Convention Save-the-Date**
 - **Seminole Hard Rock, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida June 24-28**
 - Schedule:
 - Monday: (tentative) Golf Tournament, Service Project, Legislative Committee meeting
 - Tuesday-Thursday: Three full days – Opening/Closing Sessions, Breakouts, Members Meeting
- **2024 Legal Symposium: TBD**
 - NAIHC is looking to move the event to October (to avoid holidays/end of year)

Legislative Updates:

Chairman Lozano announced the appointment of Sami Jo Difuntorum to Chair the Legislative Committee.

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:
- FY2024 Budget
 - 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. The current goal is to include in one of the appropriations bills. Watch for NHU Call to Action.
- 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

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

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, February 2, <https://zoom.us/j/97496787338>