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TO: All Tribal Government Leaders and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)

FROM: Jacqueline Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, P

TOPIC: Screening for Eligibility for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act and the Bureau of Indian Affairs', Housing Improvement Program

SUBJECT: Coordination between HUD and the Bureau of Indian affairs Programs in Providing New Housing in Indian areas.

Purpose: This information provides guidance to Tribal Government Leaders and tribally designated housing entities in specific instances when an American Indian or Alaskan Native family receives housing services under both the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program and Housing Improvement Program (HIP) within specific timeframes.

It has been brought to my attention that there have been several recent occurrences of housing services that were provided with IHBG funds to American Indian or Alaskan Native families who had previously received housing assistance under the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA), HIP. Typically, this does not create a problem, but in some cases these services are rendered prior to the expiration date of the grant agreements prescribed in BIA's, HIP regulations.

The HIP regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, provides in part:

Section §256.9(d): You must sign a written agreement stating that, if you sell the house within 5 years of the completion of repairs:

(1) The assistance grant under this part will be voided; and

(2) At the time of settlement, you will repay BIA the full cost of all repairs made under this part, and

Section §256.10(b): If you qualify for assistance [for a new home], you must sign a written agreement stating that, if you sell the house within 10 years of assuming ownership:

(1) The grant under this part will be voided, and

(2) At the time of settlement, you will repay BIA the full cost of the

house.

Section §256.10(c): If you sell the house more than 10 years after you assume ownership, the following conditions apply:

(1) You may retain 10 percent of the original cost of the house per year, beginning with the eleventh year.

(2) If you sell the house after the first 20 years, you will not have to repay BIA.

Consequently, the BIA anticipates that the recipient of the BIA housing assistance grant will be the occupant/owner of the dwelling unit for not less than the above-described timeframe(s). If this is not the case, the recipient is required to reimburse BIA in amounts as cited in the regulations noted above. We are concerned that recipients who move from a BIA unit may be placed in a precarious financial position; that is, in debt to the Federal government for the amount of housing assistance received from the BIA.

In order to address the concern and potential burden on homeowners in BIA housing, I am requesting your assistance in coordinating IHBG and HIP assistance. It would be helpful if you could provide your IHBG waiting list(s) to the local HIP Housing Officer so that they can inform you of any potential issue with families who may reside in BIA housing. It is our hope that prior to these families receiving other housing assistance, they can be counseled regarding the BIA regulations and the requirement of reimbursement of funds for assistance under the HIP.

We would appreciate your assistance to ensure that Native American families receive housing assistance in accordance with the individual program regulations. Attached is a list of current HIP housing officers for your use.

Attachment

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