

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department

Indian Housing Block Grant

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Program Overview

ARRA provides funding for Indian Housing Block Grants through a formula and through a competitive stimulus program.

Formula Awards:

The Native American Housing Block Grant program funds new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, including energy efficiency and conservation, and infrastructure development activities. Funds can also be used to leverage private sector financing for new construction, renovation and energy retrofit investments. In selecting projects to be funded with Recovery Act funds, recipients shall give priority to projects for which contracts can be awarded within 180 days from the date that such funds are available to the recipient.

Tribes/TDHEs will be required to obligate 100 percent of their funds within one year of the date funds are made available, expend at least 50 percent of such funds within two years of the date in which funds became available, and expend 100 percent of such funds within three years of such date. If a recipient fails to comply with the two year expenditure requirement, funds will be recaptured and reallocated under the formula to tribes that comply with this requirement. If a recipient fails to comply with the three year expenditure requirement, the balance of the funds originally awarded to the recipient will be recaptured.

Competitive Stimulus Program:

The Native American Housing Block Grant program, authorized by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ("NAHASDA") assists tribes in developing, operating, maintaining, and supporting affordable housing for rental and homeownership housing. Funds can be used for acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of affordable housing, site improvement, development and rehabilitation of utilities and infrastructure, utility services, conversion, demolition, financing, administration and planning, improvement to achieve greater energy efficiency, mold remediation, investments that leverage private sector funding or financing for renovations, and energy conservation retrofit investments.

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Competitive Stimulus Program continued:

Funds will be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009. Priority will be given to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation and will create employment opportunities for low-income and unemployed persons. Tribes/tribally designated housing authorities (TDHE) will be required to obligate 100 percent of their funds within 1 year of the date funds are made available, expend at least 50 percent of such funds within 2 years of the date in which funds became available, and expend 100 percent of such funds within 3 years of such date. If a tribe/TDHE fails to comply with the 2 year expenditure requirement, the funds will be recaptured and reallocated by formula to tribes that have complied with this requirement. If a tribe/TDHE fails to comply with the 3 year expenditure requirement, the balance of the funds originally awarded to the tribe/TDHE will be recaptured.

The Catalog of Federal domestic Assistance number (CFDA) for this program is 14.887.

ARRA Funding

Formula Funding - \$255,000,000 nationally. Oregon's distribution is as follows:

Burns-Paiute Colony	\$101,455
Coos Bay Confederated Tribes	\$280,824
Cow Creek Tribes	\$288,245
Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes	\$1,093,209
Klamath Tribes	\$389,187
Siletz Confederated Tribes	\$1,468,998
Umatilla Confederated Tribes	\$557,092
Warm Springs Confederated Tribes	\$626,277
Oregon Total	\$4,805,287

Tribes/TDHEs will be required to complete an Indian Housing Plan (IHP) amendment to their fiscal year 2008 IHP and to execute a Funding Approval/Agreement with the Special Conditions. These documents will need to be signed by the tribe/TDHE and sent to the relevant Area Office of Native American Programs (ONAP). Once these documents are received by the Area ONAP, the Funding Approval/Agreement will be executed and the information will be entered in the accounting system so that funds will be available in the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS).

Competitive Stimulus Program:

Nationally, ARRA provides total competitive funding of \$242,250,000.

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Eligibility for Formula and Competitive Awards

Eligible applicants include Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) eligible to receive funding under NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).

Other Requirements/Criteria – Formula Funding

Competitive Stimulus Program:

Milestones in the award process include the publication of the IHBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), receipt of applications, HUD review and approval of applications, and the execution of a Funding Approval/Agreement by HUD and the tribe. Funds will be obligated through competitive funding by September 30, 2009.

Implementation Process/Steps

More detailed information related to formula and competitive stimulus funding is available on the Housing and Urban Development website : <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.



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