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NAIHC, a not-for-profit organization, assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native Villages.

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### **THE PRESIDENT'S LAST BUDGET IMPACTS INDIAN HOUSING IN LITTLE WAYS**

On February 4, 2008, the President issued his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2009. Indian housing programs are lodged in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor.

The President's Budget Request keeps pace with last year's funding levels for many programs; however, as has happened for the last few years, programs such as Interior's BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP) and NAIHC are zeroed out. The Administration describes HIP as duplicative to HUD's NAHASDA programs. NAIHC is viewed as an earmark in the fiscal reform movement sweeping across Washington DC now.

Please find some of the President's proposals for tribal housing programs (with +/- FY 2008 enacted levels):

- Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG): \$627 million (-\$3 million)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG): \$57.4 million (-\$4.6 million)
- Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program: \$9.0 million (+\$1.5 million)
- Title VI Loan Guarantee Program: \$2 million (no change)
- BIA HIP: \$0 (-\$13.8 million)
- NAHASDA Training and Technical Assistance (HUD): \$4.3 (no change)
- Training and Technical Assistance (NAIHC): \$0 (-\$2.98 million)

The full funding table is attached and is also on our website, [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

The House and Senate will now be working on their Budget Resolutions outlining budget allocations. The House will introduce and mark up its thirteen spending bills this spring. The Senate will take up the spending bills thereafter. Indian Housing programs will be considered within the Appropriations Sub-committees on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD).

#### **What you can do:**

1. Come to Washington DC for the NAIHC Legislative Conference February 25-27, 2008, and meet face to face with Congressional lawmakers on Indian housing matters. Register now at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).
2. Thank your Members of Congress for getting the Fiscal year 2008 "Omnibus" passed which included funding increases for Indian housing programs.
3. Encourage your Members of Congress to continue increased funding levels for tribal housing programs such as the Indian Housing Block Grant.
4. Submit Testimony to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs which has historically held a hearing each February after the President releases his budget. Such testimony will provide a basis for the Committee's "Views and Estimates Letter" to the Senate Budget Committee on funding levels for tribal programs.



## American Indian/Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian Housing Appropriations Chart

Housing Appropriations (in millions)	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 CR	FY 2008 Enacted	President's FY 2009 Budget Request
<b>Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) (NAHASDA)</b>	\$648.6	\$644.8	\$650.3	\$622	\$624	\$624	\$630	\$627.0
Set-Asides: HUD Training and Technical Assistance	\$5	\$4	\$4.5	\$4.5	\$4	\$4	\$4.3	\$4.3
Training and Technical Assistance	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$1	\$0	\$2	\$0.0
Title VI Loan Guarantee	\$6	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2.0
<b>Total available for the formula after set-asides:</b>	\$632.4	\$636	\$638.9	\$610.6	\$617	\$617	\$621.7	\$620.7
<b>Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant</b>	\$9.6	\$9.6	\$9.5	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$5.9
Set-Aside: HUD Training and Technical Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$5	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$0.3
<b>Section 184 Loan Guarantee</b>	\$6	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5	\$4	\$6	\$7.5	\$9.0
<b>Section 184A (Hawaiian Loan Guarantee)</b>	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$0.0
<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>	\$4,341	\$4,368	\$4,357	\$4,150	\$4,178	\$4,178	\$3,865.8	\$3,000.0
Set-Asides: Indian Comm. Dev. Block Grant (ICDBG)	\$70	\$71	\$72	\$68	\$59	\$59	\$62	\$57.4
Imminent Threat (Set-aside from ICDBG)				\$4.0	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$4.0
Training and Technical Assistance	\$2.6	\$2.4	\$2.5	\$2.4	\$1*	\$0	\$0	\$0.0
Neighborhood Initiatives: Training and Technical Assistance							\$1	\$0.0
<b>YouthBuild**</b>	\$65	\$60	\$65	\$62	\$50	\$50	\$60	\$50.0
<b>Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program (Direct)</b>					\$7	\$7	\$6	\$0.6
<b>Rural Housing and Economic Development</b>	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$24	\$16.8	\$16.8	\$17	\$0.0
<b>Healthy Homes Initiative (Office of Lead Hazard Control)</b>	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$8.8	\$14.6
<b>BIA Indian Guaranteed Loan Program</b>	\$4.5	\$5.5	\$6.4	\$6.4	\$5	\$5	\$6.3	\$8.2
<b>BIA Housing Improvement Program</b>	\$22.9	\$22.9	\$19.5	\$19.1	\$19	\$19	\$13.8	\$0.0
<b>IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction</b>	\$93.8	\$93.8	\$93.6	\$92	\$94	\$94	\$95.7	\$94.0
<b>USDA Section 502 Single-Family Loans (Direct)</b>	\$1,080	\$1,038	\$1,366	\$1,150	\$1,129	\$1,129	\$1,129.4	\$0.0
<b>USDA Section 502 Single-Family Loans (Guaranteed)</b>	\$3,138	\$2,845	\$2,725	\$3,309	\$2,891	\$2,891	\$4,220	\$4,849.0
<b>USDA Section 515 Multi-Family Direct Loans</b>	\$114	\$115.8	\$116.5	\$100	\$98	\$98	\$70	\$0.0
<b>USDA Section 538 Multi-Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$98	\$98	\$130	\$300.0
<b>USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants</b>	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$9	\$10	\$10	\$9	\$12.0

\* Self-Help Ownership Program. \*\* Transferred to Department of Labor in fiscal year 2006. Note: All amounts are before required across-the-board reductions.