

Energy Opportunities in Tribal Housing

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Overview

- HUD ONAP funding
 - Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)
 - Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
- Sustainable Construction in Indian Country
 - Some case studies
- HUD strongly encourages energy efficiency in funded projects.

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

- Formula based
- NAHASDA and 24 CFR 1000
- NAHASDA Program Guidance 2010-03 Eligible Activities and Administrative Expense
 - https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_8156.PDF
- Modernize/Operate 1937 Act Housing
- Development, Acquisition, Rehabilitation, *including energy efficiency improvements/construction*

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

- hiring grant writers for affordable housing applications (Housing Management Services)
- *Model Activity.*
 - *Construction/rehab of housing warehouses and offices,*
 - *construction of college housing,*
 - *construction/rehab of community centers that are not a part of a dedicated housing development (pro rated)*

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

Program Income – under NAHASDA/IHBG exempt (24 CFR 1000.26(a)(5)) from 2 CFR 200.307 requirements and can be used in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.10 definition of Housing Related Activities and Housing Related Community Development.

Housing related activities, for purposes of program income, means any facility, community building, infrastructure, business, program, or activity, including any community development or economic development activity, that:

- (1) Is determined by the recipient to be beneficial to the provision of housing in an Indian area; and
- (2) Would meet at least one of the following conditions:
 - (i) Would help an Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity to reduce the cost of construction of Indian housing;
 - (ii) Would make housing more affordable, energy efficient, accessible, or practicable in an Indian area;
 - (iii) Would otherwise advance the purposes of NAHASDA.

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Housing related community development:

- (1) Means any facility, community building, business, activity, or infrastructure that:
 - (i) Is owned by an Indian tribe or a tribally designated housing entity;
 - (ii) Is necessary to the provision of housing in an Indian area; and
 - (iii)(A) Would help an Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity reduce the cost of construction of Indian housing;
 - (B) Would make housing more affordable, energy efficient, accessible, or practicable in an Indian area; or
 - (C) Would otherwise advance the purposes of NAHASDA.
- (2) Does not include any activity conducted by any Indian tribe under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*)

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

§1000.122 May NAHASDA grant funds be used as matching funds to obtain and leverage funding, including any Federal or state program and still be considered an affordable housing activity?

There is no prohibition in NAHASDA against using grant funds as matching funds.

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

- Competitive funding
 - Housing and Community Development Act
 - 24 CFR 1003.200-209
- Acquisition of Real Property for public purpose
- Public facilities and improvements - rehabilitation, construction, etc.
- Construction equipment for solid waste facility, fire suppression systems.
- Housing Rehabilitation – energy efficiency improvements

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

- New Housing Construction by a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO)
- **Payment of non-Federal share.** Payment of the non-Federal share required in connection with a Federal grant-in-aid program undertaken as part of ICDBG activities, provided, that such payment shall be limited to activities otherwise eligible and in compliance with applicable requirements. (24 CFR 1003.201(g))
- Public Services (24 CFR 1003.201(e)), including energy conservation measures

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

- 24 CFR 1003.206(d) **Submission of applications for Federal programs.**
 - Preparation of documents required for submission to HUD to receive funds under the ICDBG program. I
 - ICDBG funds may be used to prepare applications for other Federal programs where the grantee determines that such activities are necessary or appropriate to achieve its community development objectives.

Sustainable Construction in Indian Country

- Sustainable Construction in Indian Country
 - Some case studies
- Final Report
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Publications/pdf/SIC Final Report Only.pdf>
- Home Page
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/SCinIC/home.html>

- **Best Practices**

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Publications/pdf/SCIC_Best_Practices.pdf

- Photo: Pritchard Engineering
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians – SIP housing. Geothermal heating/cooling. SIP plant.



- Photo: FirstPic – HUD SCIC. Muskogee Creek SIP panel



- Photo: Cocopah Indian Housing and Development – Multifamily Rehabilitation for three existing 8-plex apartment building. Energy efficient lighting, appliances and sustainable product/material.



- Gila River Indian Community – Maricopa Colony Pee Posh Housing – 25 energy efficient units, solar street lighting.

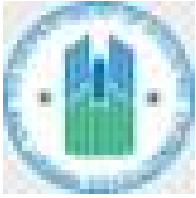


HUD strongly encourages energy/water efficiency in funded projects

- Regional and national greener tribal homes and communities workshops
- A partner with EPA national workgroup for culturally relevant building codes tool kit
- Post-occupancy utility costs and occupant health
- Annual Sustainable Construction in Indian Country events with several university partners.
- **Technical Assistance Requests**

Things to Think About as we Part

- ✓ Ways to plan for energy efficiency
- ✓ Continued capacity building and technical assistance
- ✓ Reach out to your ONAP Grants Management Specialist for continued discussion



Thank You



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