



OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

March 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Tribal Consultation on Implementation of the ICDBG Funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2), which provides additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP included \$280 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program. This funding will be used to provide ICDBG Imminent Threat (ICDBG-ARP) grants to Indian tribes to eliminate or lessen problems that pose an imminent threat to public health or safety of Tribal residents.

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is working on awarding this funding as quickly as possible and intends to publish an ICDBG-ARP Implementation Notice outlining how Indian Tribes can apply for this funding.

ONAP is seeking your feedback on how ICDBG-ARP funds should be awarded. Specifically, ONAP is interested in Tribal feedback regarding the following questions:

- Should the maximum grant ceilings for the ICDBG-ARP grants be higher than the maximum grant ceilings that HUD set for the ICDBG-CARES grants?

IHBG-CARES Funding Formula	Grant Ceiling
More than \$2 million	\$3 million
More than \$750,000 but less than \$2 million	\$1.5 million
Less than \$750,000	\$900,000

- Should different priority considerations be given to Indian tribes based on applications received for the ICDBG-CARES program?
 - HUD is strongly considering giving first priority to Indian tribes that applied for an ICDBG-CARES Act grant and were not awarded a grant due to lack of funding. If HUD establishes this priority, how should that be done?
 - Should Indian tribes that were awarded an ICDBG-CARES grant be eligible to receive an ICDBG-ARP grant? If so, should other applicants be prioritized over these applicants?
- Are there any other things that ONAP should consider as it develops the ICDBG-ARP Implementation Notice and establishes funding criteria and other program requirements?

Please submit your feedback electronically to Codetalk@hud.gov by Friday, April 2, 2021. ONAP is providing a shorter comment period than usual due to the current exigent circumstances and the need to award this new funding as quickly as possible to Tribal communities that need assistance. Additionally, a Tribal consultation session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021. The conference begins at 1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time; you may join the conference 10 minutes prior. To join the consultation session please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Dial into the consultation session.

Dial-in: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694

Access Code: 7732614#

[Need an international dial-in number?](#)

Step 2: Join the consultation session on your computer.

Entry Link: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/837794>

When you access the entry link above, you will be provided a choice – to install the WebEx plug-in for your preferred browser or to join the consultation session using a temporary path. Either option is acceptable. Need technical assistance? Audio Connection: 888-796-6118 WebEx Connection: 888-793-6118

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your continued partnership and collaboration in addressing housing needs in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs