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# **About NAIHC**





The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. NAIHC is the only national organization representing the housing interests of native people who reside in tribal communities, Alaska Native Villages and on the native Hawaiian Home Lands. The NAIHC is composed of 273 members representing 466 tribes and housing organizations. NAIHC also has associate and individual members, organizations and individuals who support its mission. NAIHC is guided by a 10-member Board of Directors representing tribal housing programs in nine geographical regions throughout the United States.

### **NAIHC VISION STATEMENT**

To be the leading national organization in housing training, technical assistance and advocacy for native people.

# **NAIHC MISSION STATEMENT**

To effectively and efficiently promote and support American Indians, Alaska Natives and native Hawaiians in their self-determined goal to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for native people.

NAIHC is guided by a strategic plan that includes the following strategic goals:

- Maintain unity and strength with a high level of NAIHC membership satisfaction.
- · Provide effective advocacy for Native American housing.
- Implement an effective training and technical assistance program.
- Conduct research and educate the federal government and public on Native American housing needs.
- Maintain NAIHC as an efficient and financially stable organization.

NAIHC is supported by member dues and fees, government, foundation, association and private grants. If you are interested in supporting the work of NAIHC, please contact the organization at 202.789.1754 or info@naihc.net.

# Message from the

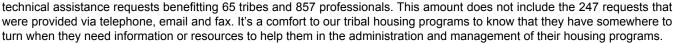
# **Chairwoman & Executive Director**

# Message from the Chairwoman

As Chairwoman of the Nation's only national tribal non-profit organization dedicated solely to advancing housing, physical infrastructure and economic development in tribal communities, I am pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

NAIHC is founded in the traditional native beliefs that together tribes can help each other in building strong and vibrant nations. This is true! Together...we are all part of the mission of providing quality affordable and culturally appropriate housing for our native people.

As a major partner to tribes and tribal housing programs, NAIHC is helping to build tribal communities. In 2010 alone, NAIHC fulfilled 89 on-site



NAIHC is proud to be the largest housing training provider in Indian Country. Last year, NAIHC held 43 intensive trainings – each session averaging three days. NAIHC training staff provided 14 separate, day-long trainings in conjunction with the regional housing association meetings; and, 74 separate workshops were held at the Annual Convention and Legal Symposium. No other native organization is providing this level of training for our communities.

I am proud to be a part of this native organization that is making such a profound difference in the area of training and technical assistance. The NAIHC staff is committed to updating and maintaining the Leadership Institute and Tuition-Free training course material—and our training methods—to ensure that NAIHC continues to be the preeminent training and technical assistance provider in Indian Country.



NAIHC exists because of the forethought and vision of our tribal leaders, who understood that a national organization be created to serve as the united voice to advance housing interests on a national stage. It was their intent that this organization be founded in the traditional and cultural ideals of native people. On behalf of the staff of NAIHC, I am honored to share with you the 2010 NAIHC Annual Report, a record of our work to uphold our founders' vision.

2010, the NAIHC's 36th year, was notable for its daunting challenges and concerted advocacy by the NAIHC Board and staff on behalf of its membership. This past year, tribes faced the real possibility of a federal appropriations reduction that would have devastated tribal housing programs. Tribal Leaders, NAIHC Board members, tribal housing



professionals and other allies, rallied to educate Congress, especially those on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, that a funding decrease of this magnitude would not only adversely impact housing development, but devastate the aspirations of self-sufficiency and self-sustaining economies in tribal communities.

While we were not fully satisfied with the final appropriations levels for tribal housing programs in FY 2011 budget; we fully understood the budget constraints facing Congress and the Administration. NAIHC has and will continue to educate Congress and the Administration on the need for adequate funding. We know we cannot do this alone, and we will be calling upon our membership and other allies to help us throughout the process.

Time and again, the organization emphasizes that the strength of its voice depends on the membership's unity. At every level of our work, NAIHC strives to bring together the collective interests and advance the priorities and policies of the NAIHC membership. We, like you, are determined to build strong and vibrant tribal communities.

We are thankful for your support in 2010 and look forward to working with each and every one of you as we continue to work in concert with all of our friends and allies.



# **Board** of Director's List



# Cheryl A. Causley, Chairwoman

**Bay Mills Housing Authority** 

# REGION I (AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI)

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Susie Hay, Executive Director Chippewa Cree Housing Authority

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Wendy Lawrence, Executive Director Makah Housing Authority

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Walker River Reservation Indian Housing Authority

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Floyd Tortalita, Executive Director Acoma Housing Authority

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### **REGION II - Alternate**

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Red Lake Band Of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority

### **REGION III - Alternate**

**Rebecca Phelps, Development Specialist**Turtle Mountain Housing Authority

### **REGION IV - Alternate**

Jason Dollarhide, Deputy Director Peoria Housing Authority

# **REGION V - Alternate**

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### **REGION VI – Alternate**

John Williamson, Executive Director Lower Elwha Housing Authority

### **REGION VII - Alternate**

Karen Gonzales, Executive Director Round Valley Indian Housing Authority

### **REGION VIII - Alternate**

Michael Chavez, Executive Director Zuni Housing Authority

# **REGION IX – Alternate**

Ron Hoffman, Executive Director AVCP Housing Authority/Calista Native Regional

# NAIHC: A Long Tradition of Training and Technical Assistance Solutions



# Your Complete Resource for Tribal Housing and Technical Assistance

Since 1987, the NAIHC has offered training and technical assistance (T/TA) services for tribes and tribal housing professionals. Each year, tribal housing program staff attends NAIHC training courses to enhance their management skills and broaden their knowledge of tribal housing operations and management. In addition, tribes and tribal housing programs benefit from free, specialized technical assistance provided by NAIHC's highly experienced staff and consultants.

NAIHC has several T/TA specialists located in six field offices across the country, all of whom have direct and extensive experience in the administration of tribal housing programs. From Florida to Washington State, NAIHC field specialists are located in Indian Country so as to better respond to the local training and technical assistance needs of tribal housing programs and other Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program recipients.

NAIHC employed 18 T/TA consultants in 2010, to supplement the six full time staff of T/TA specialists who respond to training and technical assistance requests. NAIHC consultants are located in Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington State.



# ■ Technical Assistance

NAIHC's technical assistance (TA) program is second to none in the tribal housing industry, and remains the cornerstone of the organization. The TA providers consist primarily of former executive directors and senior managers, all of whom have many years of experience in the tribal housing arena. NAIHC's highly qualified technical assistance specialists work on-site, via telephone, fax or e-mail free of charge at the request of any tribe or tribal housing program.

Technical assistance can come in different forms ranging from a simple phone call to a multi-day, on-site visit by a NAIHC TA provider. NAIHC works with tribal housing programs to design and develop a tailored technical assistance delivery plan.

All recipients of NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding are eligible to receive technical assistance at no cost. Although there is no fee for technical assistance services, funding is limited. While all requests for technical assistance may not warrant an on-site visit, the assistance ultimately provided is of the highest quality despite limited funding.

T/TA Requests Received: NAIHC received 144 T/TA requests from 91 tribes and 11 other tribal housing organizations/ non-IHBG recipients. (Note: Some tribes requested assistance more than once. Non-IHBG recipients were advised that they were not eligible for services.)

T/TA at the Tribal Level: NAIHC's T/TA specialists and consultants provided technical assistance and training to 65 tribal housing programs on 89 occasions and served 857 tribal housing professionals. (Note: Some tribes were served more than once.)

T/TA via Telephone, Fax, and Email: NAIHC's T/TA specialists and consultants provided technical assistance via telephone,

fax and email, on 247 occasions in 2010, serving 253 tribal housing professionals from 86 tribal housing programs and 10 tribal housing related entities.

Model Policies: NAIHC distributed 68 Model Housing Policy resource CDs in 2010. The CD contains 13 model policies and a Policy Development Guidebook developed by NAIHC and approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP). The CD is available by request to any tribal housing program.





# Training

NAIHC courses are designed to increase the knowledge and proficiency of tribal housing professionals in specialized areas of housing management: finance and budgets, resident services, development, procurement, occupancy, modernization and program administration. NAIHC's course schedule is comprehensive, and consists of Leadership Institute and Tuition-Free Training courses. NAIHC training programs are always cutting edge, and course content is continually updated to meet the changing needs in tribal housing.

In addition to the formally scheduled classroom training sessions, NAIHC offers specialized training on a regional basis and during the NAIHC Annual Convention and Legal Symposium. Additionally, under certain circumstances, NAIHC can create custom training programs designed to meet unique specifications and timelines. All training is conducted by experienced instructors, who provide the technical and professional tools to successfully operate a tribal housing program.

NAIHC Leadership Institute: Essential for Successful Tribal Housing Management. NAIHC's Leadership Institute (LI) is a management certification program that is uniquely designed for individuals involved in the administration, development and management of tribal housing programs.

The LI program seeks to improve and increase management skills specific to the tribal housing industry. It offers individuals the opportunity to excel and expand their leadership abilities. The courses provide participating professionals with the building blocks needed to run successful tribal housing programs.

Those who complete the required courses by May of each year can earn a Professional Indian Housing Managers certification, awarded at NAIHC's Annual Convention. Four students completed their required course work in 2010.

The Leadership Institute experienced the highest attendance since 2007, with 505 students attending the training courses in 2010. NAIHC offered 18 courses, covering 12 different topics. The Resident Services training held in Las Vegas, Nevada in December had 56 participants, and the Financial Management I course held in Denver, Colorado had 40 students.

NAIHC's Training and Technical Assistance staff began revising and reformatting all Leadership Institute training materials to provide a more professional and uniform appearance. Also in 2010, the T/TA staff attended training on course content and application design and began to work with a consultant for the redesign of all LI courses. When the redesign is complete, the Leadership Institute will give students access to more handson exercises, opportunities to receive immediate feedback on the course subject matter, and increased benefits from other tools that enhance job performance.

Tuition-Free Training: Courses Cover Wide Range of Topics. NAIHC offers courses free of charge, thus encouraging participation by tribes and tribal housing programs that do not have a large training budget. These courses cover select topics in tribal housing, such as homeownership, leveraging funding, low-income housing tax credit compliance, housing maintenance, self-monitoring and drug elimination. The courses do not focus on mandated regulations but are designed

to address the conditions and situations faced by tribal housing communities while providing basic housing services. Tuition-Free courses help to further the opportunities for tribal housing while addressing current trends and changes.

In 2010, NAIHC conducted 20 tuition-free training courses with 411 tribal housing professionals in attendance. The courses explore alternative programs and resources beyond the more traditional HUD funding sources, introduce leveraging housing dollars with tax credits, and provide essential counseling in preparing for homeownership.

### Pathways Home: A Native Guide to Homeownership.

NAIHC has been the lead agency for Pathways Home: A Native Guide to Homeownership training since 2004. The Pathways curriculum was developed specifically for native communities and seeks to provide native homebuyers with the following: understanding of the mortgage loan process; how to prepare a family budget; methods for improving credit profiles; avoiding the pitfalls of predatory lending; and how to maintain a home and personal finances following a home purchase.

This five-day comprehensive train-the-trainer course instructs tribal housing and financial education professionals how to provide the course to prospective native homebuyers in their local communities. Those who complete the course earn a national certification as Homebuyer Education Instructors. In 2010, NAIHC conducted five national Pathways sessions that were attended by 85 students from 43 tribal housing programs.

Pathways Home Workbooks. NAIHC also distributes Pathways Home workbooks to tribal housing programs that have certified Pathways Home trainers and that conduct homebuyer education training sessions for Native Americans. The workbooks were used to support 32 homebuyer education training sessions in 25 tribal communities, in five formal classroom sessions offered nationally by NAIHC, and for three tribal housing related organizations. A total of 1,187 workbooks (865 participant, 182 instructor, and 140 methods manuals) were distributed in 2010.

Regional Indian Housing Association Training. Upon request, NAIHC provides training in conjunction with the quarterly meetings of the nine recognized Regional Indian Housing Associations. This training is generally geared toward assisting local tribes in managing their housing program, with a special emphasis on the region's specific and unique issues.

In 2010, NAIHC provided 14 training sessions to seven of the nine Regional Indian Housing Associations with 321 tribal housing professionals in attendance.

Scholarships. NAIHC provides training scholarships for qualified applicants to attend NAHASDA-related training sponsored by NAIHC and HUD. The scholarships help to offset travel-related expenses for tribes and tribal housing programs that have a limited travel budget.

In 2010 NAIHC received 683 scholarship applications, and 523 were approved. Of that number, 307 scholarships were used by students to offset travel expenses related to attending training sessions.

# Training and Technical Assistance Programs Table for 2010

Technical Assistance	#	# of Tribes (others)	# of Housing Professionals Served	Notes
Requests Received	144	91 (11)	N/A	Some tribes requested assistance more than once.
TA Delivered On-Site	89	65	857	
TA Delivered via Phone, Fax,& Email	247	86 (10)	253	
Model Policies Distributed	64	53 (3)	N/A	NAIHC provides model policies on CDs.
Training	# of Topics Offered	# of Trainings Offered	# of Participants Attending	Notes
Leadership Institute	12	18	505	
Tuition-Free	13	20	411	
Pathways Home	1	5	85	
Regional Indian Housing Association	14	14	321	Provided training in response to requests.
Convention	50	52	700*	
Legal Symposium	21	22	458*	
Training Support	# of Workbooks Distributed	# of Training Sessions Supported		Notes
Pathways Home (Workbook Distribution)	1187	40		Includes workbooks used for ALL Pathways classes.

<sup>\*</sup> Event registration number: attendees attended one or more of the training sessions offered.





# Communications: Your Tribal Clearing House

NAIHC's communications mission is to keep its membership informed and to educate Members of Congress, lobbyists, potential sponsors, tribal and mainstream media and the general public on tribal housing issues. As the

membership embraces electronic and digital media, NAIHC's communications has fully transferred to electronic and web-based outlets in order to efficiently reach its membership, tribes and the general public.

# The New NAIHC Website

NAIHC uses multiple electronic and web-based methods to educate tribal communities and the general public. The primary portal of tribal housing information is the NAIHC website (www.naihc.net). In 2010, NAIHC worked with staff to revamp the organization's website in order to better reflect and showcase significant activities and important announcements. NAIHC's website is an essential tool in providing real-time information, and is maintained and updated on a regular basis.





# **Electronic Outreach to Tribal Housing Programs**

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### **NAIHC Joins the Social Media Network**

In 2010, NAIHC launched a Facebook fan page to generate interest and educate the general public on tribal housing issues. The Facebook page is updated regularly with information on upcoming trainings and events, relevant news and information and captivating photos from recent and past happenings

and events. The Facebook fan page is a great way for the membership and general public to share their housing success stories, learn new ideas from their peers and participate in online discussions and forums.

## **Educate the General Public on Tribal Housing Issues**

Many tribal members and the general public are not well informed about tribal housing issues. NAIHC is dedicated to highlighting the positive accomplishments of the organization and its membership. From hosting young students from the Native American Community Academy to making presentations at the National Conference of State Legislators, NAIHC seizes every opportunity to educate the public about pivotal issues that are critical to understanding the importance of tribal housing programs.

Publication	# of Issues
Native Housing Update	23
Federal Monitor	5
Media Releases/Advisories	22
Action Alerts/Announcements	20



# Membership: Unity, Strength and Tradition

The key to NAIHC's success is its strong unified voice to advance a national agenda on tribal housing. Whether it is advocating for increased funding or forming intertribal partnerships to build the tribal capacity to operate housing programs, NAIHC's membership is deeply rooted in the traditional native concepts of serving their people and communities. It is this passion that unifies the membership and strengthens the mission and goals of NAIHC.

NAIHC Membership is available in three categories: Voting Membership, Associate Membership and Individual Membership.

### **Voting Membership**

NAIHC's Voting Membership is made up of 273 tribal housing programs, representing approximately 466 tribes across Indian Country. NAIHC Voting Members have direct access to a number of services and benefits that can help them efficiently administer their housing programs. Voting Members consider membership resolutions at NAIHC's annual meeting of members and vote to establish national priorities and policies for the tribal housing agenda. Members become a part of NAIHC's voice and benefit from its position as the preeminent national organization for tribal housing. NAIHC attributes its success to the valuable input from the membership. The organization welcomes feedback because



it enables NAIHC to address the major issues in tribal housing. ensuring that each individual tribe's needs are heard.

### **Associate Membership**

NAIHC's Associate Membership is made up of tribal housing affiliates, such as businesses, organizations and other entities that partner with tribes and tribal housing programs. Associate Members believe in the organization's mission, understand the importance of building strong native communities and are compassionate and determined to partner with tribes in supporting this effort. Becoming an Associate Member of NAIHC allows organizations an opportunity to showcase their products and services to a targeted audience. Associate Membership in NAIHC also opens access to resources and information – providing the latest developments and advances in the tribal housing arena.

### **Individual Membership**

Individuals who are supportive of tribal housing and NAIHC's mission may become a non-voting Individual Member. Individual Membership is available for people who do not qualify in the first two categories, but want to contribute to the cause of providing housing for native people. To broaden the base and increase the number of individual members of NAIHC, the organization significantly lowered the membership dues for this membership category in 2010.

NAIHC continually seeks ways to enhance and expand its membership. The organization's presence at national and regional meetings has grown to include information about membership, up-to-date training schedules and scholarship information. As a result, the number of associate members has not only increased to 15, but the sponsorship for NAIHC events and the overall level of major contributors has grown in 2010.

The organization continues to strive to reach a total membership of 100% of NAHASDA recipients by 2020.

Reverend Jesse Jackson and the Native American Finance Officers' Association's (NAFOA) president Bill Lomax, showing their recognition and support of the work that housing professionals around the country are doing to create safe and affordable housing.

# **NAIHC** Regional Members

Region I (AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI)

Akwesasne Housing Authority

Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority

Mississippi Choctaw Housing Authority

Haliwa-Saponi Housing Authority

Indian Township Passamaguoddy Housing Authority

ISWA Development Corporation (Catawba)

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Maliseet Indian Housing Authority

Micmac Housing Authority

MOWA Choctaw Housing Authority

Narragansett Indian Tribe Housing

Oneida Housing Corporation Penobscot Nation Housing Department Pleasant Point Passamaguoddy Indian **Housing Authority** Poarch Creek Housing Department Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (Qualla Housing Authority) Seminole Tribe of Florida Housing Department Seneca Nation Housing Authority Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe



# **NAIHC** Conferences

As the premiere national tribal housing organization, NAIHC continues to provide excellent forums that convene tribal housing leaders and professionals in active and productive dialogue on pivotal housing issues. Each conference and event specifically targets the organization's goal of advancing a national agenda on tribal housing – at the grassroots, regional, national and international levels. NAIHC conferences are the venue where Indian Country meets to develop new missions, visions, goals and objectives in order to create quality and affordable housing for generations to come.

# 2010 Legislative Conference

# **Advancing Tribal Communities**

The 2010 Legislative Conference featured outstanding guest speakers from the Administration and Capitol Hill, making this conference one of the most successful in recent years. For the first time in the history of the conference, a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary addressed the NAIHC membership. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan graciously spent nearly an hour addressing the agency's approach to meeting the enormous housing need in Indian Country and answering questions about the President's FY 2011 Budget Request to Congress – a budget that would have reduced the Indian Housing Block Grant funding level by \$120 million. Other plenary speakers included Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk, USDA Rural Development Deputy Under Secretary Victor Vasquez and U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves. An Indian Country update was also offered by the National Congress of American Indians.

During the afternoon Capitol Hill session, seven Members of Congress addressed the NAIHC membership, including Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Tom Udall (D-NM), John Tester (D-MT) and Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ), Tom Cole (R-OK) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM). All Members asserted their strong support, and recognized the need for safe and sanitary housing in tribal communities. Attendees of the 2010 Legislative Conference praised NAIHC for the well-represented participation of political officials.

NAIHC brought a new approach to the 2010 Legislative Conference by offering a free advocacy training session to help tribal housing professionals become effective advocates on Capitol Hill. The training, presented by Heather Dawn Thompson, partner at Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, had approximately 55 attendees.

# NAIHC Regional Members (cont.)

### Region II (MN, MI, WI)

Bad River Indian Housing Authority

Bay Mills Housing Authority

Bois Forte Reservation Housing Department

Fond du Lac Housing Authority

Grand Portage Indian Housing Authority

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa

Indians Housing Authority

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community

Development Agency

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of

Potawatomi Housing Authority

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Lac Courte Oreilles Indian Housing Authority

Lac du Flambeau Indian Housing Authority

Lac Vieux Desert Indian Reservation

Leech Lake Indian Housing Authority

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian

Lower Sioux Mdewakanton Community

Menominee Tribal Housing Department

Michigan Potawatomi Housing Authority

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Housing Department

Oneida Housing Authority

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Housing

Department

Red Cliff Indian Housing Authority

Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority

Saginaw Chippewa Housing Authority

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Housing Authority

Sokaogon Chippewa Community Housing

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Department

St. Croix Chippewa Indian Housing Authority

Stockbridge-Munsee Division of

Community Housing

Upper Sioux Community Housing Program

White Earth Indian Housing Authority

WI Potawatomi Housing Authority - Forest County

Potawatomi



# **NAIHC** Conferences (cont.)

# 2010 Annual Convention & Trade Show

# **Building Homes, Building Communities, Building Nations**

NAIHC's Annual Convention & Trade show was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25-27, 2010. During the convention, NAIHC offered 52 training sessions in eight different tracks, including Housing Entity Basics, Green Building and Sustainability, Banking and Loan Products and Homeownership. The convention drew nearly 680 attendees representing tribal housing programs across Indian Country.

The three-day event also included a Legislative Committee meeting, and a welcome reception held at the Nicollet Island Pavilion, a historic location in downtown Minneapolis with stunning views of the city's skyline. In addition, 40 exhibitors and arts and craft vendors participated in the two-day trade show.



The 2010 Annual Convention also included two new community activities: the community service project and Healthy Start Walk. Working with the American Indian Community Development Corporation, NAIHC organized a beautification project at the Anishinabe Wakiagun (The People's Home) facility located in the heart of the Minneapolis urban-Indian community. The Healthy Start Walk traveled along the prominent Franklin Avenue toward the Minneapolis American Indian Center. The walk was sponsored by the Corporation for Supportive Housing. Both the activities exposed attendees to the urban Indian community and left a lasting mark of NAIHC's presence in Minneapolis – an effort the organization hopes to continue in the future.

Recognized at the annual awards banquet were the out-going NAIHC Chairman Marty Shuravloff and Board Members Paul Iron Cloud and Aneva Yazzie. Four Leadership Institute students received their certification as Professional Indian Housing Managers. Each year NAIHC recognizes the lifetime achievements of two leaders (one man and one woman) in tribal housing through the Virginia Kizer Award and George Nolan Award. The Virginia Kizer Award was presented to Michelle Glazier, Executive Director of the Walker River Paiute Indian Housing Authority. The George Nolan Award was presented to Amos Prue, CEO of the SWA Corporation of the Rosebud Tribe. NAIHC Director of Administration Lena Duncan received the NAIHC Employee Award for Excellence.

# 2010 Annual Members Meeting

At the annual members meeting, Cheryl A. Causley, Executive Director of the Bay Mills Housing Authority, was elected by the membership to serve as NAIHC's Chairwoman for a two-year term. Immediately following the meeting, the Board of Directors designated the following individuals to serve on the executive board:

Vice Chairman Floyd Tortalita Acoma Housing Authority

Secretary Susie Hay Chippewa Cree Housing Authority
Treasurer Russell Sossamon Choctaw Nation Housing Authority

During the meeting, a total of 166 voting members, including proxies, were present. Three resolutions were adopted by the membership (see resolution section on page 26).

**Bio – Cheryl A. Causley,** Chairwoman, National American Indian Housing Council Executive Director, Bay Mills Housing Authority

Cheryl A. Causley was elected the Chairwoman of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) in May 2010, and has served as the Executive Director of the Bay Mills Indian Community Housing Authority located in Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula since 1990. In her capacity as Executive Director, Mrs. Causley also oversees the tribe's Land Office and its Utility Authority. Mrs. Causley has served on the NAIHC Board of Directors since 1998 as the vice-Chairperson and Secretary. She also served as the Co-Chairperson of the National Indian Housing Summit in Reno, Nevada in September 2005, and as the Chairwoman of the NAIHC Formula Task Force from September to December in 2006. Mrs. Causley is a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community.





# NAIHC Conferences (cont.)

# 2010 Legal Symposium

# A Forum on Regulatory and Legal Issues

The 2010 Legal Symposium was held at the Planet Hollywood Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 7-9, 2010. The symposium is the second largest conference hosted annually by NAIHC, providing a forum to discuss regulatory and legal issues in the tribal housing arena as well as community development issues affecting tribes.

More than 20 training sessions were presented during the Symposium, including a select few that offered Continuing Legal Education credit, such as "Legal Aspects of Best Value Procurement in Tribal Housing," "Legal and Regulatory Issues: Criminal History and Tribal Housing Criminal Policies" and "Corporate Law for Tribal Housing Programs."

During the Symposium, NAIHC offered a free day-long advocacy training session that attracted over 150 participants. The training proved to be a huge success, helping to boost the overall symposium attendance to 487 attendees and providing membership with training about effective tools that enhance advocacy for tribal housing funds and legislation.

The 2010 Legal Symposium drew a large number of attendees and is considered the most successful symposium to date.

# **NAIHC** Regional Members (cont.)

### Region III (ND, SD, NE, IA)

Cheyenne River Housing Authority
Crow Creek Housing Authority
Flandreau Santee Housing Authority
Fort Berthold Housing Authority
Lower Brule Housing Authority
Northern Ponca Tribe Housing
Authority

Oglala Sioux Housing Authority
Omaha Tribe Department of Housing
Rosebud/Sigangu Wicoti

Aeanyakape Corporation
Sac-Fox Tribe Housing Authority

Santee Sioux Tribal Housing

<u>Authority</u>

Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority

Spirit Lake Housing Corporation/Fort Totten

Standing Rock Housing Authority
Trenton Housing Authority

Turtle Mountain Housing Authority
Winnebago Housing & Development
Commission

Yankton Sioux Tribal Housing Authority

# Region IV (OK, LA, KS, East TX)

Absentee/Shawnee Housing Authority Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town Housing Alabama-Coushatta Indian Housing Authority

Bak-Kho-Je Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe (Oklahoma)

Cherokee Nation

Cheyenne Arapaho Housing Authority Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing Chitimacha Tribal Housing Authority Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Housing Authority

Comanche Indian Tribe Housing Authority Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority Fort Sill Apache Housing Authority Housing Authority of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska

Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma

Kaw Tribal Housing Authority
Housing Authority of the Kickapoo Tribe
of Kansas

Housing Authority of Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

Kiowa Housing Authority

Miami Tribe

**Modoc Housing Authority** 

Osage Nation Housing Department
Otoe-Missouria Indian Housing

Authority

Pawnee Nation Housing Authority
Ponca Tribal Housing Authority
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Housing
Authority

Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma

Sac-Fox Tribe of Missouri Housing Authority

Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma Shawnee Tribe

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

Tonkawa Tribal Housing Authority

Tunica Biloxi Housing Authority

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma

Western Delaware Indian Housing

Authority
Wichita Housing Authority

Wyandotte Nation Housing Department

# Financial Statements



# NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2010

(With summarized financial information for December 31, 2009)

ASSETS	Draft 	2009
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 496,627	\$ 664,821
Grants and contracts receivable	987,481 *	142,231
Prepaid expense	13,965	14,051
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>1,498,073</u>	\$ <u>821,103</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	\$ <u>44,627</u>	\$ 290,273
OTHER ASSETS		
Deposits	\$ <u>27,318</u>	\$ <u>32,750</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ 27,318	\$ 32,750
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>1,570,018</u>	\$ <u>1,144,126</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 389,079	\$ 236,737
Accrued vacation payable	51,191	40,583
Capital lease payable, current portion	4,435	26,820
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>444,705</u>	\$ 304,140
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Deferred rent	\$ 14,425	\$ 37,153
Deferred revenue		1,770
Capital lease payable, net of current portion Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 14,425	3,281 \$ 42,204
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 14,423	\$ 42,204
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>459,130</u>	\$ <u>346,344</u>
NET ASSETS	\$ <u>1,110,888</u>	\$ <u>797,783</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	\$ <u>1,570,018</u>	\$ <u>1,144,127</u>

# Financial Statements (cont.)

# NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

(With summarized financial information for December 31, 2009)

	Draft	
	2010	2009
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
HUD Grants	\$ 2,976,562	\$ 2,524,755
Advocacy	120,000	120,000
Housing First		56,500
Convention	395,574	343,000
Member Dues	327,250	310,098
Leadership Institute	255,755	226,012
Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference	160,956	173,564
Grants	291,080 *	65,605
Interest Income	1,318	2,801
Other Income	165	1,462
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$ <u>4,528,661</u>	\$ <u>3,823,797</u>
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
HUD Grants	\$ 2,067,163	\$ 1,739,821
Advocacy	141,466	187,764
Housing First		61,253
Convention	214,355	257,022
Leadership Institute	42,570	100,797
Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference	131,928	146,308
Grants	384	23,607
Government Affairs	134,937	137,736
Communications	68,907	
Fundraising	14,996	
Supporting Services		
G&A – Unallowable		10,537
Management and General	1,398,850	1,173,696
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>4,215,556</u>	\$ <u>3,838,541</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 313,105	\$ (14,744)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>797,783</u>	812,527
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>1,110,888</u>	\$ <u>797,783</u>

<sup>\*</sup>Includes funds received in 2010 that will be expended in 2011.



The Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) is the advocacy arm of NAIHC, and is essential to advancing the mission and vision of the organization. The OGA represents the unique and historic interests of tribes and tribal housing programs regarding American Indian, Alaska Native and native Hawaiian housing issues.

# The responsibilities of the OGA include:

- · Maintaining relationships with members of Congress and their staff.
- Maintaining a productive working relationship with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and other federal agencies
- · Providing advocacy services for tribes and tribal housing programs
- Representing NAIHC before Congress and the federal government to advocate for legislation and policies favorable to American Indian, Alaska Native and native Hawaiian housing and community development needs.



# NAHASDA – the Cornerstone for Tribal Housing Development

Grounded in the solid foundation of Indian Self-Determination, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act "NAHASDA" was enacted in 1996 as a result of the combined efforts of tribes, tribal housing programs, national/regional Indian organizations and Federal policymakers to lay out a new vision for building strong tribal communities by providing quality and affordable housing and related physical infrastructure.

The objective of NAHASDA is to consolidate formerly separate Federal housing programs into a single block grant (Indian Housing Block Grant - IHBG), and to provide tribes greater decision-making authority over their housing programs.

# **Updates from Capitol Hill**

### Current issues and information regarding key legislation affecting tribal housing

### ■ Legislative Update – 111th Congress

While the delivery of housing has improved since NAHASDA was enacted in 1996, many challenges remain. Those challenges include working with tribal trust lands that are held in common and cannot be collateralized to attract private capital, inadequate or non-existent physical infrastructure and weak economic conditions that hinder the development of a robust housing sector.

Without a doubt, NAHASDA is the single largest source of housing capital for Indian people. However, its future success depends on the ability of tribes to adequately address these other challenges.

NAIHC's legislative agenda seeks legislative remedies to tackle regulatory impediments and meet the many challenges to providing housing and to preserve and expand the sovereign authority and self-determination of tribes in order to adequately address their housing needs.



### **Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2010**

### A win for tribal housing and Indian veterans

H.R. 3553, the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2010 (Veterans' Act), was introduced on September 10, 2009, by Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ). The Veterans' Act excludes funds received by a veteran, or his or her family members, from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related disability, indemnity, or dependency from the definition of "gross income" under NAHASDA. This definition amends NAHASDA to be consistent with the IRS code.

On April 20, 2010 the House unanimously passed the Veterans' Act and the Senate passed the measure on September 27, 2010. In October 2010, the Veterans' Act was signed by the President. HUD determined that the Veterans' Act was self-implementing and issued Notice PIH 2011 -15 (ONAP) on March 18, 2011 affirming that no conforming regulation was required.



### **HEARTH Act**

# Providing an efficient tribal residential leasing process

In 111th Congress, the HEARTH Act was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and introduced in the Senate by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND). During review and consideration by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the bill was modified to include provisions related to the tribal environmental review that were negotiated by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs leadership, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Solicitor's Office, Representative Heinrich and the NAIHC.

A modified version of the bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. NAIHC supports this version.

# NAIHC Regional Members (cont.)

# Region V (MT, WY, CO, UT)

Blackfeet Indian Housing Authority

Crow Tribal Housing Authority
Eastern Shoshone Housing
Authority

Fort Belknap Housing Authority
Fort Peck Housing Authority
Goshute Housing Authority
Northern Arapaho Housing
Authority

Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority

Northwestern Band of Shoshone Indian Housing Authority, Inc.

Chippewa Cree Housing Authority

Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority

Southern Ute Tribally Designated Housing Entity

Utah Paiute Housing Authority Ute Indian Housing Authority Ute Mountain Ute Housing Authority

# Region VI (WA, OR, ID)

Chehalis Housing Authority Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority

Colville Indian Housing Authority
Confederated Tribes of the Coos
Lower Umpqua and Suislaw Indians
Coquille Indian Housing Authority
Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing
Fort Hall Housing Authority

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing

Authority
Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Klamath Tribe Housing Department

Lower Elwha Housing Department Lower Elwha Housing Authority Lummi Housing Authority

Makah Housing Authority

Metlakatla Housing Authority
Muckleshoot Housing Authority

Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Nisqually Tribal Housing Program Nooksack Indian Housing Authority

Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority

Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority
Quileute Housing Authority
Quinault Housing Authority
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Siletz Indian Housing Authority
Skokomish Housing Department
Southern Puget Sound Inter-Tribal
Housing Authority\*

Hoh Tribe

Shoalwater Bay Tribe

Spokane Indian Housing Authority

Squaxin Island Tribe

Stillaguamish Tribal Housing Authority

Suquamish Tribal Housing Authority Swinomish Housing Authority

Tulalip Housing Department

Umatilla Indian Housing Authority
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Warm Springs Indian Housing

≀ut⊓o⊓ty ∕akama Nation

Yakama Nation Housing Authority



### **HEARTH Act (cont.)**

### **HEARTH** moves forward in the 112th Congress

In March 2011, Vice Chairman Barrasso (R-WY) and Chairman Akaka (D-HI) introduced S.703, the HEARTH Act of 2011. The House companion bill, H.R.205, was introduced by Representative Heinrich in January 2011.

The HEARTH Act will offer authority for capable and willing Indian tribes to enact their own tribal leasing regulations, and to negotiate and enter into certain leases without the approval of the Secretary. The Act will strengthen both tribal self-determination and tribal economies.

Per both H.R.205 and S.703, it is crucial that any such proposal be made available to Indian tribes on a voluntary basis, allowing the tribes themselves to decide whether or not to participate.

In addition, the HEARTH legislation directs the BIA to prepare and submit to the Congress a report detailing the history and experience of Indian tribes that have chosen to assume responsibility for administering the Indian Land Title and Records Office ("LTRO") functions from the BIA.

### Federal Budget

NAIHC presents a budget request each year to Congress proposing appropriation levels to fund various housing programs that are provided to tribal communities. From the Indian Housing Block Grant program in the Department of Housing Urban Development to the Indian Veterans Home Loan Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs, NAIHC continually monitors and tracks the appropriations process to ensure that tribal housing programs are adequately funded.

### Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations

On February 1, 2010, President Barack Obama submitted his budget request for fiscal year 2011. The proposed budget included unprecedented cuts to funding for NAHASDA.

The President's FY 011 budget request proposed \$580 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), a reduction of \$120 million dollars (approximately 17%) from the previous fiscal year. If enacted, it would have been the lowest single-year funding level appropriated for the IHBG since NAHASDA became law in 1996 and was funded in 1998.

After the President's proposed budget was released, NAIHC representatives continued to meet throughout the year with various constituents on Capitol Hill to articulate concerns regarding the proposed cuts to the IHBG program and the potential devastating impact on housing programs in Indian Country. At every available opportunity NAIHC also submitted written testimony regarding appropriations.

For FY 2011, none of the 12 appropriations subcommittees were able to pass budgets. Since October 1, 2010, the government programs have been operating under several Continuing Resolutions (CR).

On April 15, 2011, President Obama signed Public Law 112-10, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011; concluding an appropriations process six and one-half months after the FY 2011 budget year began. The final CR included approximately \$650 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program; \$50 million less than the \$700 million appropriated for FY2010, but \$70 million more than the President's FY2011 Budget Request of \$580 million, and \$150 million more than H.R. 1 – a funding proposal that was introduced in the House of Representatives in February 2011.

HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program was reduced by more than 20 percent, but the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) component remained at \$65 million for FY 2011, still far less than needed for the enormous housing and infrastructure needs in Indian Country. HUD's Rural Innovation Program was eliminated and a \$5 million program for tribal economic development was also canceled.



# Native American Housing Appropriations



May 17, 2011

Housing Appropriations	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2012
Dollars in Millions	Enacted	Enacted	Enacted	ARRA	Enacted	Final CR 4/15/11	President's Proposed	NAIHC Proposed
**All Amounts are Before any Across-the-Board Reductions						H.R. 1473 4/15/2011***	<b>Budget</b> 2/14/2011	<b>Budget</b> 02/14/11
HUD								
Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA	630	630	645	255	700	029	200	875 <sup>a.</sup>
Set-Asides: Transformation Initiative by HUD	4	4.3	4.3	2.3	4.3	4.3	3.5	TBD <sup>b.</sup>
Training & Technical Assistance	0	2	3.5		3.5	3.5	0	4.8
Title VI Loan Guarantee	2	2	7		2	7	2	7
Total Available for Formula after Set-Asides	617	622	635		692	640		898
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (competitive)				242.5			<b>269</b>	
NAIHC T&TA: SHOP 2004-2006, Neighborhood Intitiatives 2008	0	1						
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	6	6	10	10.2	13	13	10	20
Set-Aside: HUD Training and Technical Assistance	0.3	0.3	6.0		0.3	6.0	6.0	9.0
Loan Guarantees								
Section 184 Home Ownership	9	8	6		7	2	2	6
Section 184A Home Ownership (Hawaiian)	1	1	1		1	l l	0	l
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	4,178	3,866	3,642	1,000	4,450	3,508	4,150	4,603
Set-Asides: Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)	69	62	9	10	65	9	9	100
Imminent Threat (Set-Asides from ICDBG)	4	4	7		4	4	4	7
Rural Innovation Program 🌼	17	17	56		25	0	25	30
Economic Development Assistance for Tribes			2		5	0	2	12
Healthy Homes Initiative (Office of Lead Hazard Control)	6	6	15	100	20	0	20	20
Labor								
YouthBuild (Transferred to Labor in FY 2006)	50	60	70	20	102.5	80	115	120
Veterans Affairs								
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program	0.7	0.6	0.6		0.6	9.0	TBD	0.7 <sup>c.</sup>
Interior								
BIA Indian Loan Guarantee Program	2	9	8	10	8.2	8.2	3.1	6
BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP)	19	14	14	20	12.6	12.6	12.6	09
IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction	94	96	96	100	96	96	19.6	131
USDA								
Section 502 Single-Family Loans (Direct)	1,129	1,129	1,121	1,000	1,121	1,121	211	2,500
Section 502 Single-Family Loans (Guaranteed)	2,891	4,220	6,224	10,500	12,000	12,000	24,000	12
Section 504 Very Low Income Repair Grant						***	11.5	09
Section 515 Multi-Family Loans (Direct)	98	70	70		69.5	69.5	95	250
Section 538 Multi-Family Loans (Guaranteed)	98	130	129		129	30.9	0	150
Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants	10	6	6		6.6	***	0	09
c								

Any funds to satisfy Formula Current Assisted Stock litigation should be derived from additional appropriations or another source and should not be allowed to cause harm to IHBG recipients.

NAIHC maintains an appropriations table with updated proposed budget numbers, including past budget appropriations, the President's proposed budget, and current congressional budget proposals. The appropriations table can be found on the NAIHC website www.naiho.net.

To Be Determined. NAIHC membership has expressed a concern about the quality of training provided by HUD contractors.

Entitlement program - no appropriations needed

As part of the agreement between the President and bipartisan congressional leaders, all discretionary programs would be subject to an across-the-board 0.2 percent rescission.



# Congressional Field Hearings and Educating the Public

In 2010, Congressional committees held field hearings on tribal housing issues in Arizona and South Dakota. The NAIHC worked with the Congressional committee's staff to generate media advisories and releases, and to help build outreach to local tribal and mainstream media.

"Native Americans are the first to answer the call of duty to protect this great country that we all call home. Yet, sadly, they often return to their homelands to face extraordinary challenges that other veterans do not face in obtaining safe, quality and affordable housing," Willie said. "The Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act will remedy this situation and level the playing field for all Indian veterans by revising the definition of income for NAHASDA purposes to exclude payments for service-related disability, dependence or indemnity."

NAIHC Executive Director Mellor C. Willie testifying in support of the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2009 at the House Financial Services field hearing in Window Rock, Ariz. on April 10, 2010.



Russell Sossamon, a member of NAIHC's Board of Directors, testified about "Innovative Solutions to Addressing Housing Needs in Tribal Communities," before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs in August 2010, The field hearing was held in South Dakota to address the housing conditions in Indian Country and the innovative approaches tribal housing entities are taking to provide adequate housing for their members.

# NAIHC Regional Members (cont.)

Region VII (CA, NV)

All Mission Indian Housing Authority \*

Barona Tribe Group

Cahuilla Band La Jolla Band Pauma Band

Rincon Reservation

Santa Rosa Rancheria

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash

Viejas Tribe
Big Pine Tribe - Community Development Department
Big Valley Rancheria
Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria

Campo Housing Authority

Chemehuevi Housing Department

Chico Rancheria Housing Corporation - Mechoopda

Chukchansi Indian Housing Authority (Picayune)

Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California

Cortina Rancheria
Coyote Valley Tribal Housing Department
Cuyapaipe Tribe (Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay)
Dry Creek Rancheria
Duck Valley Indian Housing Authority
Duckwater Shoshore
Tribe Housing Authority

Elk Valley Rancheria

Ely Shoshone Housing Authority

Fallon Paiute/Shoshone Indian Housing Authority

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Fort Bidwell Indian Community Housing Fort McDermitt Paiute - Shoshone Tribe

Greenville Rancheria

Hoopa Valley Indian Housing Authority

Indian Housing Authority of Central California

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

Lovelock Paiute
Lytton Rancheria of California
Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation Housing
Mesa Grande Indian Housing Authority
Moapa/Paiute Indian Housing Authority

Modoc-Lassen Indian Housing Authority \*

Grindstone Rancheria

Quartz Valley Rancheria

Morongo Realty Department

North Fork Rancheria

Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority \* Berry Creek Rancheria Guidiville Rancheria Hopland Rancheria

Manchester Point Arena Rancheria

Mooretown Rancheria

Redwood Rancheria

Owens Valley Indian Housing Authority

"Out of sheer necessity and in the interest of promoting tribal self-determination and self-governance, tribes across the nation have begun developing innovative programs that complement Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act programs in order to meet the tremendous housing backlog in Indian Country," said Sossamon, Executive Director of the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority. "These innovative developments generally fall into two categories - financing innovations and actual program or housing development innovations." NAIHC Board Member stated in his testimony.

# Advocacy Training

In conjunction with the 2010 Legal Symposium, NAIHC held a one-day advocacy training on Tuesday, December 7. The session was at capacity with approximately 150 attendees. During the session, participants were provided with tools to help them successfully advocate on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Break out groups participated in exercises designed to develop advocacy strategies and plans around five specific issues. The issue topics are part of NAIHC's Legislative Priorities for the 112th Congress, which were unveiled during the February 2011 Legislative Conference.

# Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee is a valuable forum for molding the NAIHC legislative agenda and priorities and providing recommendations for NAIHC policy positions and actions on legislative and regulatory matters. NAIHC also uses the committee to brainstorm and refine strategies and tactics to meet advocacy goals and objectives. In the latter part of 2010, the activity level and steady growth of the Legislative Committee increased, with monthly teleconferences held every first Thursday of the month on specific topics concerning legislation, appropriations or regulatory issues.

During these monthly teleconference meetings, the Legislative Committee has addressed such topics as the passage of the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act, NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking process, debrief and analysis of the 2010 Mid-term elections and HUD Housing Needs Study and outreach sessions, to name a few. The Legislative Committee continues to seek ways to increase involvement of the NAIHC membership and to refine processes in order to enhance the organization's advocacy agenda.

# NAIHC Regional Members (cont.)

Region VII (CA, NV) cont.
Paiute Shoshone - Bishop Colony Community Development
Pala Housing Department
Pit River Tribe
Pyramid Lake Housing Authority

Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Housing Department

Round Valley Indian Housing Authority

San Pasqual Housing & Community Development

Smith River Rancheria

Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority
Te-Moak Western Shoshone Housing Authority
Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Housing Program
Torres Martinez Tribal Housing Authority

Tule River Indian Housing Authority
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Housing Authority

Walker River Reservation Indian Housing Authority

Washoe Housing Authority

Yerington Paiute Tribal Housing Authority

Yomba Shoshone Housing Authority Yurok Indian Housing Authority

Region VIII (AZ, NM, West TX)

Aha Macav Housing Entity/Fort Mojave

Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department Cocopah Indian Housing & Development Colorado River Residential Management Corporation

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Housing Department

Gila River Department of Community Housing

Hopi Tribal Housing Authority

Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority

Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority
Kaibab Paiute Housing Authority
Laguna Housing Development & Management

Enterprise
Mescalero Apache Housing Authority

Nambe Pueblo Housing Entity

Navajo Housing Authority
Northern Pueblos Housing Authority \*

Pueblo of Picuris

Tesuque Pueblo

San Ildefonso Pueblo

Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority/San Juan Pueblo



# Inside the Beltway: A Housing Update

# Reports from federal agencies and partners in tribal housing

A key to the successful implementation of a strong advocacy agenda is the constant communication and face-to-face interaction with federal agencies and partners in tribal housing. From executing an informative educational outreach campaign to informing key decision makers on the tribal housing community's perspective on policy initiatives, NAIHC stands at the forefront of advancing positive policy outcomes for tribal housing

### Tribal Consultation

On November 5, 2009, President Barrack Obama signed an Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation directing all executive departments and agencies to engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials of federally recognized Indian tribes when developing federal policies that have tribal implications. The President's Memorandum further directed each federal agency to establish an initial plan of action by February 3, 2010.



As directed, HUD's Office of Native American Programs held consultation

sessions in each of their six regions in January 2010. Session attendees were encouraged to submit comments regarding the current HUD Tribal Consultation Policy. The submitted comments can be viewed at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/ih/codetalk/consult

NAIHC continues to use the HUD Tribal Consultation Policy to ensure that tribes and tribal housing programs are adequately consulted when regulatory or programmatic changes are being implemented. Moreover, NAIHC is working to refine all federal agency consultation policies, and the organization encourages its membership to provide comment and feedback to the various departments.

# NAIHC Regional Members (cont.)

Region VIII (AZ, NM, West TX) cont.
Pascua Yaqui Housing Department
Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department
Pueblo of Sandia
Pueblo of Zia
Salt River Community Housing Division
San Carlos Apache Housing Authority
San Felipe Pueblo Housing Authority
Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority
Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority
Tamaya Housing Incorporated
Tohono O'Odham Housing Authority
White Mountain Apache Housing Authority
Yavapai-Apache Housing Authority
Ysleta del Sur Housing Authority
Zuni Housing Authority

Region IX (AK, HI) Kenaitze Indian Tribal IRA

Buckland
Deering
Kiana
Kobuk
NANA Corporation
Noatak
Noorvik
Shungnak
Nvok Housing Department (Kotzebue)
Orutsaramiut Native Council
Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing
Authority\*
Artic Slope
Atqasuk
Kaktovik
Nuiqsut
Point Lay
Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority

Region IX (AK, HI) cont. Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority\*

\* UMBRELLA ENTITIES

# Negotiated Rulemaking

The NAHASDA Reauthorization Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, comprised of tribal leaders and tribal housing professionals, held six meetings in 2010 to draft regulations that will implement amendments made to the law dating back to 1998. The Committee considered over 100 issues, reaching consensus on all but four items. NAIHC staff attended each of the meetings and worked closely with the Drafting Committee to track the rulemaking process.

A pre-clearance draft of the regulations was provided to the Committee members in early 2011. The regulations are currently in the clearance process, and publication for public comment is expected in September 2011.

### HUD Outreach Sessions

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs conducted two regional outreach sessions in 2010. The sessions were part of a comprehensive study on housing needs in Indian Country, including Alaska and the needs of native Hawaiians eligible to reside on the Hawaiian Home Lands. The sessions served as a forum for input from tribal leaders, tribal housing authorities, native Hawaiians and other stakeholders on a variety of related housing issues. The sessions were also an opportunity for HUD's Department of Policy Development and Research staff to inform attendees about what to expect from the upcoming housing needs study, and the importance of gaining tribal support for the project.

Several common issues arose among attendees at the outreach sessions, including:

- Concern over how tribes would be selected to participate in the survey.
- How the survey instrument would be developed.
- · How the breakout sessions related to the study itself.
- · Whether the outreach sessions were considered tribal consultation.

The outreach sessions will continue into 2011. A final design of the project and a data collection plan will be completed in May 2011. The research team will begin their outreach efforts in June 2011 and start the data collection process in November 2011. The interim report will be available in December. The final report on the HUD Housing Needs Assessment will be available in the second quarter of 2013.

### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law on February 17, 2009 contained strict obligation and expenditure deadlines. The Act requires recipients to obligate 100% of their formula or competitive grant funds within one year of the date that funds become available, to expend 50% within two years and to expend 100% within three years. The Act also requires quarterly reports on activities, environmental reviews and job numbers.

NAIHC sent out helpful reminders to tribes when important reporting deadlines were approaching, including a section in our Native Housing Update, entitled "Recovery Corner," which highlighted ARRA related news. NAIHC T/TA staff answered general questions on the reporting requirements and provided help to tribal housing programs completing the reporting process.

The deadline for recipients to obligate 100% of ARRA funds occurred mid-year 2010. The following chart shows the obligations and disbursements at year-end.

Program	# of Grants	Obligation Totals	Disbursement Totals	Funds Remaining	% of Funds Disbursed
ICDBG	19	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 6,877,559.69	\$ 3,122,440.31	68.78%
IHBG (C)	104	\$245,075,500	\$159,075,775.20	\$ 85,174,224.80	64.91%
IHBG (F)	353	\$251,968,141	\$190,435,328.78	\$ 61,532,812.22	75.58%
NHHBG	1	\$ 10,200,000	\$ 8,447,898.26	\$ 1,752,101.74	82.82%
TOTAL	477	\$517,243,641	\$364,836,561.93	\$151,581,579.07	70.53%

### 2010 Census

NAIHC partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to increase awareness and participation of American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 2010 Census. NAIHC mailed out Indian Country-specific Census posters and included the "You Count! A Census Update" section in the Native Housing Update newsletter that provided information on community outreach and involvement, the enumeration process, data collection and release dates, as well as helpful links to videos and brochures on confidentiality and explanations of how the native population is counted.

Through the NHU and alerts, NAIHC addressed the unique circumstances that residents in tribal housing communities



face in filling out the Census form, including overcrowding, multi-family or multi-generation homes and issued assurances that the data collected is only for Census use. NAIHC emphasized to tribal housing programs the importance of counting American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 2010 Census for the following reasons:

- Increased federal funding for housing and human services programs.
- Stronger political representation through local and national re-districting based on accurate statistics.
- Valuable data and statistics for research and planning in and by tribal communities.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) organized a Census Task Force comprised of minority organizations to lead the outreach in hard-to-count areas. NAIHC participated in the Task Force. LCCR targeted 13 cities across the country in order to enhance outreach to hard-to-count groups, which included tribal communities. Regional "Train-the-Trainer" sessions were scheduled in the selected cities. NAIHC asked regional housing associations in those areas to each designate a representative to attend the training and then implement the acquired knowledge within their respective regions.

NAIHC also partnered with the National Congress of American Indians' Indian Country Counts campaign to reach out to tribal communities and natives living in urban settings. The Indian Country Counts campaign was a valuable resource for Census outreach materials and developing strategies for increased community involvement.

NAIHC encourages tribes and tribal housing programs to review the schedule of releases for the 2010 Census Data Products. The file can be viewed at:

http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/c2010products.pdf

Significant dates in the next couple of years for the release of data relating to American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) are:

- April 2011 National Summary File of Redistricting Data: Population and housing unit counts for U.S. states, regions, divisions, Al/AN and native Hawaiian areas.
- June 2011-August 2011 Summary File 1: Population counts for many detailed race and Hispanic or Latino categories, and AI/AN tribes.
- November 2011 and May 2012- National Update: Counts for the U.S. states, regions, divisions and geographic areas that cross state lines, such as American Indian areas and Core-Based Statistical Areas.
- December 2012 American Indian and Alaska Native Summary File: Population and housing characteristics iterated for many detailed Al/AN tribes.
- April 2013 Characteristics of American Indian and Alaska Natives by Tribe Report: Population and housing characteristics iterated for many detailed Al/AN tribes.



# ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> White House Tribal Nations Summit

For a second year, NAIHC developed and distributed 200 copies of an informational booklet on NAIHC's recommendations regarding tribal housing resources and community development to tribal leaders attending the 2nd White House Tribal Nations Summit in December 2010. Tribal housing issues were well represented in the agenda, and clearly articulated to the Obama Administration.

### International Initiatives

NAIHC placed tribal housing on the international stage. At the invitation of the Republic of Turkey and the guidance of the Turkish Coalition of America, in November 2010 NAIHC representatives traveled to Turkey with a group of tribal leaders and national Indian organization representatives to take part in a cross-border outreach exchange with the goal of building business, economic and cultural relationships. During the weeklong "Native American Business Cooperation" mission, NAIHC and participants, representing 17 tribal nations, met with the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Foreign Trade, members of the Turkish Parliament's Turkey-USA Friendship Group and the Turkish Exporters' Council. NAIHC has continued the positive relationship with Turkish officials, an important and exciting first step in exploring how international partners can help meet the overwhelming housing needs in Indian Country.



# **NAIHC** 2010 Business Meeting Resolutions

Resolution 2010-01: A Resolution Requesting Indian preference Requirement in Employment within the Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs

Summary: The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (Wheeler-Howard Act) mandates Indian preference in employment within the Department of Interior. The primary goals of this mandate are to support Indian participation in self-government, to further the federal government's trust obligations to tribes, and to enable and encourage Indians to administer programs that primarily serve Indians. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) primarily serves Indians. Therefore, an Indian Preference policy should be implemented and exercised within ONAP. Moreover, and as precedent, both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service have implemented successful Indian preference requirements within their agencies.



**Action:** The Indian Preference issue has been included on NAIHC's list of Legislative Priorities for the 112th Congress, and NAIHC staff have created advocacy plans to advance the issue. NAIHC is researching two options to pursue an Indian Preference policy – a legislative fix through Congress or an executive policy adopted and implemented by the Administration. NAIHC will continue working to identify successful strategies that will achieve adoption and implementation of an Indian Preference program in HUD's Office of Native American Programs.

# Resolution 2010-02: A Resolution Regarding Marty Shuravloff, Chairman of the National American Indian Housing Council

**Summary:** Marty Shuravloff served on the NAIHC Board of Directors for nearly a decade and served as NAIHC Chairman from 2006 to 2010. The resolution recognizes his service to NAIHC and tribal housing.

Action: NAIHC continues to recognize Marty Shuravloff's work in the tribal housing arena.



# Resolution 2010-03: A Resolution to Support Funding for Native American Housing Programs

**Summary:** The President's FY 2011 Budget Request to Congress for the IHBG program was \$580 million, 17 percent less than the level enacted for FY 2010. NAIHC membership became deeply concerned about the President's Budget Request, and strongly urged Congress to fund tribal housing programs at the following levels: \$875 million for the IHBG; \$100 million for the ICDBG; and \$4.8 million for Training and Technical Assistance to be provided by a national Native American organization.

**Action:** NAIHC monitored the FY 2011 appropriations solution. A summary of the FY 2011 appropriations for

and advocated for the funding level recommended in the resolution. A summary of the FY 2011 appropriations for tribal housing programs is outlined on page 19. NAIHC organized a strong letter-writing campaign that generated approximately 500 letters to Congressional offices. The organization also provided testimony at every opportunity available and received resolutions from three national and regional tribal organizations: National Congress of American Indians, United South and Eastern Tribes and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.



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