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1. Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

SWONAP WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR: David Southerland joins SWONAP as Deputy Administrator. Mr. Southerland is excited to begin his new role working with tribes, partners, and staff in the Southwestern U.S. He brings a wealth of knowledge & experience in working with tribal housing and community related issues having worked for the Cherokee Nation as a staff accountant, and with the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation as the director of purchasing, deputy director and executive director. Since 2007, David has been the executive director of the tribe's Housing Services overseeing both Community Services & Housing Services for Principal Chief Bill John Baker's administration. Join us in extending a warm southwestern WELCOME to Mr. David Southerland!

HUD OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS NOFA FOR TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS POSTED (DUE BY OCT. 16, 2012): The purpose of the ONAP T&TA program is to provide training and technical assistance to tribes/tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) that are eligible to receive an Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) & IHBG subrecipients, as well to the Dept of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) subrecipients (collectively "T&TA beneficiaries"). Awards under this NOFA will be made to T&TA providers with a broad range of skills and expertise as well as T&TA providers with more focused or targeted skills and expertise. Selected ONAP T&TA providers will work collaboratively in teams and will be deployed as HUD deems necessary across the country to achieve the objectives. **The deadline to apply for this NOFA opportunity is October 16, 2012.** For more info., visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=196893>

FY 2013 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) POLICY REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL SECTION TO HUD'S FY2013 NOFAS FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: (This is **NOT** the FY 2013 ICDBG Program NOFA) This HUD Notice provides prospective applicants with the opportunity to become familiar with the General Section to HUD's FY2013 NOFA for Discretionary Funding (program NOFA), in advance of publication of any individual FY2013 program NOFAs. This General Section and the individual FY2013 program NOFA Sections comprise the entirety of the FY2013 NOFA instructions. Click to access HUD's FY2013 NOFA [General Section](#).

FY 2013 INDIAN HOUSING PLANS DUE: Recipient's with a 12/31 FYE must submit to HUD a One-Year Indian Housing Plan (IHP), as required by NAHASDA Section 101(b)(1), at least 75 days prior to the start of its 12-month program year. When completing the IHP, the recipient should only complete the portion for the IHP, leaving the grey sections that represent the APR blank. Title I, Section 101(b)(2) of NAHASDA provides authority for HUD to waive the submission requirements of Section 101(b)(1) for up to 90 days **with good cause**. Written requests for waivers of the deadline for IHP submission should be submitted to SWONAP outlining the reason the waiver is needed. FY 2013 Indian Housing Plans **may be submitted by e-mail** to the assigned Grants Management Specialist, **or by mail** to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southwest Office of Native American Programs, Attn: Grants Management Specialist. Please refer to the last page of this Bulletin for mailing address for the SWONAP Phoenix, AZ and Albuquerque, NM offices.

ANNUAL STATUS & EVALUATION REPORTS DUE BY NOV. 15: ASERs are due to SWONAP by **Nov. 15** for Recipients of HUD Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG) with open grants. If you have questions or need information about ASERs, contact your SWONAP specialist. A SWONAP staff listing is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/contact.cfm>


HUD WEBINAR SERIES ON CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS: HUD webinar series explains and explores how to conduct an environmental review and makes the environmental review requirements easier to understand. The recorded training webinars and accompanying materials are also available on the HUD Office of Environment and Energy [website](#). Click here to [register](#) for the **Sept. 26: Water Resources (wetlands, floodplains, CBRA, CZMA)**.



2. Trainings, Conferences and Events:

Training/ Conference/Event	Date/ Location	Description
American Indian Tourism Conference	Sept. 23-26 Billings, MT	This year's theme is "Introducing America's First Nations to the World." The conference is designed to share knowledge, experience and best practices from both tribal and non-tribal tourism programs around the United States. Each conference features mobile workshops, networking events and presentations from experts in the travel & tourism industry. Find full conference details at www.aianta.org/aitc2012 . REGISTER ONLINE HERE.
Tribal Listening Session (HHS)	Sept. 24 Denver, CO	The U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services is conducting a tribal listening session at the National Indian Health Board meeting. The purpose of the session is to share comments about Health Resources Service Administration's (HRSA) programs and its impacts on healthcare issues in Native American communities and throughout Indian Country. Additionally, the session will provide HRSA with information for its upcoming Tribal Consultation meeting in March 2013 in Washington DC. A toll-free conference phone line will also be available for participants. Tribal leaders may also send comments and questions to AIANhealth@hrsa.gov before and after the listening session.
NM Tribal Coalition Meeting	Sept. 26 Isleta Pueblo, NM	In addition to regular business, this meeting for New Mexico tribal housing entities and partners includes a tour of Lava Rock Built Subdivision at Isleta Pueblo. For more info., contact Eric Schmieder at eschmieder@housingnm.org .
Developing Sustainable Tribal Housing (NAIHC)	Sept. 26-27 Seattle, WA	This 2-day course explores and encourage sustainable building strategies for housing developments in Indian Country. Training includes sustainable building techniques, including practical examples of successful sustainable build projects in Indian Country, as well as the nuts and bolts of building using sustainable methodology and products, and utilizing sustainable building materials and methods, alternative power sources. Click here for an agenda. Register Online Now!
17th Annual First Nations L.E.A.D. Institute/ Conference	Sept. 26-27 Chandler, AZ	This year's event combines First Nations' traditional L.E.A.D. conference with the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI) Institute. Conference tracks will incl. Nonprofit Capacity Building, Asset Building, and Food Systems. For more info., visit www.firstnations.org or call (303) 774-7836.
NEW Annual Performance Report (APR) training workshop (HUD/SWONAP)	Sept. 27 Phoenix, AZ	HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs (SWONAP) is conducting Annual Performance Report (APR) training designed for tribes, tribal organizations, and individuals directly involved in the preparation of the APR. Attendees may include housing staff, housing directors or managers, finance and procurement staff, housing commissioners, tribal housing committee members, and others involved or interested in the APR development process. For more info. and to register, visit http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1504&update=N
2012 ARIZONA HOUSING FORUM	Oct. 2-4 (Tucson, AZ)	The AZ Dept of Housing invites you to attend the 9th annual statewide AZ Housing Forum drawing over 300 attendees from more than 20 states. For more info., visit www.azhousing.gov .
USDA Rural Development Housing Program 101 (NAIHC/USDA)	Oct. 3 Webinar – 3:00 pm EST	NAIHC and USDA-RD are working to strengthen the tribal/federal partnership to provide affordable housing in Indian Country. USDA will discuss ways their state and regional offices can work effectively with tribes. The end goal is to discuss and examine recommendations to improve the collaboration between tribal housing programs and USDA-RD. To participate in this webinar: Phone Bridge: 1-800-981-3173. Participant Code: 4248. Live Meeting Login . Pre-registration required – click here.
Arizona Tribal Economic Resource Forum (TERF)	Oct. 4 Phoenix, AZ	This FREE one-day, interactive forum for tribes & tribal entities engaged in Economic Development activities. Presentations from more than 20 agencies/organizations offer info. about economic resources available for Native American communities. Networking luncheon & afternoon one-on-one sessions provide an opportunity to discuss specifics of your economic development project with agency & organization representatives. For more, contact Kristine Firethunder at 602-542-4421 or kfirethunder@az.gov . Register at http://www.hud.gov/apps/calendar/event.cfm?state=az&record=12528&scheduleID=12273&calendarID=6
EMERGING LEADERS: Rebuilding Native Nations (NNI)	Oct. 10-11 Tucson, AZ	Native Nations Institute SEMINAR FEATURES Panel presentations addressing tough governance challenges, Q&A sessions with current and former Native leaders, and Focused discussions on strategic decision-making in Indian Country. SEMINAR OVERVIEW: An Executive Education seminar developed specifically for newly elected and aspiring Indigenous leader, designed to help prepare newly elected leaders of Native nations-and those who aspire to senior governmental positions-to assume the responsibilities of leadership. The curriculum is also directly relevant to senior managers and administrative staff, members of enterprise board of directors, and tribal judges. For more info and to register, visit www.nni.arizona.edu , or call 520.626.0664
AUTOCAD CIVIL 3D WEBINAR – SEWERS (Indian Health Service)	Oct. 11 Webinar (10 am – 2 pm)	This 4 hour session for CAD technicians and engineers provides a comprehensive overview of how to create Sewer in a few different ways and will focus on applying the core concepts involved in laying out an IHS Sewer project. Topics include: creating a sanitary sewer network using AutoCAD Civil 3D 2012 &/or importing data from GIS into Civil 3D, editing elevations, pipes sizes, adding new pipes sizes in part builder & adding structures to the model, labeling both pipes and structures, importing both into your profiles & labeling as needed. Also export your design into Excel to help with quantities of Sewer project and create tables to import back into Civil 3D. Note: Student must be logged on to webinar for at least 95 % of the webinar duration to receive course completion certificate with PDUs. For more, visit http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=class&clID=1466&qs=module=classes&sort=startDate




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Opportunity Finance Network Annual Conference	Oct. 15-18 San Antonio, TX	CDFIs create opportunities by financing community businesses & consumers. The 2012 OFN Annual Conference, 'Let's Create Opportunities for USA', will provide a forum to figure out together what it will take for CDFIs to expand products and markets to reach every community. For more, visit http://www.opportunityfinance.net/knowledge/conference_resource_center/12/
Renewable Energy Technology Conference (RETECH) (Dept of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy)	Oct. 16-19 Washington, DC	RETECH is THE renewable energy industry's meeting place for more than 3,000 government, utility, finance, and technology professionals in 60 countries and is the only event dedicated to delivering coverage on every discipline of renewable energy technology. On Oct.16, 2012 , DOE-IE is hosting a day-long pre-conference workshop, Tribal Renewable Energy Solutions and Partnerships: Collaborating through the Headwinds of Change . This workshop will bring together tribal and industry renewable energy leaders. For more info., visit www.retech2012.com .
Four Corners Diverse Business Development Forum	Oct. 18 Farmington, NM	UIDA Business Services, the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center, and the New Mexico Small Business Development Center are partnering with Arizona Public Service/Four Corners Power Plant, as well as many other business development partners. The Forum topics revolving around business structures, safety, bonding, certification requirement and other business process titles will be available. For more info., visit Four Corners Business Development Forum Registration Page
Tribal Rights, Sovereignty and Economic Development Conference (Law Seminars International)	Oct. 18-19 Las Vegas, NV	Explore legal hot topics, including the settlement of trust fund management lawsuits, taxation, tribal water rights, and federal responsibilities for funding tribal contracts. Conference also focuses on legal & regulatory developments for tribal energy & environmental matters, incl. the interplay with recent federal efforts to regulate Indian Country. Conference also addresses federal efforts, via the National Labor Relations Board, to intervene in tribal matters, and tribal e-commerce, opportunities and pitfalls in internet gaming and consumer lending. Federal leaders, leading private practitioners, and tribal leaders and attorneys will provide the latest insights on the variety of current legal topics with significant tribal sovereignty implications. Register here or call 206-567-4490 for more info.
NCAI'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Oct. 21-26 Sacramento, CA	NCAI and the California tribes will host the organization's 69th Annual Convention & Marketplace in Sacramento, California this October. This year's Annual Convention will also host a Constitutional review (click here to learn more) . Meetings & events will focus on the rights and sovereignty of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes to engage Indian Country. Register Today
ADMISSIONS & OCCUPANCY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (NAIHC)	Oct. 23-26 San Diego, CA	This course covers topics incl. the application and selection process, NAHASDA eligibility, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices & compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, and lease agreement compliance. Participants should bring copies of admissions & occupancy policies to apply to case studies & role playing exercises. Course also examines how maintaining high standards in admissions & occupancy program affects the overall management of tribal housing programs. For info., visit http://naihc.net/index.php/training/course/admissions_occupancy_program_management_san_diego_ca_2012
GRANT WRITING & ADMINISTRATION (NIJC)	Oct. 24-26 Las Vegas, NV	National Indian Justice Center offers extensive instruction in writing grant applications and administering grant awards. Training will explore federal, state and private grant resources as well as tools for grant administration, tracking and reporting. For more info., visit www.nijc.org
Tribal Transportation 101 (NIJC)	Oct. 24-26 Las Vegas, NV	CA/NV TTAP training session provides an overview of critical issues facing tribal transportation programs incl. funding sources, tribal transportation plans and planning process, intergovernmental jurisdiction over rights-of-way through Indian Country and impacts of Tribal Employment Rights Ordinances (TERO) on transportation construction and maintenance contracts. For more., visit www.nijc.org , call (707) 579-5507 or e-mail tcoord@nijc.org .
Flooring Workshop (NAHC)	Oct. 24-26 Albuquerque, NM	This course offers various concepts and skills needed in floor installation for various construction projects whether residential or commercial. For more info., contact nmahctraining@aol.com or call 505-797-8674.
 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 Denver, CO	This 3-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to successfully carry out environmental reviews. Training will include detailed instructions on meeting the legislative & regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting & documenting environmental reviews, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. Additionally, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), in cooperation with HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), is offering students the option to take an examination for Leadership Institute credit after completing the training. For more info. and to register, visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400 or jpotter@firstpic.org
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (NAIHC)	Oct. 30–Nov. 2 Albuquerque, NM	NAHASDA requires the continued maintenance of existing housing units and policies providing for the maintenance. Tribal housing maintenance programs must balance operating within their current budgets while providing for the long-term maintenance and viability of the housing stock. This course provides participants with ideas & methods to develop and improve the effectiveness of the housing maintenance operation. Topics incl.: Preventive, routine, non-routine, & deferred maintenance, plus laws, regulations, leases, and other documents that effect maintenance. For more, visit http://naihc.net/index.php/training/course/maintenance_program_management_albuquerque_nm_2012 .



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Roundtable Discussion on Tribal Partnering Strategies (NAIHC/USDA)	Nov. 7 Webinar – 3:00 pm EST	NAIHC and USDA-RD Forum to discuss ways for state and regional offices to work effectively with tribes. The end goal is to discuss and examine recommendations to improve the collaboration between tribal housing programs and USDA-RD. Use the following to participate in this webinar: Phone Bridge: 1-800-981-3173. Participant Code: 4248. Live Meeting Login . Online registration available here
10 HOUR OSHA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (Indian Health Service)	Nov. 7-8 Tucson, AZ	This course is designed for engineering, inspection & construction personnel working under the OSHA construction standards. Topics include an introduction to the Occupational Safety & Health Act, the "General Duty Clause", OSHA recordkeeping requirements, inspections, competent person, electrical safety, fall protection, personal protective equipment, hand and power tools, excavation and shoring, walking and working surfaces, stairways and ladders, and confined space entry permit. Students can obtain the 10 Hour OSHA Card for the Construction Industry by attending this course. For more, visit http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=class&clID=1429&qs=module=classes&sort=startDate
Basic HVAC (NAHC)	Nov. 7-9 Albuquerque, NM	Gaining an understanding of HVAC and how heating and cooling systems operate makes it easy to troubleshoot and fix existing problems. For more info., contact nmnahttraining@aol.com or call 505-797-8674.
2nd Annual National Native American 8(a) Conference	Nov. 8-9 Cabazon, CA	Helping Native American & tribal business owners gain the competitive edge needed to successfully compete for Government Contracts and Small Business Development opportunities. This 2 day event delves into various federal programs that assist tribal communities with economic development initiatives & covers procedures & benefits of establishing an 8(a) tribally-owned business, projects or ventures qualifying for federal funding, how to obtain federal grants or loans, and steps to initiate an 8(a) business. For more info., visit http://nativenationevents.org/conference/second-annual-national-native-american-8a-conference-government-contracting-small-business-development
GREENBUILD 2012: National Affordable Green Homes & Sustainable Communities Summit	Nov. 13-14 San Francisco, CA	This 2-day summit, held at the Greenbuild International Conference & Expo , will educate, advance, challenge, and inspire those who are new to or already involved in providing green affordable housing and community development. For more info., visit http://www.ipedinc.net/Conferences/NationalAffordableGreenHomesandSustainableCommunitiesSummitatGreenbuild.aspx?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRoks6XMZKXonjHpfX%2B6eQIT%2Fm28M3109ad%2BrmPB63YYDWOenZ9mMBAQZC81kzhhdCPChdZNF%2BfpQBIS8US%2Fm
Annual Tribal Energy Program Review	Nov. 13-16 Denver, CO	The Tribal Energy Program Review will provide an overview of the wide range of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects under way in Indian Country. The annual gathering provides Tribes an opportunity to network, report on their energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and learn from the experience of other tribes pursuing similar projects. Currently, the program has more than 50 active projects. Check the Tribal Energy Program website for more details.
Housing Board Training (NAIHC)	Nov. 28-29 San Antonio, TX	2-day training course for tribal housing boards/housing committees and/or tribal council members charged with overseeing housing programs. Course covers the basics of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), roles & responsibilities under NAHASDA; short- and long-range planning; how to maximize revenues from non-HUD sources; how tribal housing entities should operate; why policies are vital to success; parliamentary procedures; and, how to run productive board meetings. Register at http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1113500
Grant Researching & Proposal Writing in Indian Country (Native Learning Center)	Dec. 3 – 5 Orlando, FL	This Tuition FREE three-day workshop will provide attendees with skills necessary to explore, seek out, and successfully write a grant proposal whether, the attendee is a beginner, an expert, or anywhere in between. For more info., visit http://nativelearningcenter.com/indiancountrygrantworkshop/ or contact the Native Learning Center at 954.985.2315.
Basic Surveying (Indian Health Service)	Dec. 3-7 Albuquerque, NM	Course teaches basic surveying principles & skills needed by IHS engineers and construction personnel. Course includes classroom instruction combined with field application of land surveying techniques. Lessons incl. pacing, leveling, traversing, topographic surveying and grade staking. 3.0 CEUs. For more visit http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=class&clID=1440&qs=module=classes&sort=startDate
NEW ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS (HUD/ONAP)	Dec. 4-6 Albuquerque, NM	This 3-day training for IHBG Grantees includes detailed instructions on meeting the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental review, assistance in devising standard procedures for conducting & documenting environmental reviews, specific instruction for carrying out environmental review responsibilities, levels of environmental review, and key steps in the environmental review process. Additionally, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) & HUD/ONAP are offering students the option to take an examination for Leadership Institute credit after completing the training. Students who receive a passing score would earn credit under NAIHC's Leadership Institute Development Management Certification Track and be issued a certificate of completion. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400 or jpotter@firstpic.org
Strength from Within: Rekindling Tribal Traditions to Assist Victims of Crime	Dec. 6-8 Coachella Valley, CA	This 13 th Justice for Victims of Crime national conference provides opportunities for tribal, federal, and state participants to share knowledge, experiences, & ideas for developing and improving strategies & programs that serve the needs of Indian Country. For more info., visit www.ovcinc.org.
NAIHC Legal Symposium	Dec. 11-13 Las Vegas, NV	National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) hosts its annual Legal Symposium. CLICK HERE FOR THE AGENDA. This year NAIHC is providing two days of concurrent breakout training sessions on the legal and regulatory areas of tribal housing REGISTER NOW!



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WaterCAD Fundamentals/ Intermediate (IHS)	Dec. 11-13 Phoenix, AZ	Tentative: Indian Health Service is planning to offer a 3-day WaterCAD Fundamentals course. More details will be available at www.ehsc.ihs.gov .
NAHASDA Essentials (HUD/ONAP)	Feb. 5-7 Albuquerque, NM	This FREE three-day training provides a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with program activities, incl. rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing & crime prevention services, Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This course covers the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training presents case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures & hands-on exercises. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400.
 NAHASDA ESSENTIALS (HUD/ONAP)	March 5-7 Denver, CO	This FREE three-day training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation, and housing and crime prevention services. Other major topics include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, eligible program participants, income verifications, other federal requirements, financial management and program administration. This foundational course will acquaint tribal and TDHE staff with the basic requirements of the IHBG Program and opportunities that are available. The training will be presented through case studies, group discussions, team games, lectures and hands-on exercises. For more info., visit http://registration.firstpic.org or contact Julie Potter at 202.393.6400.

3. Funding Announcements for Tribes/Tribal Entities:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
Partners for Fish and Wildlife 2012	Sept. 28	PFW is a voluntary habitat conservation program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat restoration projects that benefit Federal trust species. Eligible applicants incl. Native American tribal governments, tribal organizations, nonprofit entities, private institutions of higher education, individuals, for profit organizations and small businesses. For more info., visit www.grants.gov/search/search.do .
UWP- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant	Open	USDA – Rural Development’s grant program for Emergency Community Water Assistance. For more info., visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm .
Funders’ Network Local Sustainability Matching Fund	Oct. 1	Eligible entities: The proposal must be submitted by a team of at least two partners who are (1) the sustainability director of a city (municipality) or a county and (2) the local, place-based foundation and local governments, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, institutions of higher education. The fund provides matching investments from national foundations on a competitive basis to build partnerships between sustainability directors and local place-based foundations to advance discrete sustainability initiatives that demonstrate broad-based community support and engagement. For more information, visit the Funders’ Network .
Infrastructure Development Grant Opportunity (TIKA)	Oct. 12	Turkish International Cooperation & Development Agency (TIKA) grant up to \$1,000,000 to American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, Native American Indian nonprofit organizations, Tribal Enterprises &/or Native American community-based organizations for projects that (1) Address a documented infrastructure development need within a community, (2) Serve as many members of a community as possible, and (3) Are ready for implementation. For more info, contact Ms. Zeynep Guven by email atzguven@tc-america.org , visit TIKA Call For Proposals , and TIKA Requirements Cover Letter .
Value-Added Producer Grant - \$14 Million (USDA)	Oct. 15	(Tribes are now eligible). USDA’s Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program offers competitive grant funds to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. Awards may be made for either economic planning or working capital activities related to the processing and/or marketing of valued-added agricultural products. The maximum amount for a planning grant is \$100,000, and the maximum amount for a working capital grant is \$300,000. There is a matching funds requirement of at least \$1 for every \$1 in grant funds provided by the agency (matching funds plus grant funds must equal proposed total project costs). For application tools, including an application guide and templates, visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html .
Native American Training and Technical Assistance NOFA (HUD/ONAP)	Oct. 16	ONAP’s T&TA program provides training and technical assistance to tribes/tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) that are eligible to receive an Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and IHBG subrecipients, as well to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) subrecipients. Awards under this NOFA will be made to T&TA providers with a broad range of skills and expertise as well as T&TA providers with more focused or targeted skills and expertise. Selected ONAP T&TA providers will work collaboratively in teams and will be deployed as HUD deems necessary across the country to achieve the objectives. HUD is interested in funding a mix of the type of providers that will provide T&TA in a cost effective manner. For more info., visit http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=196893



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Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program (EPA)	Oct. 26	EPA assistance for: • Smart growth and economic development; • Green street strategies for managing polluted stormwater; • Land use strategies to protect water quality; • Parking audits for existing and planned land uses; • Bikeshare system planning to create alternative commuting options; • Community design for aging; • Green building toolkit to overcome common barriers; • Strategies to help small cities and rural areas. Communities awarded will work with an EPA-supported team of experts on applying smart growth development strategies & tools during a two-day workshop. For direct assistance from EPA, the applicant must be a local, county, or tribal government. Selections will be made in collaboration with EPA, HUD & DOT through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities' interagency partnership to coordinate federal investments in infrastructure, facilities, and services. For more info., visit http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm .
Grant for Innovative VITA Sites (First Nations Development Institute)	Nov. 9	First Nations will provide grant support to three organizations for building or expanding Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Native American communities and to support innovations such as the tax time savings bond, low- or no-fee debit cards for unbanked clients, alternative RALs, or anything else that enables tax filers to save money. First Nations will offer three grants of \$15,000 each to support innovative VITA work. The grant term will be 11 months from January 15 to December 15, 2013 . For more info., visit this page or contact Sarah Dewees at sdewees@firstnations.org or 540-371-5615.
Az State Housing Fund (SHF)	Nov. 15	(AZ only) Tribes, TDHEs and HAs are eligible. Approx. \$4 million is available from the Arizona Dept of Housing Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for housing rehabilitation programs and for owner occupied single family dwellings. The Application process for SHF can be found in the FY2013 SHF Program Summary and Application Guide. The guide & application forms are available at http://www.azhousing.gov/ShowPage.aspx?ID=453&CID=16
Environmental Education Regional Model Grants (EPA)	Nov. 21	Tribal education agencies eligible to apply incl. a school or community college controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation that is recognized as eligible for special programs and services provided by the U.S. to Indians and which is not administered by the BIA. The program purpose is to increase awareness & knowledge of environmental issues and provide skills to make informed environmental decisions & take responsible actions toward the environment. Applications must address at least one of the EPA educational priorities listed and at least one EPA environmental priority. EPA educational priorities are community projects, human health & the environment, and career development. EPA environmental priorities incl. protecting air quality, preventing pollution, cleaning up our communities, and protecting America's waters. For more info., visit the grant opportunity Web page .
GMSP 2013 scholarships	Jan. 16, 2013	The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMSP), funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, opened its 2013 scholarship competition. GMSP was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following discipline areas: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health, or science. To learn more, visit www.oup.org/funding/other_funding.asp .

4. Helpful Resources/Websites for Tribes and Tribal Organizations:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.usa.gov)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs are electronically posted at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act information: www.recovery.gov.
- Government Information by Topic can be found at: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- HUD PIH Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force to Improve Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in Indian Country <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprogrms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a04700000ArRPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans. www.nativelearningcenter.com
- Native Home Capital (CDFI) <http://www.nativehomecapital.com/>
- Native Community Finance (CDFI) www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org
- National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

- **Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils**

- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>
 Inter Tribal Council of California: <http://www.itccinc.org/>
 Inter Tribal Council of Nevada: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>
 All Indian Pueblos Council (of New Mexico): <http://www.20pueblos.org/>

Federal Partners:

- [USDA Rural Development](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html) <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html.
- [Department of Interior](#) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- [Indian Health Service](#) (IHS) <http://www.ihs.gov/>
 IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- [Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- [Department of Treasury CDFI Fund](#) <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- [US Department of Commerce - MDBA](#) (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
- [OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory](#) www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – *Disaster Preparedness & Recovery* <http://www.fema.gov/index.shtm>.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Trainings for Tribal representatives and staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco: <http://www.frbsf.org/community/index.html>
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Enterprise Green Communities Sustainability Training Grants: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/sustainability/index.asp>.
- Native American Business Enterprise Center www.ncaied.org

5. Bits and Pieces:

NATIONAL MONUMENT HONORS NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE: President Obama signed a [proclamation](#) establishing Chimney Rock as a National Monument. Chimney Rock, located in the San Juan National Forest in southwestern Colorado, offers a spectacular landscape rich in history and Native American culture. The designation was made under the Antiquities Act with bi-partisan support from Colorado officials, the Native American community, local businesses and other stakeholders. This new monument will bring new economic opportunity to Archuleta County and the Four Corners region as more visitors from around the world come to see this national treasure. The 4,726 acre Chimney Rock National Monument will be managed by the USDA Forest Service in close collaboration with tribal, community, state, and Federal partners. Chimney Rock is one of the best recognized and most unique archaeological resources in North America, home to hundreds of ruins built by the Ancestral Pueblo People about 1,000 years ago, incl. the highest elevation ceremonial "great house" in the Southwest.

NEW MEXICO HAPPENINGS:



Santa Clara Pueblo Solar Array
(Summer 2012)



Santo Domingo Trading Post
Ground Breaking Ceremony (Aug. 21)



(Sept. 8-12)
Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority hosts mud plaster maintenance workshop for Owe'neh Bupinegh homeowners and Tribal members.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH. Have you taken steps to prepare for an emergency? According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), three elements of good preparation are:

[Being Informed](#) -- Learn about the potential emergencies that can happen where you live and know the appropriate ways to respond to them.

[Making a Plan](#) -- Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan what you would do in different situations. How would you get to a safe place? How would you contact one another and get back together?

[Building a Kit](#) -- Find a list of suggested items to include in an emergency supply kit.

Taking these steps could help you and your family in the event of an emergency. For more info, visit <http://www.ready.gov>

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