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ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT – HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The *American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA) continues to be implemented by federal agencies. Please find an update on the tribal housing programs within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Information available at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>.

Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act

HUD, through the Office of Native American Programs, administers programs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, which ARRA funded at nearly \$510 million, including the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant. In addition, the Indian Community Development Block Grant is funded at \$10 million. See all HUD Recovery Act Programs:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=153,7938975&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

IHBG Formula Allocation

Two Hundred and Fifty-five million dollars (\$255 M) in funding was allocated under the IHBG formula. In February, tribes were notified of their allocation. In March, tribes were notified of the requirement and process to amend their Indian Housing Plans (IHPs). Once IHPs are received, funds were transferred to the LOCC system. Many tribes will be using funding quickly for rehabilitation including energy efficiency and weatherization of housing units. See more:

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>.

See all awards:

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/ihbg-formula.xls>.

IHBG Competitive Allocation

Two Hundred and Forty-two million (\$242 M) in funding will be awarded through a competitive process. Funds must be obligated 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.

Deadline: July 13, 2009 5:00 PM MOUNTAIN

Read more:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=153.7973285&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

For the Notice of Funding Availability [click here](#).

For ONAP guidance [click here](#).

Indian Community Development Block Grant

Ten million dollars (\$10 M) in Indian Community Development Block (ICDBG) funds will be awarded competitively. This is one percent of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding (\$1 B). The tribal program is competitive, not a yearly grant like the CDBG, and is for state and local governments and the eighty-one tribes that were recipients in 2008.

DEADLINE: July 7, 2009 5:00 PM PACIFIC

See more:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=153.7973233&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

See the Notice of Funding Availability [click here](#).

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Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Formula

Ten Million Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$10.2 M) in Native Hawaiian Block Grant funds were awarded. The eligible applicant is the housing entity eligible to receive funding under title VIII of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.), which is identified as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. In selecting projects to be funded with Recovery Act funds, the recipient must give priority to projects for which contracts can be awarded within 180 days from the date that such funds are available to the recipient.

For more information:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=153.7973304&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL.

CABINET UPDATE

President Barack Obama named Sandra Henriquez to be the Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing. The U.S. Senate must confirm her appointment. Ms. Henriquez currently serves as director of the Boston Housing Authority.

President Obama named Ron Sims as Deputy Secretary. The U.S. Senate confirmed him on May 6, 2009. Mr. Sims was formerly the Executive for King County, Washington.

President Obama named Peter Kovar as Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. The U.S. Senate confirmed him on May 1, 2009. Mr. Kovar was formerly the chief of staff for Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA).