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Special Focus on HUD Programs

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HUD’s Role in the Partnership for Tribal Sustainability, Preparedness, Recovery, Resiliency

- Regular housing programs: Office of Native American Programs
- Long Term Disaster Recovery: Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief
- Special Initiatives:
  - National Disaster Resilience Competition
  - Sustainable Communities Initiative
  - Sustainable Construction in Indian Country Initiative
HUD’s Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)

Administers programs authorized under:

- Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996
  ~$650M for Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

- Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
  ~$55M in for Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

  FY14, w/ ~$4M set-aside for Imminent Threat Grants
IHGB – Program Expenditures ($Millions) FY08-13

- Direct Allocation to >580 tribes
- Significant, direct investment for housing rehab and new construction.
- Supports “moderate design” and tribes are constrained by TDC, but waivers exist for green technology and other tribal exceptions

ICDBG – Activities and Imminent Grant Threat Grants

• Competitive single-purpose grants for creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. Extra point for green building / renewable energy standards
  ○ Ex: $900k for energy efficient rental homes for Chippewa-Cree Tribe, MN

• IT set-asides to alleviate or remove imminent threats to health or safety that require an immediate solution
  ○ Ex: $900k for water/sewer work in Galena, AK after floods
Primary Federal Sources for Disaster Recovery

• Federal Emergency Management Agency w/ Specific Tribal Policies
  o Disaster Assistance - Recognizes Tribal Sovereignty
    • Individual Assistance
    • Public Assistance – 25% Cost Share
  o Resiliency and Mitigation
    • Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP) (Available to Presidentially declared disasters) - 25% Cost Share
    • National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
  o Disaster Preparedness
    • Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) for Preparedness

• Small Business Administration & Army Corps of Engineers
  o SBA Low interest loans to individuals (<$200k) and businesses (<$2M)
  o USACE responsible for carrying out large-scale engineering projects
HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

- Supplemental Appropriation to States and Local Governments for unmet housing, economic and infrastructure needs
- Appropriation language does not allow tribes to receive funding directly

CDBG-DR Supplemental Appropriations (in $Millions)
CDBG - National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)

- Fairly allocates remaining ~$1B PL 113-2 CDBG disaster funds.
- Provides resources to plan and implement disaster recovery that makes communities more resilient to future economic or natural shocks while improving quality of life.

*Note: These dates are tentative and subject to change at HUD's discretion*
Other Special Initiatives

- Sustainable Communities Initiative
  - Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants and Community Challenge Grants
  - Planning grant to Pine Ridge; Challenge grants to Hopi Tribe, AZ; Pueblo de Cochiti Housing Authority, NM; Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc., WI, Spokane Tribe of Indians, WA

- Sustainable Construction in Indian Country Initiative
  - One time TA program for sustainable construction projects
  - http://www.huduser.org/portal/SCinIC/home.html
What you should remember

• You can leverage existing HUD Tribal programs to promote sustainable, energy efficient housing

• You can pursue competitive ICDBG single purpose grants for a wide range of projects, including resilience and infrastructure projects

• ICDBG Imminent Threat grants are available for immediate recovery needs

• You can work with State governments to apply for the CDBG-NDRC competition, but Phase I applications are due March 27

• Providing Congressional action, CDBG-DR can be available to fill gaps of FEMA and SBA disaster recovery programs