

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL 2006 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The National American Indian Housing Council assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their self-determined goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary, and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native villages.

The Housing Council

Founded in 1974, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), a 501(c)(3) corporation, is the only national organization representing the housing interests of tribes and tribal housing entities across the United States. We currently have 265 voting members, representing 460 Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages. The Housing Council also has 48 associate and individual members, organizations and individuals who support our mission.

The Housing Council promotes, supports, and upholds tribes and tribal housing agencies in their efforts to provide culturally-relevant, decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for Native people in American Indian communities and Alaska Native villages. Towards this end, we provide training, technical assistance, research, communications and advocacy.

The National American Indian Housing Council provides its members with these services, including:

- Training in many areas of Indian housing management
- On-site technical assistance to Indian housing professionals
- Research and information services on Indian housing issues and programs
- Legislative advocacy for greater housing opportunities for Native Americans
- Mortgage policy program (MPP) to increase homeownership in tribal areas
- Our Indian Housing Fact Sheet is a useful research resource
- Native American Funding is our database of funding opportunities.

NAIHC is guided by a 10 member Board of Directors representing tribal housing agencies in nine geographical regions throughout the United States. The Board and its Committees meet quarterly.

NAIHC is supported by member dues and fees, government, foundations, association and private grants. During the current fiscal year 2006, NAIHC received a Congressional appropriation to provide technical assistance, training and research services to tribes and tribal housing agencies.

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MESSAGE FROM Board Chairman and Executive Director

Dear Friends and Associates,

This past year was a time of great change for the National American Indian Housing Council. For the past thirty-three years, the Housing Council has advocated for the housing needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people nationwide. Our services were utilized by well over 2800 individuals representing members from our 460 tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

Yet in 2006, the Housing Council's Training and Technical Assistance Program was once again zeroed out in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Though partial funding was later restored through Congressional appropriations, personnel reductions and service changes were an unfortunate but necessary result of the reduced funding.

While we did have a funding shortfall, the Housing Council remained committed to providing the best in housing advocacy services and training and technical assistance. We continued with our Special Projects Free Training until funding ran out, but our Leadership Institute remained a strong program throughout the year and all indications are that the program will continue to enjoy its popularity with our membership. We are confident the Housing Council will rebuild programs that were scaled back this past year.

Our Methamphetamine Awareness Seminar remained a popular program through 2006. The Legislative Conference in February 2006 was attended by well over 400 lawyers and housing industry professionals. The Housing Council also held our first Individual Development Account Conference in Denver, Colorado, in October 2006. The highlight of the year had to be the Annual Convention and Trade Show in Honolulu, Hawai'i in May 2006.

We are optimistic that our funding—either through Congressional appropriations or through outside foundation grants and corporate sponsorships, or both—will increase in the time ahead. While we rebuild the organization, continue to expect the level of expertise and dedication the Housing Council has always offered. Thank you.



Sincerely, Marty Shurovloff Chairman, National American Indian Housing Council

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Sincerely, Paul Lumley Executive Director, National American Indian Housing Council

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NAIHC's Technical Assistance (TA) program, in existence since 1992, was a cornerstone of NAIHC's 2006 activities. The pool of TA providers consists of former executive directors and senior housing managers with more than 60 years of combined experience in the Indian housing arena. While most of these individuals are Native American, all possess hands on knowledge of the Indian housing program from its days under the 1937 Housing Act to the present moment under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

Technical assistance can come in many different forms, ranging from a simple phone call to a multiple-day onsite visit by an NAIHC TA provider. NAIHC will work with your organization to design and develop a technical assistance delivery plan (TADP) that is right for you.

All recipients of NAHASDA funding are eligible to receive technical assistance free of charge. Over the past 15 years, the TA program has served several hundred tribes, tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs), and Indian housing authorities (IHAs), and provided well over a thousand onsite visits. Regardless of whether you are one of these satisfied customers or are brand new to Indian housing, NAIHC eagerly awaits your TA request and we look forward to serving you.

We take pride in the fact that our technical assistance program is foremost among Indian housing industry professionals. Some examples of the types of assistance available are as follows:

> Admissions and Occupancy Annual Performance Report (APR) •Board of Commissioners Training •Budgeting +Collections •Crime Prevention and Safety •Environmental Review Requirements +Financial Management Homebuyer Education •Indian Housing Plan (IHP) Policy Development •Procurement

In 2006, NAIHC continued to provide Technical Assistance to tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). Despite severe reductions in Federal funding, NAIHC remained committed to maintaining the high standards of service that it has always offered Indian Nations.

NAIHC staff and TA providers developed new models, manuals, and training materials used by tribes and TDHEs to carry out their affordable housing programs. The traditional on site visit remains a very popular and important part of the program. While NAIHC continued to provide on-site TA to tribes/TDHEs in 2006, the Housing Council went to a "regional' approach to cut down on travel costs and to stretch limited TA dollars.

During 2006, NAIHC delivered on-site technical assistance to a total of 74 tribes and TDHEs and conducted 97 site visits.

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Several housing entities received multiple visits based on need. As in years past, TA Specialists also provided a great deal of technical assistance through the use of the telephone and electronic mail (i.e. answering questions, providing sample documents, and resource materials).

NAIHC offers courses free of charge to tribal housing personnel who wish to further their Indian housing education, focusing on particular issues. The intent is to provide valuable training, and, further, to do so at minimal cost to participants, thus encouraging tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) that do not have a large training budget to attend, often distant, courses. During 2006, the Special Projects program was scaled back to accommodate reductions in Federal funding. Most notably affected was the Scholarship program.

Scholarships. NAIHC's scholarship program helped tribes, Indian Housing Authorities (IHAs) and TDHEs offset the high cost of sending associated staff, Housing Board members, and Tribal Council members to NAHASDA-related training. These scholarships helped housing staff attend free training at the NAIHC Leadership Institute, the 2006 NAIHC Convention, the 2006 Legal Symposium, and those sessions offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs.

The Scholarship Program awards were based upon need, with those IHAs and TDHEs with smaller IHBG amounts being given preference over those with more resources. Reduced funding resulted in award restrictions. During 2006, 981 individuals applied for scholarships, 432 were awarded, and, of these, 363 were utilized by students (from 149 different tribes/TDHEs) to attend training.

NAIHC reduced the number of awards per class in an effort to stretch the limited program funds out over the 2006 training cycle. By so doing, utilization was 50% lower in 2006 than it was in 2005. The Scholarship program was eliminated due to budget restrictions.

On-Line TA/TR (WEBCASTS). During 2006, NAIHC launched a pilot project that brought Technical Assistance (TA) and Training (TR) to Indian Country via on-line WEBCASTS. Teaming up with the University of Nebraska (Lincoln), The Housing Council offered 4 on-line, interactive sessions. Topics included: NAHASDA Basics, Practical Procurement, Housing Inspections, and Supervisory Management. A total of 89 students participated in these sessions. While feedback from students was generally favorable, in the end it



was determined that TA/TR delivery via WEBCASTS was not cost (new for 2006), Hands-on Maintenance, Heating and Air effective. NAIHC determined that it could reach more students in Conditioning (requested Add-On), Home Maintenance, the House as a System, Housing Inspections (new for 2006), Maintenance a standard classroom setting, and provide more in-depth training during a 24-32 hour class, for significantly less than it cost to produce Supervisors (new for 2006), Pathways Home, Payroll Management, a 1.5 hour on-line session. The on-line training sessions were Preventive Maintenance (requested Add-On), Records and Information Management, Self-Monitoring, Tax Credit Compliance, eliminated.

Automated Access to the Indian Housing Technical and Tribal Leaders Roundtable, and Warehouse Management Training Library. During 2006, NAIHC sought to automate access to (new for 2006). the more that 2,000 holdings in the Indian Housing Technical Note: The classes denoted as "new for 2006" were developed by Resource Library, located in Washington, DC. ASIS, Inc., a software NAIHC in response to demand for those topics. development company created, loaded and tested the software for this Technical Assistance for Pathways Home (Homebuyer Educaprogram. Field Staff were brought in at the end of 2006 for training tion). In 2006, NAIHC continued an effort that we began in 2005, and to help start loading data; however, with several personnel shifts, and that was to provide on-site technical assistance to tribes/TDHEs actual loading of the data was delayed and with funding shortfalls, the in the area of homebuyer education. During 2006, NAIHC provided loading of data was further delayed. An effort to load the data in the 10 such on-site technical assistance visits to 6 different tribes/TDHEs. future is still under discussion.

Native American Funding Resource Database. During 2006, NAFR continued to be used extensively by IHAs and TDHEs in their search for additional funding sources to supplement Indian had catalogued into an interactive on-line database 516 federal, state and local funding sources for Indian housing programs. This was up from 351 sources at the end of 2005. NAFR is accessible to members, through NAIHC's web page (www.naihc.net). Utilization of NAFR increased to 1980 hits in 2006 (for a monthly average of 165), vs. 1886 in 2005. The NAFR Database is also being scaled back.

State Funding Resources. Another initiative, a spin off of NAFR, was the effort to highlight "state" funding programs for course of the year, state agencies, in 22 states, provided NAIHC with funding options for tribes/TDHEs. Those are all highlighted and can be accessed through NAIHC's website (www.naihc.net). States in the database include AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, HI, KS, ME, MI, MN, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, NY, OK, SD, WA, WI, and WY.

Ask the Expert. "Ask the Expert" is a web based inquiry system on a regular basis throughout 2006. NAIHC TA/TR Specialist Louie Sheridan fielded these questions and posted the more "common" or "general" responses on our website. In 2006, NAIHC responded to 55 such inquires, on Indian Housing related subjects, as compared to 39 for the June to December 2005 time frame.

Free Training. In 2006, NAIHC conducted 37 FREE Training classes in 18 different areas of study. These were all scheduled classroom sessions. A total of 713 students, from 185 different tribes/TDHEs attended those classes. Areas offered in 2006 included: Board of Commissioners, Construction Contract Documents Orientation, Executive Directors, Grant Writing



Technical Assistance for Housing Boards/Committees/Tribal **Councils.** NAIHC continued to provide on-site Training (TR) and Technical Assistance (TA) to the governing entities (housing boards/ Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding. By the end of 2006, NAIHC committees/councils) of tribal housing programs in 2006. These were typically intensive 2 day roundtable sessions and included structured instruction as well as multiple question/answer periods so that participants could address issues unique to the functioning of their tribes/ TDHEs housing board/committee/council. During 2006, NAIHC provided 35 of those on-site Board of Commissioners TA visits and provided instruction to 336 individuals.

Model Technical Assistance Documents. During 2006, NAIHC drafted one "model" Technical Assistance document to help make tribal tribes/TDHEs to pursue for affordable housing purposes. During the housing programs run more effectively and efficiently. The "model" drafted was entitled "Guidance Document for the Cleanup of Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs" and was developed in response to demand from tribes/TDHEs. The draft was completed in December 2006 and NAIHC sought inputs on the draft from our membership at the 2006 Legal Symposium.

Policy Development Workshops. During 2006, NAIHC that was launched by NAIHC in mid 2005 and continued to get hits conducted 3 Policy Development workshops, attended by 39 students from 21 different tribes/TDHEs. Attendees spent time writing and/ or revising their own policies with the assistance of a team of NAIHC Technical Assistance/Training Specialists. Sample policies and other resources are made available for tribal/TDHE staff to draw on and create their own relevant policies that meet all applicable NAHASDA requirements.

> Technical Assistance and Training for Regional Indian Housing Associations. NAIHC continued to provide technical assistance and training to Regional Indian Housing Associations (in response to their topic-based requests). NAIHC provided 11 such sessions in 2006, attended by a total of 348 Indian housing professionals. Requested topics included: BOC Training, Community Development Programs, Disaster Preparedness, General Management training, Homebuyer Education training, HUD Section 184 program orientation, Introduction to Pathways Home, Policy Development training, how to prepare for HUD On-Site Visits, Self-Monitoring, and Strategic Planning.

> Crime Prevention and Safety. Launched in 2005, NAIHC continued with its "Crime Prevention and Safety" initiative in 2006, the primary focus of which was dealing with methamphetamine

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and its impact on Indian housing. In 2006, NAIHC conducted 34 Meth seminars with 2,224 people in attendance. Those individuals represented 184 tribes/TDHEs and 322 tribally affiliated programs (i.e., police, sheriffs', human services, social services, drug prevention programs, community action groups, IHS clinics, schools, etc.). Also, during 2006, NAIHC set up a contract with Basin Environmental Services Inc. to provide HAZWOPER training. HAZWOPER offers training focused on "clean up" issues and was offered in early 2007 for the first time.

Technical Assistance / Training Needs Assessment Grants. In late 2005, NAIHC offered financial assistance (grants up to \$10,000) to each Regional Indian Housing Association to help offset the costs of researching and identifying TA/TR needs that were not currently being met and/or that might be unique to a particular region and that needed to be addressed. Of the eight Regional Associations, 6 (AAHA, GLIHA, NV/CAL, NWIHA, SWIHA and USET) submitted Needs Assessment reports to NAIHC in 2006. Further development for this program is suspended due to funding restrictions.

Training Provided at Annual Convention. In addition to the many stand-alone sessions provided by NAIHC throughout the year, the 2006 Convention featured a wide range of training opportunities as well. There were 45 training, lecture, seminar, and workshop sessions (running from 1.5 hours to 6 hours) with a total of 43 different topic areas covered. Some of the more popular sessions were offered twice. Total attendance at the 2006 convention training sessions was 1,839 (up 400 from 2005's convention).

THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Leadership Institute (LI) was established in 1999 to provide a means by which individuals can improve their management skills regardless of their position within a tribally designated housing entity (TDHE) or tribal government. The Leadership Institute provides training that is specific to the housing industry, meaning within the parameters of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). LI Training also addresses many general management topics.

Available for a reasonable fee, LI courses offer participants the opportunity to develop both professionally and personally, enhancing their ability to be effective in to their organization and community.

2006 was another successful year for the Leadership Institute. The LI exceeded attendance goals and produced a net income from operations for the forth consecutive year. The base of LI students also continued to grow with many new, first time students participating in LI courses. Many first time students, who would not have otherwise had the opportunity to receive such training, participated in an onsite LI course because of the scholarships offered by NAIHC.



At the 2006 NAIHC Annual Convention at Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii, 5 LI students were presented with Professional Indian Housing Manager credentials.

The Leadership Institute served 440 students in 18 regularly scheduled classes covering 13 different course topics for an average class size of 30 students (up from 26 in 2005). For the third consecutive year, this is the highest average per course paid enrollment the LI has achieved. This improvement in efficiency allowed the LI to bolster the per student operating margin while providing better customer service.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Advocacy. The Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) meets with congressional staff who handle American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian issues in the offices of: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs, Senate and House Appropriations Committees and House Financial Services and with individual Congressional Members.

The OGA meets with staff of the other national Indian organizations and Indian lobbyists to cross pollinate our respective advocacy. These include the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the National Indian Health Board and the National Council on Urban Indian Health.

In October, the Housing Council attended the annual NCAI Annual Meeting in Sacramento, California. The OGA also accompanies Chairman Marty Shuravloff and Board members when they visit Washington DC to meet with staff on the Hill and in the Administration.

New Congress. A new Congress has been ushered in, well-timed for the reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), the primary source of funding for Native American housing programs. NAIHC seeks more than thirty amendments to the Act to enhance flexibility for tribes to run their programs to best serve the needs of their People. OGA presented the NAHASDA amendments to the Hill on behalf of the NAIHC membership and the Legislative Committee. OGA assisted the NAIHC Legislative Committee, which met October 25-26, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona to finalize concept papers and drafted language for amendments to NAHASDA. The Committee also had teleconferences on September 29, 2006 and November 14, 2006. The Committee prioritized the proposed amendments on December 5, 2006 at the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Formula Allocation Task Force. OGA assisted the Formula Allocation Task Force which met September 20-22, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Task Force continued to brainstorm and deliberate on various proposals. The Task Force met October 22-24, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona. The Task Force also had teleconferences on November 17, 2006 and November 21, 2006. The Task Force's final 2006 meeting was held December 5, 2006 at the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Legal Symposium. The Legal Symposium was held December 5-6, 2006 and enjoyed participation by 400 members. The Lawyers' Luncheon was a success with over fifty participants. Much of the Symposium was spent reviewing the work of the Legislative Committee and the Task Force in preparation for the Special Meeting of the Membership, also during the Legal Symposium.

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Special Meeting of the Membership. A Special Meeting of the Membership was held in conjunction with the Legal Symposium on December 7, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. OGA coordinated the preparation of the notice and agenda materials for consideration by theMembership at the direction of the Task Force.

Legislative Conference. The Legislative Conference was held February 28th, March 1st and 2nd, 2006 with approximately 300 attendees. Congressional visits were conducted March 2nd, 2006.

Staffing and Resources. OGA has undergone a period of transition this past year. Wendy Helgemo came on as director on September 11, 2006. Jennifer McLaughlin, legislative associate, left Washington DC to join the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority. We wish her the best.

The OGA publishes The Federal Monitor, which was issued on October 17, 2006, November 6, 2006, and November 9, 2006. They are distributed by fax and email. They can also be found on the NAIHC website, www.naihc.net.

RESEARCH

As part of the overall training and technical assistance services NAIHC provides, the Research Department conducts studies on timely issues affecting the Indian Housing industry. For 2006, two past studies were completed and one was begun.

"Tribal Elder Housing Research Study"

The "Tribal Elder Housing" research project was initially begun in the fall of 2004. Selected by the NAIHC membership during the 2004 annual convention, the study focuses on the current state of housing for tribal elders. The elder housing study relied on information and data collected from focus groups and four case study site visits. A supplemental video was produced and premiered at NAIHC's Legal Symposium in December 2005.

NAIHC research department staff continued with the analysis of case study data and tribal elder housing information for the HUD Cooperative Agreement funded Elderly Housing Study, in addition to completing a draft analysis of the findings. The analysis of the sitevisit transcripts, a review of the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) research results, all compilation of secondary research was completed and a bibliography complied. The 48 page Research Study was completed in the latter part of November 2006 and submitted to HUD December 14, 2006.

The primary recommendation from the Research Study was for elder housing specific funding to be allocated for long-term care housing construction and maintenance. The case studies revealed a dearth of information about American Indian elderly and their housing needs.

"The Reauthorization of NAHASDA Research Study"

"An Evaluative Study of the Effectiveness of NAHASDA" is based on eight focus group discussions conducted from June through November 2005. TDHE/tribal representatives from each of the NAIHC regions attended the focus group sessions. NAIHC staff collected data and received information on how NAHASDA was working, what were the major concerns with the legislation and the attendant regulations, as seen from the TDHE/tribal perspective. A completed draft of the written report for the NAHASDA Study was submitted to HUD on May 3, 2006.

The draft was revised and amended to include the July 17, 2006 HUD comments. NAIHC is working to incorporate the recommended changes. Recent legislative concerns and legal issues are being incorporated.

"Methamphetamine in Indian Housing Research Study"

The Research Design Proposal was submitted to HUD and reviewed. A November 17, 2006 meeting was conducted to receive HUD's comments and recommendations.

The first of six scheduled Focus Groups was conducted December 6, 2006 at the NAIHC 2006 Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. An initial draft of the Methamphetamine Model Policy was completed by NAIHC. Secondary research materials continue to be collected and reviewed.

Technical Library. The Research Department added a new page with access to other Indian housing Internet research links from the NAIHC website. This was designed to provide our constituents and other interested parties with access to information on the Indian housing industry. Furthermore, plans were developed to add a link to the resource materials available in the NAIHC Technical Library to the research web page. This addition would have provided NAIHC members and other interested parties with online access to the catalog listing of the materials in the library. While direct access to documents themselves would not have been provided online, visitors to the the online catalog would have been able to peruse the library catalog and request copies of certain materials. The Research Department also planed to add new bookshelves to the Technical Library. All Technical Library plans have been suspended.

Personnel Changes. The Research Coordinator position became vacant in November 2005. In February 2006, Dennis Daniels, formerly the Director of the Office of Headquarters Operations in HUD's Office of Native American Programs, was named to fill the vacancy. NAIHC Research Assistant Valerie Seneca resigned her position effective June 15, 2006. Dwayne Martine was hired as the new Research Assistant effective September 11, 2006. The Research Coordinator position was left vacant due to Dennis Daniels' administrative duties as the Acting Executive Director during the months from September to December.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

NAIHC's Communications Department coordinates, writes, and produces a multitude of promotional materials for Leadership Institute courses, Special Training courses, the convention and other conferences, as well as informational and news releases on a periodic and as-needed basis.

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NAIHC maintained high visibility as it promoted awareness on such issues as Native American homeownership, economic development and unemployment, and myths of Indian housing. The Gannett news service, American Indian Report, Indian Country Today, syndicated journalist Jodi Rave, pechanga.net, as well as the American Indian Report, Indian Country Today, syndicated journalist Jodi Rave, pechanga.net, as well as the American Indian Report, Native American Report and many more publications Nation-wide covered NAIHC activities.

Advocating Through the Media. Press Releases and Media Alerts: 41 were produced in 2006, addressing issues, publicizing events, responding to and reporting news, and stating positions. News Conferences: Organized "Ask the Experts" teleconference to create media availability with NAIHC staff. Organized Congressional/ Media Briefing to create awareness of nativeamericanhomebuyer.com website. Grass-Roots Awareness Campaign. Organized membership letter writing campaign to key Senate appropriators to encourage restoration of NAIHC funding. NAIHC will continue to work with its Indian housing membership for future Grass-Roots organizing and fundraising activities.

Mortgage Partnership Committee. NAIHC works with leaders of other organizations to expand mortgage leveraging opportunities and decrease predatory lending through its Mortgage Partnership Committee. The group consists of Indian housing leaders, banking officers working in Indian Country and government mortgage program officers. The committee meets a few times a year to approve mortgage-related training courses at NAIHC conferences and address issues important to Indian housing.

Seminars/Conferences. The Housing Council launched an inaugural Individual Development Account (IDA) Conference during the month of October, 2006 in Denver, Colorado.

Website. In 2006, NAIHC's website, www.naihc.net, continued to incorporate news articles including daily and weekly updates to press releases on the home page. Scheduled 2007 training courses were added to calendar and scholarship form. The website was used to promote NAIHC's main conferences: the Annual Convention and Trade Show, the Legal Symposium and the Legislative Conference. In September of 2006 the nativeamericanhomebuyer.com website was launched.

Publications. Native American Housing News. Six issues of the bimonthly publication were produced last year, including the annual convention magazine and five regular newspaper issues. NAHN provides in-depth coverage of events, issues and developments affecting Indian housing—and stories of successes and challenges that America and the Housing Assistance Council, among others. tribal housing entities and their people face.

Quick Facts. Production continued with issues released twice a month. It is distributed to tribes, Native housing publications, media, policymakers and industry/government contacts. Items include NAIHC-related news, general Indian housing news and funding opportunity information. Other Publications:

+Training, Conferences & Services Catalog: 2007 edition produced and distributed during 2006 to promote NAIHC's expanded offerings for the coming year. +Training brochures: To promote NAIHC training sessions.

+Convention materials: promotional brochure of training opportunities; promotional brochure of sponsorship, advertising, and trade show vendor opportunities; promotional items; convention program.

•Indian Housing Calendar 2007 featuring the photography of Lee Marmon.

•Brochures for training sessions were produced and distributed. •Membership Directory: 2006 edition completed and distributed.

- +"The House as a System" brochure was designed, printed, and distributed.
- +A Sponsorships, Exhibitors, and Advertisement brochure for the NAIHC Annual Convention in June was designed and printed. •Convention Program designed and printed, included in packets for attendees.

HOUSING FIRST FOR FIRST AMERICANS INITIATIVE

The Housing First for First Americans Capacity Building Campaign is NAIHC's comprehensive development initiative. The hope is to raise \$10 million over 10 years to improve the living conditions of American Indian people. By helping tribal housing authorities accelerate the rate of housing production, job creation, the NAIHC Capacity Building Campaign will raise the awareness of the Housing situation for Indian people.

The substandard housing and deplorable living conditions that exist in Indian country have resulted in many health-related problems that continue to affect the well-being of Native American families.

Overcrowding has created health problems that impede the education of school-age children, who are deprived of an environment where they can study and do homework without interruption. Indian country stands out in its level of need and warrants the investment of resources that can fund a more aggressive and comprehensive approach to solving its problems.

While many elements of the proposed initiative are already in place through NAIHC's current work, there is still a dearth of adequate attention and sufficient resources."Housing First for First Americans" recognizes that the commitment of resources must be increased, so that Native Americans may achieve their own American Dream.

Partnerships: NAIHC has formed long-standing partnerships with a variety of organizations, resulting in initiatives that better address the issues of affordable housing, economic development and homeownership opportunities. NAIHC partners include: WaMu, Fannie Mae, First Nations Development Institute, The Enterprise Foundation, PMI Mortgage Insurance Company, NeighborWorks®

The Housing First for First Americans campaign made steady progress in 2006. NAIHC sent several letters of inquiry to corporations, banks, businesses, tribes, and lending institutions. Information was provided, covering the important work of NAIHC and the tremendous need of housing in Indian country. In addition, the Housing Council sponsored its first ever IDA Conference in October, 2006.

As new opportunities become available, NAIHC will focus their efforts in securing funding for the enhancement of training, technical assistance, and methamphetamine awareness issues.

NAIHC 2006 RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number #2006-01

A resolution to exclude applicability of Section 504 requirements to new residential construction development in Indian country under 24 CFR 8.22(b).

The Northwest Indian Housing Association recommends that 24 CFR 1000.12(b) is revised to read as follows: (b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and HUD's regulation at 24 CFR part 8 apply, except that 24 CFR 8.22(b) shall not apply to new construction development where tribal ordinances which address accessibility issues are in place. In addition, that NAIHC request the National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join in this endeavor.

Action taken: NAIHC proposed this amendment, regarding preemption of federal law, to section 203 of the Native American Housing Assistan and Self-Determination Act slated for reauthorization in 2007.

Resolution Number #2006-02

A resolution in support of standardizing and making consistent the scope and breadth of grants monitoring activities conducted by ONA

The Northwest Indian Housing Association requests that NAIHC join them, National Congress of American Indians, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and many other regional tribal housing associations and organizations in supporting the renewal of a national effort in requesting that HUD, in consultation with Tribes, re-examine its role under NAHASDA with respect to the scope and breadth of current Grants Monitoring activities and adopt written grants monitoring procedures which are consistent with self determination and the government to government relationship. In addition, that NAIHC request that Congress enact legislation to require all monitoring and review activities to become standardized and uniformly carried out on a consistent basis across all ONAP regions.

Action taken: NAIHC proposed this amendment through a series of changes to title IV of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act slated for reauthorization in 2007.

Resolution Number #2006-03

A resolution in support of increasing program funding levels for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program.

The Northwest Indian Housing Association requests that NAIHO join them to support increasing annual appropriations starting the first year at \$748 million and over the next five years by Congress That NAIHC join the Northwest Indian Housing Association to for the Indian Housing Block Grant program in order to achieve a recommend that the NAHASDA regulations be amended to remove funding level of \$1.1 billion per year. In addition, NAIHC requests the inflation factor for Section 8 units, and that the unit count existing that National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes at the date NAHASDA was originally enacted be utilized. of Northwest Indians, and all other regional Native American Action taken: The Legislative Committee is a standing committee of the associations and organizations join them to advocate aggressively for membership of NAIHC. The Legislative Committee serves in the capacity that increased level. of evaluating, developing, prioritizing and proposing amendments to Indian Action taken: NAIHC advocates for increases in the Indian Housing housing law and remains focuses on the reauthorization of the Native

Block Grant through oral and written testimony, congressional meetings American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act this year. With and briefing materials. NAIHC testified before the Senate Committee respect to Section 8, NAIHC proposed an amendment to section 503 of on Indian Affairs on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2008 the law to reinstate tribal eligibility for rental housing assistance under the NAIHC testified that funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant be Housing Act of 1937. increased to \$750 million in two other hearings since this resolution was passed.



Resolution Number #2006-04

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4	A resolution to support changes to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) process and procedures for trust land lease approvals for residential development.	
e s	NAIHC join the Northwest Indian Housing Association to support changes to the BIA Trust Land Lease approval process and procedures, namely:	
n	period when a Finding of	d the HUD mandated 30-day comment No Significant Impact (FONSI) e a lease on property already owned and
n ice	to utilize a format accept	ntal requirements process be restructured able by both the U.S. Department of elopment (HUD) and the BIA for t purposes;
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pt f	trust land assessment sur	uire expensive and unnecessary veys, and redundant Tribal Council prove Trust Land Lease requests from TDHEs; and
,		the formation of a study group that adations and develop a model process.
f-	Action taken: NAIHC continues to raise awareness of this issue along with our partners, such as Wells Fargo Mortgage, which was included in its testimony before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Indian Housing. NAIHC is joining forces with First Nations Oweesta Corporation to conduct a study on best ways to streamline the mortgage process and the establishment of tribally run land title records offices (LTROs). Resolution Number #2006-05	
,	A resolution to revise how Section 8 units are calculated in the IHBG Allocation Formula.	



Resolutions Cont'd

Resolution Number #2006-06

A resolution in support of utilizing the former single-race approach for allocating appropriations for Federal Grants.

Demand that HUD utilize the former Single-Race approach in the formula calculations for Indian Housing Block Grant funding allocation purposes as required under NAHASDA; and that NAIHC request National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join NAIHC to advocate aggressively to require that Federal agencies immediately cease the practice of using multi-race data collected for U.S. Census purposes for allocating appropriations under all Federal programs.

Action taken: For Fiscal Year 2007, Congress appropriated funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant at Fiscal Year 2006 levels in a Continuing Resolution. Subsequently, the NAIHC Board of Directors decided that NAIHC will remain impartial on the formula allocation as it relates to Census data.

Resolution Number #2006-07

A resolution in support of reinstating the NAIHC Technical Assistance and Training program funding.

NAIHC join with the Northwest Indian Housing Association to ask Congress to immediately reinstate funding to NAIHC for its Technical Assistance and Training program at the level of \$5 million, and that NAIHC request National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join NAIHC to advocate aggressively for the reinstatement of Technical Assistance and Training program funding in this and future fiscal years.

Action taken: For Fiscal Year 2007, Congress funded federal programs at Fiscal Year 2006 levels in a Continuing Resolution. Additionally, Congress removed all "earmarks" from FY07 appropriations. NAIHC advocates funding for technical assistance and training is authorized under section 703 of the NativeAmerican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. NAIHC advocated for restoration of funding in the FY07 Defense Supplemental. NAIHC continues to advocate for restoration of funding in FY08. NAIHC testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2008.

Resolution Number #2006-08

A resolution in support of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Resolution #06-06 entitled, "Oppose HUD Utilizing 2000 Census Multi-Race for Federal Grant Funding Source." Resolution WITHDRAWN.

Resolution Number #2006-09

A resolution in support of an amendment of the NAIHC Bylaws to avoid a conflict of interest in activities undertaken by the NAIHC Chair. Resolution WITHDRAWN.

Resolution Number #2006-10

A resolution in support of the establishment of a Formula Allocation Task Force within the National American Indian Housing Council.

NAIHC joins the Northwest Indian Housing Association to support the establishment of a Formula Allocation Task Force; and that NAIHC request the National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join NAIHC to support that Task Force.

Action taken: NAIHC established and supported the Formula Allocation Task Force. The Task Force met September 20-22, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 22-24, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona and December 5, 2006 at the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Resolution Number #2006-11

A resolution regarding Housing Census Data/Appropriations Issues-Resolution DEFEATED.

Resolution Number #2006-12

A resolution endorsing policy recommendations to promote financial education and asset building in Native Communities.

A resolution that NAIHC endorses policy recommendations of the Native Financial Education Coalition to promote financial education and asset building in Native communities; and that NAIHC encourages its members to take actions to help enact the policy recommendations to support financial education and asset building programs in their communities.

Action taken: NAIHC staff has engaged the Native American Financial Education Coalition (NAFEC) members in a proactive approach to integrate NAIHC's Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide with the efforts of NAFEC. NAIHC staff has also met with First Nations Oweesta Corporation in order to plan a new revised edition of Pathways Home.

Resolution Number #2006-13

A resolution in support of an amendment to the National American Indian Housing Council By-laws to prohibit the direct hiring of outside advocacy by the National American Indian Housing Council Chairman—Resolution WITHDRAWN.

Resolution Number #2006-14

A resolution to charge the National American Indian Housing Council Legislative Committee to establish a working group to distinguish between legislative and regulatory issues in order to identify positions for the upcoming Negotiated Rulemaking and possible statutory resolutions if not addressed during the upcoming Negotiated Rulemaking.

This resolution states the NAIHC Board of Directors will review and maintain consistency in membership positions taken by the Legislative Committee working group and supports the formation of the legislative committee working group. In addition, NAIHC supports that regulatory and policy issues identified shall be included during the next negotiated rulemaking committee or be considered in statutory language and included in the reauthorization by Congress of the NAHASDA 2002 Act as amended, or other legislative vehicles.

Action taken: The Legislative Committee is a standing committee of the membership of NAIHC. The Legislative Committee develops, advises and makes recommendations on legislative strategy to the Board of Directors. NAIHC proposed an amendment through a series of changes to titles I and II of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act slated for reauthorization in 2007 relating to negotiated rulemaking and consultation.

Resolution Number #2006-15

A resolution recommending having the Legislative Committee identify legislative amendments for the reauthorization of NAHASDA for 2002 (as amended).

This resolution states that the NAIHC Board of Directors will review and maintain consistency in membership positions taken by the

the Legislative Committee, and the NAIHC Legislative Committee will not conflict with the NAIHC Task Force on NAHBG Formula Allocation. In addition, the Legislative Committee identify legislative issues and draft statutory language to be included in the reauthorization by Congress of the NAHASDA of 2002 as amended, or other legislative vehicles.

Action taken: The Legislative Committee is a standing committee of the membership of NAIHC. The Legislative Committee serves in the capacity of evaluating, developing, prioritizing and proposing amendments to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. The Legislative Committee met August 22-23, 2006 in Seattle, Washington, October 25-26, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona, December 5, 2006 Las Vegas, Nevada. The Board of Directors endorsed proposed amendments to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act on which NAIHC has been actively advocating during reauthorization.

Resolution Number #2006-16

A resolution supporting the reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 2002 (as amended). This resolution states that NAIHC supports the reauthorization by Congress of NAHASDA for, at minimum, a successive five (5) year period.

Action taken: NAIHC vigorously supports reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act through 2012.

Resolution Number #2006-17

A resolution recommending that the NAIHC Task Force on IHBG Formula Allocation Product shall be voted upon by the Membership no later than December 2006.

The purpose and goal of the Task Force is to attempt to reach a position regarding counting American Indian and Alaska Natives in the formula, and if the task force is able to agree on a position by the early December 2006 deadline, then that position shall be put to a vote of the NAIHC membership at a duly called and noticed special meeting of the membership during NAIHC's Legal Symposium in December 2006. A majority vote of those members voting shall determine that the product becomes the official position of NAIHC.

Action taken: The Task Force presented its recommendations to the membership on December 7, 2006 at the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. Subsequently, the NAIHC Board of Directors decided that NAIHC will remain impartial on the formula allocation as it relates to Census data.

Resolution Number #2006-18

A Resolution to use a Universal Tribal Survey to replace US Census data currently used in the NAHASDA IHBG Allocation Formula. **Resolution POSTPONED.**

Resolution Number #2006-19

A resolution in support of each individual Sovereign Tribal Government exercising Self Determination regarding selection of formula distribution counting methodology.

The National American Indian Housing Council hereby supports the proposed position that each individual Sovereign Tribal government exercise its own Self Determination by identifying and selecting to utilize a validated data set that they have determined most accurately reflects the Tribal population in their area for formula distribution purposes.

Action taken: The NAIHC Board of Directors decided that NAIHC will remain impartial and will take no position in favor of, or in opposition to, the use of single-race or multi-race data for formula distribution purposes.





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