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PRESIDENT OBAMA SUBMITS FY2011 BUDGET REQUEST ON INDIAN HOUSING PROGRAMS

On February 1, 2010, President Barack Obama submitted his FY2011 Budget Request to fund the operation of the Federal government in the coming year. With annual Federal budget deficits projected for the foreseeable future, the FY2011 Budget Request seeks to freeze domestic discretionary spending and includes reductions in many areas from the FY2010 enacted levels.

In a letter that accompanied the budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Secretary Shaun Donovan identified several programs that are slated for funding reductions, including the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHGB). The Secretary termed these reductions as “difficult choices” and identified the \$500 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding as the rationale for the reduction. This amount, coupled with the FY2010 appropriation of \$700 million in IHGB funding, resulted in \$1.2 billion in Indian housing funding appropriated in calendar year 2009.

The Budget Request proposes the following funding for the identified categories:

Indian Housing Block Grant - \$578 million
Training and Technical Assistance (NAIHC) - \$0
IHGB funding for Transformation Initiatives - \$6 million
Title VI Loan Guarantee - \$2 million
Indian Housing Loan Guarantee (Section 184 program) - \$8 million
Native Hawaiian Block Grant - \$10 million
Native Hawaiian Loan Guarantee (Section 184A program) - \$0

While the National American Indian Housing Council is concerned that the Budget Request underfunds most Native housing and community development programs, we remain committed to working with the Obama Administration and the Congressional appropriators to ensure these accounts receive the funding that tribal communities need and depend on for housing and related community development activities.

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