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Building Communities,
Building Nations*



2009 Annual Report



"A Tradition of Native American Housing"





National American Indian Housing Council Annual Report 2009

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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 Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages and on native Hawaiian Home Lands. The NAIHC is composed of 270 members representing 464 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 native housing agencies 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 goals 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; and
- 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Native American Housing,

On behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Board of Directors, staff, and membership, it is our honor to present to you our 2009 Annual Report. We hope that you will find this report informative and that it will serve as a resource regarding how NAIHC works to accomplish its mission: to effectively and efficiently promote and support American Indians, Alaska Natives, and native Hawaiians in their self-determined goals to provide culturally relevant, safe, quality, and affordable housing for native people.

A Year in Review

2009 has been an exciting and momentous year for NAIHC. In January, the nation inaugurated President Barack Obama – the first African-American President of the United States. With his inauguration came a new Administration that included several appointments of Native Americans to key, high-level positions. Throughout the year, NAIHC has created a good relationship with the Obama Administration and we look forward to continually working with them to expand housing and housing-related community development throughout native communities.

Organizationally, NAIHC has experienced great change and new developments. In March 2009, the Board of Directors implemented a new strategic plan that builds upon our strengths and acknowledges areas for development while charting a direction of the organization for the next five years. NAIHC staff has already started to implement the strategic goals by developing and executing new work-plans for our membership and communications departments to expand and provide a greater delivery of services to our membership.

Moreover, by the end of 2009, NAIHC nearly doubled its staff, including the hire of a new Executive Director, Director of Governmental Affairs, Communications Manager, Membership Coordinator, four Training and Technical Assistance field specialists, and several support staff in our headquarters office in DC. The re-launch and development of our training and technical assistance programming has allowed us to integrate new methods to be more effective and efficient. We have seen a greater increase in the demand for NAIHC's training and technical assistance, a testimony to the large need for capacity building programming for tribes and tribal housing agencies.

*NAIHC recognizes
that our greatest strength
is in
our unified voice
and our membership's passion
for serving native communities.*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While 2009 has been a tumultuous year in the financial services industry with many homes going into foreclosure, tribal housing has continued to produce and develop. This past year, we witnessed a large federal investment in tribal housing (\$1.2 billion - \$700 million in FY2010 appropriations and \$500 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds). We are very thankful for the additional housing funding; however, we know that this amount only begins to meet the huge backlog of unmet needs in Indian housing.

Our Unified Voice

NAIHC recognizes that our greatest strength is in our unified voice and our membership's passion for serving native communities. While we have many obstacles to overcome, NAIHC is confident that our tribal housing community can come together with our federal and private partners to increase public and private investments in Indian housing, champion legislative and regulatory fixes in federal law, and create mutually beneficial partnerships to find innovative solutions to provide housing and housing-related community development.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to present the 2009 Annual Report. Please feel free to contact the NAIHC if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Marty Shuravloff
NAIHC Chairman



Mellor C. Willie
NAIHC Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Marty Shuravloff, Chairperson
Kodiak Island HA
Tribal Affiliation: Leisnoi Village

REGION I

Clayton Cleaves, Executive Director
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy IHA
Tribal Affiliation: Passamaquoddy Tribe

REGION II – Vice Chairperson

Cheryl A. Causley, Executive Director
Bay Mills Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Bay Mills Tribe of Chippewa

REGION III

Stuart Langdeau
Lower Brule Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

REGION IV

Russell Sossamon, Executive Director
Choctaw Nation Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Choctaw

REGION V

Donna Sue Hay, Executive Director
Chippewa Cree Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Chippewa Cree

REGION VI

Wendy Lawrence, Executive Director
Makah Housing Authority

REGION VII

Sami Jo Difuntorum, Executive Director
Karuk Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Shasta Nation

REGION VIII

Robert Tortalita, Executive Director
Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Pueblo of Acoma

REGION IX

Teri Nutter, Executive Director
Copper River Basin Housing Authority/AHTNA Regional
Tribal Affiliation: Ahtna Athabascan

REGION I – Alternate

Maceta Bradley, Grant Loan Officer
Qualla Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina

REGION II – Alternate

Mark Butterfield, Executive Director
Ho-Chunk Housing Authority & Community Development

REGION III – Alternate

Rebecca Phelps, Development Specialist
Turtle Mountain Housing Authority
Tribal affiliation: Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

REGION IV – Alternate

Reggie Wassana, Executive Director
Cheyenne Arapaho Indian Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Cheyenne Arapaho

REGION V – Alternate

Jason Adams, Executive Director
Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

REGION VI – Alternate

John Williamson, Executive Director
Lower Elwha Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Cherokee

REGION VII – Alternate

Michelle Glazier, Executive Director
Walker River Reservation Indian Housing Authority

REGION VIII – Alternate

Michael Chavez, Executive Director
Zuni Housing Authority
Tribal Affiliation: Navajo/Hopi

REGION IX – Alternate

Ron Hoffman, Executive Director
AVCP Housing Authority/Calista Native Regional
Tribal Affiliation: Orutsararmuit Native Council



NAIHC TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Since 1987, the NAIHC has offered training and technical assistance (T&TA) services for tribes, tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) and Indian housing authorities. Each year, hundreds of Native American housing professionals attend NAIHC training courses to enhance their management skills and broaden their knowledge of Indian housing. In addition, tribes and tribal housing entities benefit from free, specialized technical assistance provided by NAIHC's highly experienced staff and consultants.

NAIHC was able to hire four additional T&TA specialists in 2009. NAIHC now has six T&TA specialists to better respond to the training and technical assistance needs of the membership and other Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients. Each T&TA specialist is located in a field office around the country and each has direct and extensive experience in the administration of tribal housing programs. NAIHC specialists are located in Arizona, California, Florida, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Washington.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The staff provides on-site technical assistance, free of charge, at the request of any tribe or tribal housing entity. NAIHC's highly-qualified technical assistance specialists work on-site or via telephone, fax or e-mail.



Comment from a tribal housing participant:

"I was skeptical at first that I might not be able to grasp the environmental assessment process but was quite surprised [at the technical assistance provider's delivery approach] and was in fact able to grasp [that process] very well. The [technical assistance] was very good."

Model Policies

In 2009, NAIHC updated its Model Housing Policy resource CD (compact disc). The CD contains 13 model policies and a Policy Development Guidebook that were developed by NAIHC and approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) as being NAHASDA compliant. NAIHC received 54 requests for the Model Housing Policy resource CD in 2009. The CD is available by request to any tribal housing agency.

NAIHC TRAININGS

NAIHC courses are designed to assist in the development of competency in specialized areas of housing management, finance and budgets, resident services, development, procurement, occupancy, modernization and program administration. NAIHC's course schedule is quite comprehensive and is made up of Leadership Institute and Tuition-Free Training courses. This year, NAIHC redesigned all of its courses to meet the changing needs in tribal housing.

NAIHC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

NAIHC's Leadership Institute is a management certification program that seeks to improve individual management skills specific to the tribal housing industry.

In 2009, the courses had an average attendance of 28 students per course, with a total participation of 475 students - a 10.4% increase over the previous year. Diligent planning and use of new marketing methods helped to successfully increase participation. In 2009, NAIHC scheduled 17 Leadership Institute courses and hopes to increase the number of courses to 20 in 2010. In 2009, six students completed the necessary training tracks required under the Leadership Institute program and were awarded their Professional Indian Housing Manager Certificates.



Comment from a course participant:

"I appreciate all the information and learning I received; I was brand new to housing and these courses really helped me. Also, the friends I made during my [training] journeys around the country have been exceptional. NAIHC does such wonderful work for our people."

NAIHC TUITION-FREE TRAINING COURSES

NAIHC offers courses free of charge, thus encouraging participation by tribes and tribal housing entities without a large training budget. These courses cover selective topics in Native American housing, such as Methamphetamine Awareness and Low Income Housing Tax Credit Basics.



Comment from a course participant:

"This is the first training I've attended where in addition to great awareness I actually have the next-step tools to begin. It is so great that NAIHC provides all these resources [that] I can immediately implement to help my housing community."



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 home and personal finances following a home purchase.

In 2009, NAIHC worked diligently with its project partners to completely update the instructor and student manuals that NAIHC provides to tribal housing agencies nationwide. NAIHC conducts a five-day comprehensive train-the-trainer (TOT) course that instructs tribal housing and financial education professionals on how to provide the course in their native communities to prospective native homebuyers. Those who complete the TOT course earn a national certification as Homebuyer Education Instructors. NAIHC conducted four national TOT sessions in 2009 that were attended by 58 students from 35 Indian housing organizations.



Comment from course participant:

"[To help do my job], I learned effective training techniques and how to calculate income. I feel I will benefit [with] all that I learned and will be able to apply it to my daily work. I learned how to train clients with [using culturally relevant] activities."

NAIHC REGIONAL HOUSING TRAINING

NATIONAL REGIONAL HOUSING FORUMS

In 2009, NAIHC worked with the regional housing associations to provide Regional Housing Forums, each of which included five and 10 different training sessions and, where possible, addressed regional issues or highlighted local success stories. The two regional forums held in 2009 were a huge success with 138 participants attending in Albuquerque, NM, and 162 attending in Rapid City, SD.



Comments from course participants:

"I learned the meaning of program income and the proper way to set up books."

"Info on audits and finance within the Housing Authority was very beneficial, especially [the information] on liability issues."

"[I am now] better informed about how our tribe/housing authority handles procurement."



NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION I

Akwesasne Housing Authority
 Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority
 Mississippi Choctaw Housing Authority
 Haliwa-Saponi Housing Authority
 Indian Township Passamaquoddy 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 Passamaquoddy
 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

REGION II

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 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

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.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TRAINING

NAIHC Board of Commissioners (BOC) training provides an overview of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), and the roles and responsibilities that tribes and housing board members have under NAHASDA. Among the topics covered are the legal foundations for tribal housing organizations, short- and long-term planning, leveraging NAHASDA funding and the importance of establishing compliant policies and procedures.

NAIHC TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

To offset travel related expenses for tribes and tribal housing entities who may have a limited budget, NAIHC provides training scholarships for qualified applicants to attend NAHASDA-related training sponsored by NAIHC and HUD. In 2009, NAIHC approved 357 requests for scholarships.

	# of	# of	
Technical Assistance	Trainings	Participants	Notes
On-Site	124	650	Face-to-face assistance provided to tribes.
Via Other Means	164	71	Assistance provided via email, telephone, fax and letters.
Model Policies	n/a	54	NAIHC provided model policies on resource CDs.
Training			
Leadership Institute	17	475	Trainings covered 13 different topics.
Pathways Home Training	4	58	Train-the-trainer sessions.
Tuition-Free	9	242	Trainings covered six different topics.
Board of Commissioners		300	Provided to 15 housing authorities.
Regional Indian Housing Association	5	228	Provided training in response to requests.
Regional Housing Forums	2	300	Trainings covered four and six different topics, respectively.
Convention	43	1,344	Trainings covered 38 different topics.
Legal Symposium	20	1,247	Trainings covered 18 different topics.

COMMUNICATIONS

The National American Indian Housing Council is the leading voice to the press, the media and the public on tribal housing issues for American Indians, Alaska Natives and native Hawaiians. As the key surrogate on tribal housing issues, the NAIHC Communications Department specifically focuses on setting the national message on tribal housing to a variety of target audiences. NAIHC is not only an advocacy outlet, but for many tribes and tribal housing authorities it also serves as a resource for update-to-date information on the latest developments in the tribal housing industry. Because of the many roles the organization plays, its target audience is diverse, including Members of Congress, federal agency representatives, NAIHC membership and the general public.



In September 2009, NAIHC revamped its Communications Department with the hire of a Communications Manager who oversees the marketing and outreach efforts of the organization. The department also made significant improvements to its communications methods and strategies.

NAIHC transitioned its Native Housing Updates (NHU) into a new, electronic newsletter format and included some new sections, such as the Legislative Report, Negotiated Rulemaking Update, the Census 2010 Update, Deadlines and Critical Dates on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Tribal Housing in the News.

To meet its advocacy needs, NAIHC's Communications Department sent out several legislative, budget and action alerts to immediately update its membership on pending legislation, the appropriations process and to announce a call-to-action from Indian Country support to key Members of Congress. When NAIHC asks its membership to act, the response is overwhelmingly positive.

The NAIHC website is its portal to the world. Therefore, in 2009 NAIHC has been working to create and redesign a new website to be launched in June 2010.

Publication	# of Issues
Native Housing Update	15
Federal Monitor	7
Press Releases/Statements	8
Action Alerts/Announcements	4

NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION III

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 Wicota Aanyakape Corporation
Sac-Fox Tribe Housing Authority (Iowa)
Santee Sioux Tribal Housing Authority
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

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

NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION V

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

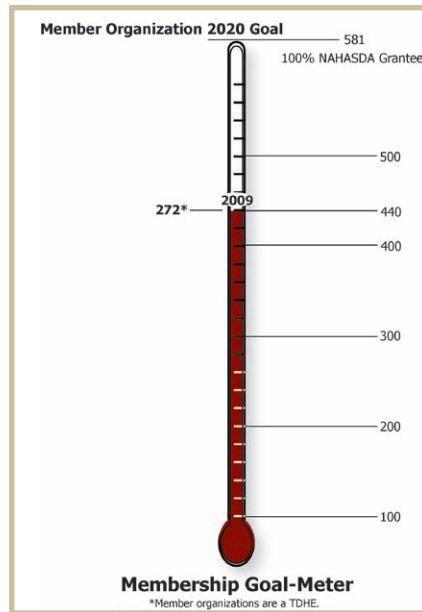
REGION VI

Chehalis Housing Authority
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority
Colville Indian Housing Authority
Confederated Tribes of the Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw 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 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
Quinalt 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 Authority
Yakama Nation Housing Authority



MEMBERSHIP

NAIHC's goal is to "maintain unity and strength with a high level of NAIHC Membership satisfaction." To this end, NAIHC is striving to reach a total membership of 100% of NAHASDA recipients by 2020.



In October 2009, NAIHC hired a full time Membership Coordinator to serve as an active resource contact for members, with the primary goal of providing excellent client service. To recruit new individual, voting and associate members, the Membership Department undertook the following activities: Completed a comprehensive NAIHC Membership Plan; Updated the Associate Membership brochure on member services; and Created an outreach plan to target audiences at key conventions and events.

In coordination with the Communications Department, NAIHC is continuing to enhance its Internet presence through the re-vamping of its website and the creation of social networking sites for NAIHC on portals like Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. NAIHC's Internet presence will soon become a dynamic and useful tool to encourage direct interaction between the organization and its membership.

NAIHC continues to ask for input on how it can better work to meet member expectations. A detailed survey has been developed and will be sent to the membership in 2010 to evaluate member needs and subsequently improve effectiveness.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

As the premier national tribal housing organization, NAIHC continues to provide the very best forums for convening 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 level. NAIHC conferences are the place where Indian Country meets to develop the next mission, vision, goals and objectives to create quality and affordable housing for generations to come.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Moving Indian Country's Housing Agenda

NAIHC's Annual Legislative Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on February 24–26, 2009. The goals of the legislative conference are two-fold; (i) to provide members with the tools necessary to effectively advocate on appropriations and legislation on Capitol Hill, and (ii) to help members gain face-to-face access with key Members of Congress and the Administration.

During the conference, members are given the opportunity to participate in the legislative committee meeting, to hear from Members of Congress and the Administration and to visit representatives on Capitol Hill. This conference helps NAIHC pursue its legislative agenda and to advocate for increased funding levels for tribes.



ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

Convening Tribal Housing Leaders

NAIHC's Annual Convention and Trade Show was held in New Orleans, LA, May 12–14, 2009. Drawing more than 700 attendees and 39 exhibitors, the three-day event included intriguing guest speakers, important training, exciting trade show exhibits

NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION VII

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 (Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay)
Dry Creek Rancheria
Duck Valley Indian Housing Authority
Duckwater Shoshone 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
Sherwood Valley Rancheria
Stewarts Point Rancheria
Owens Valley Indian Housing Authority

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2009

(With summarized financial information for December 31, 2008)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 664,821	\$ 618,839
Grants and contracts receivable	142,231	180,979
Prepaid expense	<u>14,051</u>	<u></u>
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>821,103</u>	\$ <u>799,818</u>
 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	 \$ <u>290,273</u>	 \$ <u>304,666</u>
 OTHER ASSETS		
Deposits	\$ <u>32,750</u>	\$ <u>32,750</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ <u>32,750</u>	\$ <u>32,750</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ <u><u>1,144,126</u></u>	 \$ <u><u>1,137,234</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 236,737	\$ 156,767
Accrued vacation payable	40,583	35,726
Capital lease payable, current portion	<u>26,820</u>	<u>26,820</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>304,140</u>	\$ <u>219,313</u>
 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Deferred rent	\$ 37,153	\$ 77,701
Deferred revenue	1,770	298
Capital lease payable, net of current portion	<u>3,280</u>	<u>27,395</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 42,203	\$ 105,394
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 \$ <u><u>346,343</u></u>	 \$ <u><u>324,707</u></u>
 NET ASSETS	 \$ <u>797,783</u>	 \$ <u>812,527</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 \$ <u><u>1,144,126</u></u>	 \$ <u><u>1,137,234</u></u>

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

December 31, 2009

(With summarized financial information for December 31, 2008)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
HUD Grants	\$ 2,524,755	\$ 848,134
Advocacy	120,000	120,000
Housing First	56,500	167,332
Convention	343,000	418,136
Member Dues	310,098	308,394
Leadership Institute	226,012	198,768
Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference	173,564	157,153
Grants	65,605	163,295
Interest Income	2,801	8,430
Other Income	1,462	1,882
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$ <u>3,823,797</u>	\$ <u>2,391,524</u>
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
HUD Grants	\$ 1,739,821	\$ 547,286
Advocacy	187,764	169,073
Housing First	61,253	60,357
Convention	257,022	431,967
Leadership Institute	100,797	91,875
Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference	146,308	146,458
Grants	23,607	91,273
Government Affairs	137,736	131,541
Supporting Services		
G&A – Unallowable	10,537	50,315
Management and General	<u>1,173,696</u>	<u>1,012,741</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>3,838,541</u>	\$ <u>2,732,886</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (14,744)	\$ (341,362)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>812,527</u>	<u>1,153,889</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>797,783</u>	\$ <u>812,527</u>

NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION VII

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
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
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

Aha Macav Housing Entity/Fort Mojave
Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department
Cocopah Indian Housing & Development
Colorado River Residential Management Corporation (CRIT)
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
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

and services, award presentations and an annual membership meeting. NAIHC partnered with AMERIND Risk Management Corporation to present a joint conference to provide a greater number of trainings on AMERIND specific issues and products.

The NAIHC Annual Members' Meeting was held on May 14. A total of 153 members, including proxies, were present. Ten resolutions were submitted to the membership for consideration and six resolutions were adopted. (*See resolution section.*)

LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

A Forum on Regulatory and Legal Issues



The NAIHC Legal Symposium was held in Las Vegas, NV on December 7–10, 2009. The goal of the Legal Symposium is to provide a forum to discuss regulatory and legal issues affecting tribal housing. The attendance for the Legal Symposium continues to grow on an annual basis – with more than 502 attendees in 2009, which was a slight increase, up 45 attendees from 2008.

During the symposium, guest speakers included Congressional staffers, Administration officials and government agency representatives. NAIHC provided a day and half of training on 18 various topics, ranging from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) compliance to Low Income Housing Tax Credits. HUD hosted an ARRA Listening Session that facilitated a direct dialogue between federal officials from HUD and U.S. Department of Energy with NAIHC members. The session was well received and HUD is developing a final report on the listening session for distribution to NAIHC membership.



OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (OGA): BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, ENHANCING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION, AND BUILDING STRONGER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The OGA is the advocacy arm of NAIHC and is essential in advancing the mission and vision of NAIHC. The OGA represents the unique and historic interests of tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) regarding American Indian, Alaska Native, and native Hawaiian housing issues. It offers assistance to tribes and TDHEs in meeting their self-determined goal of providing culturally relevant, quality, safe, and affordable housing for native people.



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 to tribes and TDHEs; and
- Representing NAIHC before Congress and the federal government to advocate for legislation and policies favorable to American Indian, Alaska Native, and native Hawaiian housing needs.

NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION IX

Aleutian Housing Authority *	
Aleut Corporation	Pauloff Harbor
Agdaagux Tribal Council	Qagan Tayagungin
Atka	(Sand Point)
Akutan Village Council	Qawalangin
Belkofski	Saint George
False Pass	Saint Paul
Neslon Lagoon	Unga
Nikolski IRA	
AVCP Housing Authority/Calista Native	
Regional Corporation *	
Akiak Native Community	Village of Alakanuk
Algaaciq Native Village (St. Marys)	Yupit of Andreafski
Village of Aniak	Village of Atmautluak
Village of Bill Moore's Slough	Calista Native Regional Corp
Village of Chefornak	Native Village of Chuathbaluk
Chuloonawick Native Village	Village of Crooked Creek
Native Village of Eek	Native Village of Georgetown
Native Village of Hamilton	Native Village of Hooper Bay
Kasigluk Traditional Elders Council	Native Village of Kipnuk
Native Village of Kongiganak	Village of Kotlik
Native Village of Kwigillingok	Village of Lower Kalskag
Native Village of Marshall	Native Village of Mekoryuk
Native Village of Napaimute	Village of Napakiak
Native Village of Napaskiak	Newtok Village
Native Village of Nightmute	Native Village of Nunapitchuk
Village of Ohogamiut	Oscarville Traditional Village
Native Village of Paimiut	Pilot Station Traditional Village
Native Village of Pitka's Point	Platinum Traditional Village
Village of Red Devil	Native Village of Scammon Bay
Village of Stony River	Sheldon's Point (Nunam Iqua)
Toksook Bay (Nunakauyarmuit)	Tuluksak Native Community
Native Village of Tuntutuliak	Native Village of Tununak
Umkumiute Native Village	Village of Kalskag
Baranof Island Housing Authority	
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority *	
Brevig	Elim
Gambell	Golovin (Chinik)
Inalik (Diomedea)	King Island
Koyuk	Mary's Igloo
St. Michael	Savoonga
Shaktolik	Shishmaref
Solomon	Teller
Wales	White Mountain
Bristol Bay Regional Housing Authority *	
Bristol Bay	Aleknagik
Chignik Bay	Chignik Lagoon
Chignik Lake	Clarks Point
Curyung	Ekuk
Ekwok	Igiugig
Ivanoff	King Salmon
Kokhanok	Koliganek
Levelock	Manokotak
Naknek	New Stuyahok
Perryville	Portage Creek
Port Heiden	South Naknek
Togiak	Twin Hills
Ugashik	
Chalkyitsik Village Council	
Cook Inlet Housing Authority	
Copper River Basin Housing Authority *	
AHTNA	Gulkana
Cantwell	Mentasta
Cheesh-Na	Kluti Kaah
Chitina	(Cooper Center)
Gakona	Tazlina
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	
Haida Nation HCA	
Interior Regional Housing Authority *	
Allakaket	Manley Hot Springs
Beaver	McGrath
Birch Creek	Minto
Dot Lake	Nenana
Doyon	Nikolai
Eagle	Northway
Evansville	Ruby
Grayling	Shageluk
Hughes	Takotna
Huslia	Telida
Kaltag	Tetlin
Koyukuk	

NAIHC REGIONAL MEMBERS

REGION IX

Kenaitze Indian Tribal IRA
Ketchikan Indian Community
Knik Tribal Council
Kodiak Island Housing Authority *
Afgnak
Akhiok
Kaguyak
Koniag
Larsen Bay
Leisnoi
Old Harbor
Port Lions
(Native Village of) Barrow
Ninilchik Traditional Council
Nome Eskimo Community
North Pacific Rim Housing Authority *
Chanega
Chugach (Seaward & Valdez)
Nanwalek (English Bay)
Port Graham
Tatitlek
Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority *
Ambler
Buckland
Deering
Kiana
Kobuk
NANA Corporation
Noatak
Noorvik
Shungnak
Nvok Housing Department (Kotzebue)
Orutsarmiut Native Council
Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority *
Artic Slope
Atkasuk
Kaktovik
Nuiqsut
Point Lay
Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority

* UMBRELLA ENTITIES

NAIHC ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Association of Alaska Housing Authorities
B&R Foundation Repair
Bank2
Chiefmoon Enterprises
DBA Global Housing Structures
DFC Consultants Ltd.
Kidstuff Playsystems, Inc.
Meadow Homes, Inc.
Native American Housing Consultants, LLC
North Carolina Indian Housing Authority
Ram Jack of Oklahoma, Inc.
Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc.
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.
Travois, Inc.
United Native American Housing Association
Whisper Creek

INDIAN HOUSING APPROPRIATIONS

As the single largest source of Indian housing funds, fiscal year appropriations for the Indian Housing Block Grant under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) are a constant priority for NAIHC.

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)

NAIHC is pleased to have advocated for and secured approximately \$1.2 billion for Indian housing programs in FY2010: \$700 million in IHBG funds, which represented an increase over the FY2009 funding level of \$645 million and was the largest single-year IHBG appropriation since NAHASDA was enacted, and an additional \$500 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Half of the ARRA funds were awarded using the same formula that is used for distributing IHBG, and funds, and the other half were awarded through a competitive grant process.

ARRA funding was made available to fund construction, acquisition, rehabilitation of homes for energy efficiency and conservation, and for infrastructure development. An additional \$10 million was made available for the Title VIII program, Housing Assistance for Native Hawaiians. NAIHC continues to advocate for increased housing funding appropriations in an amount that will keep pace with the increased costs of housing construction, energy costs, and other inflationary factors.

The strength of NAIHC lies not only in the exceptional member services, advocacy, and training and technical assistance that it provides, but also in the support that its membership consistently proffers to advance NAIHC efforts. In 2009, during the appropriations process, NAIHC's membership sent more than 300 letters to Congressional representatives expressing their support for both an increase in IHBG funding and for continued funding to support NAIHC's training and technical assistance programs.

Ensuring Timely Obligation and Expenditure of Tribal Housing Dollars

NAIHC is tremendously thankful for the increased IHBG appropriation in FY2010 and for the additional \$500 million investment of ARRA funds in Indian housing programs. Such funds have enabled tribes to complete infrastructure and related projects that would not have been possible without the additional federal funding.

From time to time, concerns have been raised by Members of Congress and the Administration regarding "pipeline issues," meaning that funds that are made available to tribes under various federal Indian housing programs appear not to have been obligated or spent in an expeditious manner. However, this apparent concern is an aberration.



Since the enactment of NAHASDA in 1996 and its funding and implementation in 1998, tribes have spent funds at a rate equal to and in some cases higher than, other federal housing programs. Tribal spending rates average just below 90%, which is a selling point when it may appear to federal funders that tribal money is hanging in the coffers. It is critical that tribes spend funds in a timely manner, comply with federal reporting requirements, and provide an adequate explanation for any delays in funding expenditures. **Information-sharing with NAIHC is essential in this area.** The organization is aware that some communities have a shorter building season than others; that HUD funding awards are often not made until well into the funding year, which delays tribal processes; and that rising costs of construction often affect the speed with which tribes may expend funds.

One of the keys to the continued success of the IHBG program is open communication between the membership of NAIHC and HUD regarding potential pipeline issues so that Congress and the Administration do not have the mistaken impression that tribal housing funds are not needed. When using enhanced communication and coordination between NAIHC, housing stakeholders, and governmental representatives, such pipeline concerns can be easily assuaged. NAIHC is continually working with HUD's ONAP and tribal housing authorities to ensure timely expenditure and reporting of the use of Indian housing funds.

In this regard, NAIHC offered two ARRA training sessions at its December 2009 Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, NV. Presenters included Jennifer Bullough from HUD's ONAP, Erna Reeves from NAIHC and Marvin Jones from the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

The training focused on reporting requirements for ARRA recipients and detailed the process of entering information in the electronic federal reporting system. Attendees were reminded of the importance of obligating their funding in accordance with the ARRA program requirements, entering correct information relating to their activities and job counts, and submitting the reports in a timely manner.

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

The Indian Community Development Block Grant, or ICDBG, provides tribes with direct grants for use in developing viable American Indian and Alaska Native communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities. Funds under the ICDBG may be used for housing, infrastructure, and economic development. The NAIHC advocated for FY2010 funding of the ICDBG in the amount of \$100 million. Congress appropriated \$65 million, which fell far short of meeting the needs in Indian Country. NAIHC continues to advocate for at least \$100 million for this important housing and community development program.

Fort Peck Litigation

The case of *Fort Peck Housing Authority v. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*, 185 F.Supp.2d 1125 (D. Colo. 2006), continues to be of concern to NAIHC and its membership because of the potential fiscal impact its outcome may have on IHBG funding. At issue in the *Fort Peck* case are funds that HUD distributed to the Fort Peck Housing Authority (FPHA) for dwelling units no longer owned or operated by FPHA. After a decision in favor of HUD at the district court level, the case went to the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, which reversed the district court decision and remanded the case back to the district court for further proceedings. Because the proceedings are incomplete and neither party has exhausted its appeals, the impact of the case on NAHASDA and the IHBG program, financially and otherwise, is ultimately unknown. NAIHC has consistently taken the position that (i) using IHBG funds to pay legal claims such as those at issue in the Fort Peck case is an inappropriate use of Indian housing dollars, and (ii) that the federal government should seek an alternative source of funds to pay the claims, should the plaintiffs prevail.

Summary Regarding Appropriations

Although NAIHC is pleased with the level of FY2010 Indian housing appropriations, the amounts awarded are still insufficient to meet the immense unmet and ever-growing need in Indian Country. As NAIHC moves forward, it will maintain in constant contact with Congress and the Administration to keep them informed regarding (1) the condition of existing housing stock in Indian Country, (2) the need for weatherization and insulation funds to promote energy efficiency in native housing, (3) over-crowded conditions in more than 90,000 Native American households, (4) the unmet need for a minimum of 200,000 additional Indian housing units in Indian Country, and (5) how IHBG funds are utilized in Indian Country, which differs dramatically from non-Indian housing programs. Information is consistently provided and exchanged in the form of:

- Meetings with Congressional staffers;
- The submission of written testimony, white papers, and background information to Congress, particularly to appropriation committees and subcommittees;
- Providing live witness testimony at Congressional hearings, when requested;
- Constant contact with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); and
- Consistent interaction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and other key federal agencies.

ENHANCING GOVERNMENT-TO- GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



Transitioning in a New Administration

Last year was a year of transition for the federal government following a historic election and inauguration of the nation's first African American President. President Barack Obama immediately faced the challenges of ushering in a new Administration and taking on a plethora of new, potentially overwhelming responsibilities. NAIHC was instrumental in educating the President and new federal appointees regarding the challenges that Indian tribes face in providing adequate, safe, affordable housing to their membership. NAIHC's door is always open to the Administration and the organization continues to provide much-needed information regarding Indian housing on request.

Development of Tribal Consultation Policies

President Obama has consistently articulated his support of an enhanced government-to-government relationship between the tribes and the federal government. As part of his Administrative Plan, President Obama mandated consultation between federal agencies and Indian tribes and required each agency to appoint a liaison for such purpose. NAIHC is pleased with the Administration's recognition, respect, and support of tribal sovereignty and pledges to continue to work with the Obama Administration to enhance tribal-federal communication, coordination, and consultation.

White House Tribal Nations Conference

As part of its continuous contact with the Administration, the NAIHC participated in a Tribal Nations Conference at the White House in November 2009. The goal of participation was to provide the Administration with recommendations regarding tribal housing resources and community development. NAIHC members visiting Washington were encouraged to consult with not only the White House and their individual Congressional representatives, but with the United States Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Interior, particularly the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Veterans Affairs.

International Relationship-Building: NAIHC Hosts an Event for the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing

In November 2009, NAIHC was honored to host a "Special Briefing on the State of Tribal Housing in Indian Country" for United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing, Raquel Rolnik. During the briefing, tribal leaders and organizations shared their concerns regarding the lack of and the basic human right to adequate housing in Indian Country with Special Rapporteur Rolnik. The briefing was part of the Rapporteur's examination of overall housing conditions in the United States. NAIHC was honored to host Rapporteur Rolnik and looks forward to continued collaboration with the United Nations regarding housing and living conditions, which are issues of concern to indigenous peoples world-wide.



AMERIND

AMERIND Risk Management Corporation, a sister organization of NAIHC and a risk management pool, is a multi-tribal federal corporation. Tribes united to create AMERIND in 1986 to protect themselves, their treasuries and their enrolled members from unforeseen or catastrophic financial losses. NAIHC requested and received a list of talking points for AMERIND's legislative priorities and is continually advocating for AMERIND's legislative agenda on Capitol Hill.

The partnership between NAIHC and AMERIND will be once again be formalized by a Memorandum of Understanding in the imminent future. Both organizations are continually exploring ways to enhance communication, collaboration, and coordination to achieve better outcomes for both partners.



Government Accountability Office (GAO) Study

NAHASDA was originally enacted by Congress to recognize self-determination for tribes and to assist them in assessing and addressing the low-income housing needs of tribal members. During the 2008 NAHASDA reauthorization process, the federal government mandated a study on the effectiveness of the NAHASDA program.

In researching its report, the GAO analyzed agency documentation regarding the program, surveyed all tribes receiving IHBG funds in fiscal year 2008, conducted site visits with a sampling of select tribes, and interviewed officials at HUD and other federal and tribal agencies. The final GAO report discusses (1) how tribes have used NAHASDA funds, (2) how NAHASDA has improved the process of providing tribes with funds for housing, and (3) the extent to which NAHASDA has contributed to infrastructure improvements in tribal communities. The report concluded that while tribes generally view the NAHASDA program as effective, improvements, particularly in the areas of infrastructure and investment tracking, are necessary. [The full report can be accessed at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10326.pdf>.]



Stand up and be Counted Native America: 2010 Census

American Indians and Alaska Natives learned from the 2000 Census that being accurately counted is incredibly important for a variety of reasons. NAIHC also recognized this need and began working with the U.S. Census Bureau and other project partners in September 2009 to increase awareness and participation of native people in the 2010 Census.

First, NAIHC staff provided input on all of the Bureau's census-related materials to include Indian Country's unique housing make-up, i.e. those living in urban areas, those working in urban areas but living on the reservation, multi-family homes, over-crowded homes, and homes in areas that are hard to account for and assess.



Secondly, NAIHC educated its membership on the many reasons to be accurately counted.

- More federal funding for housing and human services programs. This especially serves true for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG). The amount of funding each tribe is allocated through IHBG is generated directly from Census data;
- Political representation through re-districting, both locally and nationally; and
- Data and statistics for research and planning in tribal communities.

NAIHC, in partnership with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), targeted 13 cities across the country to enhance outreach to groups that are difficult to count, including tribal communities. Regional “train-the-trainer” sessions were scheduled in the selected cities. NAIHC asked each regional housing authority in the specified training areas to designate a representative to attend the training and implement the knowledge learned within their respective regions. NAIHC staff was also active on the LCCR Communications/Grassroots Census Committee, providing other ethnic groups with information on tribal housing and its unique conditions.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) began its “Indian Country Counts” Census 2010 Campaign in summer 2009, and by the fall, NAIHC was a participating partner. In collaboration with NCAI, NAIHC produced and released an Indian-housing specific census document.

NAIHC was also pleased to have a U.S. Census Bureau representative give a presentation at its 2009 Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, NV. Syndee Chattin-Reynolds, Kansas City Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, shared with NAIHC membership the importance of being accurately counted.

Tribal Communication and Consultation

Throughout the year, NAIHC is in constant contact with its membership, providing legislative updates, attending regional housing association meetings, and sending regular alerts and updates to membership regarding legislative developments or other matters requiring imminent member attention. Effective communication is one of the keys to the continued success of NAIHC and its programs.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, 111TH CONGRESS:

Programs Proposed to Help American Indian Veterans Obtain Affordable Housing, to Spur Tribal Home Ownership by Cutting through the Red Tape, and to Help Eliminate Drugs in Indian Country, Resulting in Safer Housing Conditions for Tribal Members

Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act

Congresswoman Kirkpatrick (D-1st-AZ) introduced the *Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2009*, a bill to revise the definition of “income” under NAHASDA. This bill would correct a flaw in NAHASDA by altering the definition of “income” for NAHASDA purposes. Currently, disability, indemnity, or dependency payments received by a disabled veteran or his or her

survivors is considered income and often renders families ineligible for NAHASDA assistance because it is a low-income housing assistance program. The change would make the NAHASDA definition of income consistent with the Internal Revenue Service definition and other federal statutes and regulations and would ensure that Indian veterans and their families are not financially penalized for their military service upon returning home from active duty.

Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act (HEARTH)

In May 2009, Representative Martin Heinrich (D-1st-NM) introduced the *Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act* (HEARTH), which proposes amending the Indian Long Term Leasing Act of 1955 in a manner that would (i) encourage tribal control over surface land leasing, and (ii) restrict BIA and Secretarial involvement in the surface leasing process, thus furthering the Administration’s policy goals of tribal self-determination and self-governance.

On October 21, 2009, NAIHC was honored to have Vice-Chairwoman Cheryl Causley provide oral testimony at a hearing before the House Natural Resources Committee in support of the HEARTH Act. While there are some concerns about the environmental review process proposed in the text of HEARTH, NAIHC is generally in favor of this legislation and will continue to work with Congressman Heinrich’s office to move it forward.

Reauthorization of the Drug Elimination Bill

In June 2009, Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) introduced the *Public and Indian Housing Crime and Drug Elimination Program Reauthorization Act* to provide much needed financial resources to combat crime and drugs in Native American communities. NAIHC submitted written testimony to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at a special oversight hearing regarding the increase in gang activity on Indian reservations. NAIHC explained how the drug elimination program relates to Indian housing, described programs that have been effective in deterring gang activity in reservation communities, and provided information regarding the growing methamphetamine problem in Indian Country. NAIHC is strongly supportive of the legislation proposed by Senator Johnson, which would meet one of the goals of NAHASDA by helping tribes combat gang activity in their communities and ensuring safer housing conditions.

Federal Rules Regarding Micro-Purchases

In 2009, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing released a notice to implement a Micro-Purchase threshold for the IHBG program. The intent of the Micro-Purchasing Policy is to allow IHBG recipients to purchase goods and services costing less than \$5,000 without obtaining and documenting price quotes, thus simplifying the administrative process for tribes when dealing with relatively minor purchases.

NAIHC 2009 BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS

#2009-01: Restore and Protect the Indian Housing Block Grant Funding

Summary: The formula current assisted stock lawsuit (hereinafter “*Fort Peck*” litigation), discussed in the Office of Governmental Affairs section of this report at page 19 above, is still pending in federal court, and similar suits have been filed by other tribes. The pending suits and their potential negative financial consequences to the federal government have already had a negative impact on IHBG funding. In FY2008, HUD retained nearly \$20 million of the funds allocated to the IHBG program to pay potential *Fort Peck* related court claims. The NAIHC Board feels strongly that using IHBG funds to pay such legal claims is an inappropriate use of Indian housing funds and that the federal government should seek an alternative source of funds to pay the claims, should the plaintiffs prevail.

ACTION: NAIHC requested a written response from HUD’s Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) regarding the status of all pending or paid claims related to the *Fort Peck* litigation. The ONAP Deputy Assistant Secretary has agreed to provide NAIHC written documentation regarding all funding activities that have occurred as a result of the *Fort Peck* litigation and related lawsuits. NAIHC is awaiting further information from the Deputy Assistant Secretary regarding this issue.

#2009-02: Support for Funding of Section 703 of NAHASDA for Training and Technical Assistance Program

Summary: In the current federal policy era of tribal self-determination and tribal self-governance, tribes are continually taking on more governmental responsibilities. Housing is an essential service that tribal governments may provide to their membership. Training and technical assistance (T&TA) are necessary tools for tribes who provide assistance to low-income tribal members using the IHBG program. T&TA services help tribes to develop, establish, implement, and manage their housing entities in compliance with federal rules and regulations, which are not static. When there are changes in the law, regulations and other policy directives, tribes must be updated in order to properly manage their housing programs. Further, the staff of tribal housing authorities evolves and each of the nation’s more than 560 tribes is each at a different stage of development of its housing program. Some programs are in their infancy while others are experienced, well-established housing authorities. It is essential that appropriate T&TA is made available for training and technical assistance.

to every tribal housing program. The T&TA provided by NAIHC is a necessary tool for capacity building and for information-sharing between tribal programs. NAIHC has reminded Congress and the federal agencies that the NAIHC membership has approved resolutions each year in support of funding for NAIHC T&TA services.

ACTION: NAIHC was successful in securing \$3.5 million for T&TA for FY2010. Notably, this amount is insufficient for NAIHC to respond to the numerous requests that it receives for T&TA in a one-year period, particularly requests for on-site assistance. Unfortunately, when the President’s FY2011 budget was released, NAIHC was disappointed to find that, once again, the President’s budget did not include any funds for T&TA under NAHASDA. NAIHC is constantly advocating, in written testimony, oral testimony, prepared statements, and informal meetings on Capitol Hill for no less than \$4.8 million per year for the invaluable T&TA that NAIHC provides. The NAIHC membership has repeatedly taken the position that a portion of their Indian Housing Block Grant funding should be made available to the NAIHC. NAIHC will continue to impress upon the Administration and Congress the importance of the vital T&TA services that have received unequivocal endorsement by the NAIHC membership.

2009-03: Endorsement of Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2009

Summary: NAIHC has consistently been supportive of the provisions contained in Title VIII of NAHASDA that provides housing assistance for native Hawaiians, so long as such programs are separate and apart from programs designed to benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives. Both the Senate and the House versions of the Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2009 contain language that would amend Title VI of NAHASDA to provide for a Native Hawaiian Loan Guarantee program.

ACTION: NAIHC published a white paper discussing its support of programs for Native Hawaiians in 2009 and continues to advocate for a Native Hawaiian low-income housing program that is separate from Title VI of NAHASDA. NAIHC support is conditioned on removal of the current provisions that would amend Title VI for Native Hawaiians and move these provisions to Title VIII of NAHASDA, as amended.

NAIHC 2009 BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS

#2009-04: Support for Funding Native American Housing Programs

Summary: NAIHC consistently advocates for increased appropriations for Indian housing and for funding from a variety of federal programs that support tribal efforts to improve housing, build communities, and offer opportunities for economic development. IHBG funds should, at a minimum, keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs. Housing dollars should be included in the budgets of federal agencies other than HUD, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Departments of Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

NAIHC also supports a separate Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, as afore-mentioned, and YouthBuild, a program that helps provide education and housing construction training to low-income youth. Native American participation in the YouthBuild program is low and should be encouraged by NAIHC and its membership.

Finally, NAIHC encourages Congress to document the impact of NAHASDA, to understand how vital the program is to Indian communities, and to acknowledge and address the tremendous unmet housing need in Indian Country. Even with the valuable and much appreciated funding that is currently provided under NAHASDA, tribes are simply unable to meet the needs of their members in the housing arena.

ACTION: Throughout 2009, NAIHC advocated for increased housing funds from HUD, as well as for housing funds to be included in the budgets of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Indian Health Service. Advocating for increased funding for Indian housing is a continuing responsibility of NAIHC and some progress has been made. *See summary of FY2010 appropriations in the Office of Governmental Affairs section of this report.*

Related to this resolution, in 2009, the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) studied the effectiveness of NAHASDA. A summary of the study is located in the Office of Governmental Affairs section of this report. *See page 21.*

#2009-05: Support for the Policy Recommendations of the Native Financial Education Coalition

Summary: NAIHC is a member of the Native Financial Education Coalition (NFEC), a group of local, regional, and national organizations and government agencies dedicated to promoting financial education in native communities. NFEC compiled a list of recommendations to federal policy makers in areas where intervention is needed to promote and support financial education in Indian communities. NAIHC supports the policy recommendations made by NFEC.

ACTION: NAIHC has made its support of NFEC's policy recommendations and financial education programs public via its website, in NAIHC's Native Housing Updates, and verbally. NAIHC will continue to promote NFEC's policy recommendations and training opportunities, as well as trainings offered by like-minded organizations, and in other forums when we have the opportunity to do so.

#2009-06: Support for Native American Representation on Federal Home Loan Bank Regional Advisory Councils

Summary: The Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBs) are a system of regional banks that lending institutions throughout the United States borrow funds from to finance housing, economic development, infrastructure, and jobs. Roughly 80% of U.S. lending institutions rely on FHLBs. Each FHLB has its own Board of Directors and regional Advisory Council. Native American participation is substantially lacking on FHLB regional Advisory Councils.

ACTION: NAIHC sent a letter to the Council of Federal Home Loan Banks requesting that it consider including Native American representatives on member Federal Home Loan Bank Boards of Directors across the nation. NAIHC has followed up with the FLHB Council and is awaiting a response.



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