



2011  
**ANNUAL  
REPORT**



**NATIONAL  
AMERICAN  
INDIAN  
HOUSING  
COUNCIL**

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## ABOUT NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

**T**he National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) 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 comprised of 270 members representing 465 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 promotes and supports tribal housing programs in their efforts to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for native people.

*NAIHC services to its members and the general public include:*

- *Advocacy for housing opportunities and increased funding for tribal housing and community development programs.*
- *Training in many areas of tribal housing management.*
- *On-site technical assistance to tribal housing professionals.*
- *Research and information services regarding tribal housing issues and programs.*

*NAIHC is supported by member dues and fees, and government, foundation, association, and private grants.*





## MESSAGES FROM THE NAIHC CHAIRWOMAN &amp; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CHERYL A. CAUSLEY,**  
*Chairwoman*  
*Bay Mills Housing*  
*Authority*



As Chairwoman of the nation's only tribal non-profit organization dedicated solely to improving housing conditions in Native American communities, furthering housing infrastructure development, and expanding economic and community development prospects in tribal communities, I am pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC.)

NAIHC was founded on the traditional native principle that by working together, tribes can help each other build strong and vibrant nations. This is true! We are all part of the mission to provide quality affordable and culturally appropriate housing for our native people. As a major partner of tribes and tribal housing programs, NAIHC is unsurpassed in helping to strengthen housing programs in tribal communities. In 2011 alone, NAIHC fulfilled 100 on-site technical assistance requests, benefitting 75 tribes and 1,516 tribal housing professionals. This number does not include the 213 requests for assistance that NAIHC received during the calendar year via telephone, email, and fax. It is reassuring for our tribal housing professionals to know where to turn when they need information or resources regarding the administration and management of their housing programs.

NAIHC is proud to be the preeminent housing training provider in Indian Country. Last year NAIHC conducted 39 top-quality training sessions, with each session averaging three days. NAIHC training staff conducted nine one-day training sessions, in conjunction with regional housing association meetings, attended by 316 tribal housing professionals. In addition, NAIHC conducted 74 training workshops at our Annual Convention and Legal Symposium. The average attendance at each of these workshops was nearly 25 individuals. 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 remains the preeminent training and technical assistance provider in Indian Country. No other native, or non-native organization, provides training of this magnitude to our tribal communities. I am proud to be a part of this native organization that is making such a profound difference in the areas of training and technical assistance.

**MELLOR WILLIE,**  
*Executive Director*



On behalf of all NAIHC staff, I am honored to share the 2011 NAIHC Annual Report. This report is a record of our recent work towards the fulfillment of NAIHC's mission, which is to support American Indians, Alaska Natives and native Hawaiians in achieving their self-determined goal of providing culturally relevant, and quality affordable housing for native people.

Since its founding in 1975, NAIHC has continued the tradition of uniting the diverse voices of Native Americans in order to unanimously address the challenges faced by tribal housing programs. From our expansive training and technical assistance program to our national forums where tribal leadership and tribal housing professionals convene, NAIHC advances a national housing agenda that helps to build sustainable and vibrant tribal communities.

In 2011, there were serious threats to tribal housing program funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). While this was an extraordinary challenge, the NAIHC Board of Directors and staff immediately and effectively addressed these budget threats. NAIHC was involved in every aspect of the appropriations process, from providing testimony during the initial budget hearings to meeting with appropriators on a regular basis. Ultimately, we prevailed by convincing Congress that the unmet housing needs of tribal communities were simply too great to justify cutting the already limited federal funding for tribal housing programs.

Given the current budgetary constraints within the federal government, tribes were pleased that funding for NAHASDA programs remained relatively unscathed during the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations process. The active support of NAIHC membership and tribal leadership, and the assistance of friends and allies in Congress, helped us to achieve this positive outcome.

Beyond the budget battles, NAIHC also concentrated its intergovernmental affairs activities on the following important matters:

- Ensured that proper tribal consultation was conducted for the HUD Indian Housing Needs Study.
- Held forums and established a working group on how to approach the issue of unexpended Indian Housing Block Grant funds.
- Educated Congress on the importance of the HEARTH legislation.
- Worked with the Administration to find solutions for home-site leasing delays on Indian land.
- Secured the inclusion of tribal housing issues in upcoming energy legislation and the federal Farm Bill reauthorization.
- Developed an innovative and efficient process to gather membership input on the 2013 NAHASDA reauthorization.
- Followed the NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking process to keep the membership informed.
- Convened meaningful forums and promoted productive dialogue on policies and issues with NAIHC membership, through monthly Legislative Committee meetings and the Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference, and Annual Convention.

Even though tribal housing programs faced serious challenges in 2011, NAIHC rose to the occasion and helped tribes to overcome many legislative obstacles, while at the same time strengthening and unifying our membership. Moreover, NAIHC was able to enlist our membership to assist in finding solutions and strategies that will advance the collective interests of tribal communities across the nation.

NAIHC is an active and vibrant organization. We are honored to work on behalf of our dedicated membership. NAIHC's membership truly understands that providing housing is more than just providing shelter; and that affordable housing is critical to building sustainable and self-sufficient tribal communities.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**CHERYL A. CAUSLEY, Chairwoman**  
Bay Mills Housing Authority

### REGION I

(AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI)  
Marie Stone, Interim-Housing Director  
Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department

**Alternate**  
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Catawba Indian Nation

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Development

**Alternate**  
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Authority

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**Alternate**  
Jason Adams, Executive Director  
Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority

### REGION VI

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Makah Housing Authority

**Alternate**  
John Williamson, Executive Director  
Lower Elwha Housing Authority

### REGION VII

(CA, NV)  
Karen Gonzales, Executive Director  
Round Valley Indian Housing Authority

**Alternate**  
Glenda Nelson, Tribal Chairwoman  
Enterprise Rancheria Indian Housing Authority

### REGION VIII

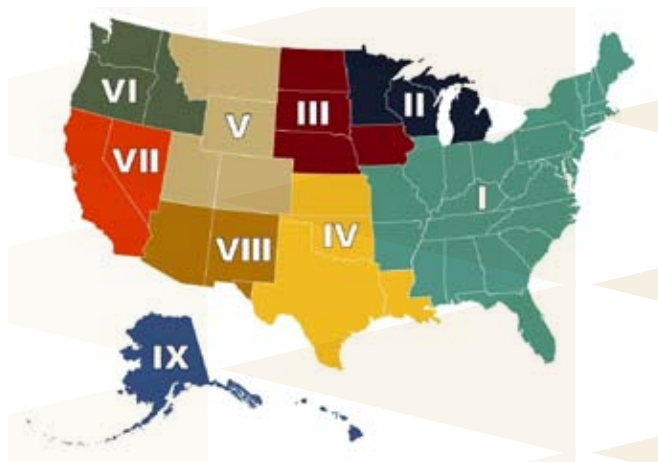
(AZ, NM, West TX) **Vice Chair**  
Floyd Tortalita, Executive Director  
Acôma Housing Authority

**Alternate**  
Michael Chavez, Executive Director  
Zuni Housing Authority

### REGION IX

(AK, HI) **Secretary**  
Teri Nutter, Executive Director  
AHTNA Reg/Copper River Basin Housing  
Authority

**Alternate**  
Carol Gore, President CEO  
Cook Inlet Housing Authority



NAIHC  
REGIONS MAP





# TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT



Since 1987, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) has offered high quality training and technical assistance (T/TA) services to tribes and tribal housing professionals. Each year, hundreds of students attend NAIHC's training courses in order to enhance their management skills and broaden their knowledge of tribal housing operations. In addition, tribes and tribal housing programs benefit from free, specialized technical assistance provided by NAIHC's highly experienced staff and consultants.

**A LONG  
TRADITION  
OF TRAINING  
AND  
TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE  
SOLUTIONS**

NAIHC's Leadership Institute and Tuition Free comprehensive training courses are designed to increase the knowledge and proficiency of tribal housing professionals who specialize in housing management, finance, budgets, resident services, development, procurement, occupancy, maintenance, modernization, program administration, crime prevention, and safety issues. NAIHC offers cutting-edge training, and routinely updates course content to meet the changing needs of tribal housing.

In addition to formally scheduled classroom training sessions, NAIHC offers specialized training on a regional basis as well as during the Annual Convention and Legal Symposium. Under certain circumstances, NAIHC can also create custom training programs designed to accommodate unique needs and timelines. All training is provided by experienced instructors with first-hand knowledge of tribal housing operations, providing students with the best technical and professional tools available to enhance their job performance.



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

In 2011, NAIHC employed 21 T/TA consultants (on an as-needed basis) to supplement NAIHC's full time staff of T/TA specialists, with the goal of enhancing response time to requests for training and technical assistance. NAIHC's consultants are located in Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Washington State.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NAIHC's technical assistance (TA) program, launched in 1992, is second to none in the tribal housing industry, and remains the cornerstone of the organization. Our TA providers are primarily former executive directors and senior managers, each with 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 receiving Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds. The specialists work directly with the tribe requesting assistance to design and develop a delivery plan tailored to the tribe's specific needs.

**T/TA Requests Received:** NAIHC received 152 T/TA requests from 99 tribes and eight other tribal housing organizations/non-IHBG recipients.

Note 1: Some tribes requested assistance more than once.

Note 2: Non-IHBG recipients were advised that they were not eligible for services.



**T/TA On-Site:** In 2011, NAIHC's T/TA specialists and consultants provided 100 on-site technical assistance and training sessions. A total of 74 tribal housing programs were served, and 1,516 tribal housing professionals benefited from this on-site service.

Note: Some tribes were served more than once.

**T/TA via Telephone, Fax, and E-mail:** NAIHC's T/TA specialists and consultants provided technical assistance to entities, via telephone, fax, and e-mail, on 214 occasions in 2011. A total of 84 tribal housing entities and six tribal housing-related entities were served, and 219 tribal housing professionals benefited from this service.

**Model Policies:** NAIHC distributed 120 Model Housing Policy Resource CDs in 2011, twice as many as in 2010. The CD contains 13 model policies, and a Policy Development Guidebook developed by NAIHC that was approved and found to be in compliance by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP). At the end of 2011, NAIHC began working on a feature that will allow housing employees to download the model policies directly from the NAIHC website. This innovative service is anticipated to be operational and on-line in early 2012.

### TRAINING

NAIHC's training courses are designed to assist in establishing competency in specialized areas of housing management, finance, budgets, resident services, development, procurement, occupancy, maintenance, modernization, crime prevention and safety, and program administration.

NAIHC's Leadership Institute (LI) is a tuition-based management certification program uniquely designed for employees of tribal housing programs. LI courses provide extensive information relating to all areas of tribal housing. Students can earn certification in one of four specialized training



## TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

tracks, and those who successfully complete all of the required LI courses can earn certification as a Professional Indian Housing Manager.

In 2011, the Leadership Institute saw about a 30% drop in attendance during the first six months of the year, as compared to 2010 attendance figures. This decline was due, in large part, to delays experienced by tribes and tribal housing programs in gaining access to their Fiscal Year 2011 IHBC funds.

NAIHC offered 19 LI courses in 2011, covering 11 different topics, with a total of 358 students attending.

The highest attendance for LI courses included:

- Introduction to Indian Housing Management held in August in Minneapolis, MN with 35 students in attendance.
- Admissions and Occupancy I held in August in Billings, MT with 30 students in attendance.

At NAIHC's 37th Annual Convention & Trade Show in Phoenix, AZ, one student, Sabrina Stephens of the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority, was recognized for her accomplishment in completing all of the required tracks, and received her Professional Indian Housing Manager certification during the annual awards banquet.

### Tuition-Free Training: Courses Cover Wide Range of Topics

The Tuition-Free (TF) Training program offers courses free of charge to qualified tribal housing professionals, thus encouraging participation by tribes and tribal housing programs with minimal training budgets. All others are charged a nominal attendance fee. Program courses cover selective topics related to tribal housing including homeownership, leveraging funding, low-income housing tax credit compliance, housing maintenance, policy development, property management, self-monitoring, and drug elimination. These courses do not necessarily focus on mandated regulations, but rather are designed to address the conditions and situations faced by tribal housing communities while providing basic housing services.

In 2011, NAIHC conducted 18 tuition-free training courses encompassing 14 different topics, with 476 tribal housing professionals in attendance, roughly a 14% increase over 2010 attendance figures. The courses helped individual attendees gain a better understanding of how to manage a wide range of situations facing the tribal housing industry, and also explored alternative programs that are outside normal HUD requirements.

### TF courses with the highest attendance in 2011:

- Self-Monitoring training held in San Francisco, CA in February with 45 students in attendance.
- Board of Commissioners training held in Albuquerque, NM in February with 40 students in attendance.

Since 2004, NAIHC has been the lead agency for Pathways Home: A Native Guide to Homeownership training. The Pathways curriculum, which was developed specifically for native communities, provides native homebuyers with the following: an understanding of the mortgage loan process, how to prepare a family budget, methods for improving credit profiles, strategies for avoiding the pitfalls of predatory lending, and information about both maintaining a home and personal finances following a home purchase.

The five-day comprehensive Train-the-Trainer course teaches tribal housing and financial education

**NAIHC  
LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE:  
Essential for  
Successful  
Tribal Housing  
Management**



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### PATHWAYS HOME: A NATIVE GUIDE TO HOME OWNERSHIP

professionals how to provide this curriculum to prospective native homebuyers in their local communities. Participants who complete the course earn a national certification as Homebuyer Education Instructors. In 2011, NAIHC conducted three national Pathways sessions, and one session in cooperation with Northwest Indian College, attended by a total of 68 students from 37 tribes and seven tribal housing programs.

#### Pathways Home Workbooks

NAIHC also distributes Pathways Home workbooks to tribal housing programs that employ certified Pathways Home trainers who conduct homebuyer education training sessions for Native Americans. A total of 1,316 workbooks (1,070 participant, 126 instructor, and 120 methods) were distributed in 2011. The workbooks were used to support 39 homebuyer education training sessions in 27 tribal communities, via three formal classroom sessions offered nationally by NAIHC and one session for a tribal housing-related organization.



### TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TABLE FOR 2011

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TABLE FOR 2011				
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	#	# of Tribes (others)	# of Housing Professionals Served	Notes
Requests Received	152	99 (8)	N/A	Some tribes requested assistance more than once.
TA Delivered On-Site	100	74	1,516	
TA Delivered Via Phone, Fax, & Email	214	84 (6)	219	
Model Policies Distributed	120	115 (5)	N/A	NAIHC provides model policies on CDs.
TRAINING	# of Topics Offered	# of Trainings Offered	# of Participants Attending	Notes
Leadership Institute	11	19	358	Attendance was low during the first six months due to delays in federal funding to tribes
Tuition-Free	14	18	408	
Pathways Home	1	4	68	
Regional Indian Housing Associations	6	9	316	Provided training in response to requests.
Convention	40	41	839 *	
Legal Symposium	30	33	971 *	
TRAINING SUPPORT	# of Workbooks Distributed	# of Training Sessions Supported		Notes
Pathways Home (Workbook Distribution)	1,316	39		Includes workbooks used for community based homebuyer education training sessions and NAIHC's formal Train-the-Trainer classes.
Scholarships	# of Applications Received	# of Awards Made	# of Awards Actually Used	Notes
	782	616	342	

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During 2011, 113 clients participated in Salish Kootenai Housing Authority's Pathways Homebuyer Education classes.

### 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 housing program management, with a special emphasis on specific and unique regional issues. The most requested training in 2011 focused on the NEW Indian Housing Plan (IHP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) forms and process.

In 2011, NAIHC provided nine training sessions to four Regional Indian Housing Associations, with 316 tribal housing professionals in attendance.

### AMERIND Training Integrated into NAIHC Classroom Sessions

NAIHC and AMERIND began a joint training venture in 2011, partnering on the delivery of nine classroom training sessions. AMERIND employees were on hand during sessions offered by NAIHC in order to provide risk management information relating to the course topic. Due to the success of this program, it will be offered again in 2012.

NAIHC provides training scholarships for qualified applicants to attend NAHASDA-related training sponsored by NAIHC and HUD. The scholarships help to partially offset travel-related expenses for tribes and tribal housing programs with limited budgets.

In 2011, NAIHC received 782 scholarship applications (an increase of over 100 from 2010), and 616 were approved. Of that number, 342 scholarships were used by students from 118 different tribes or tribal housing programs.

*"We provided one-on-one counseling sessions for 65 clients and assisted them in preparing family budgets. Approximately 37 of the families purchased homes. Since the inception of our affordable homeownership program, we have assisted 132 families with closing costs and down payment assistance. That number does not include the numerous clients we worked with who were not income eligible for financial assistance, yet after completing the Pathways Homebuyer education class purchased homes."*

Daniel Tromp, Affordable Homeownership Assistant, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority Services

## SCHOLARSHIPS







# COMMUNICATIONS: Your Tribal Housing Clearinghouse



NAIHC's communications mission is to keep the 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 communications has fully transferred to electronic and web-based outlets in order to efficiently reach members, tribes and the general public.

In 2011, NAIHC's website was updated with the latest information on training courses, legislative updates, and news pertinent to tribal housing. 2011 saw improvements to the way training information is presented on the website. To enhance usability, each training course is now displayed on its own course page, where all relevant information is consolidated. A password protected section of the website was also created, where materials are consolidated for NAIHC Legislative Committee members. Updates to the website's codebase are regularly performed for stability and security, and cost-effective measures were taken to reduce overhead expenses by 50% for web-hosting resources.

**THE NAIHC  
WEBSITE**

NAIHC continues to make incredible efforts to effectively communicate with the membership, Members of Congress, federal agencies, and the general public. The Native Housing Update (NHU), an electronic newsletter that relays important information, is sent to the membership every two weeks. The NHU includes updated information on NAIHC trainings, courses and conferences, legislative updates, the American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) deadlines, Census updates, funding opportunities, and information from other federal agencies. NAIHC uses the same electronic program to send out upcoming NAIHC Leadership Institute and Tuition-Free training announcements, as well as legislative action alerts and NAIHC Legislative Committee information.

**ELECTRONIC  
OUTREACH  
TO TRIBAL  
HOUSING  
PROGRAMS**



## COMMUNICATIONS: Your Tribal Housing Clearinghouse

### EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON TRIBAL HOUSING ISSUES

With the assistance of a generous grant from Fannie Mae, NAIHC held two Housing Expos in 2011. The target group for these events was urban-based Native Americans who do not qualify for services through their own tribal programs. The first Expo was held in Oklahoma City, OK on September 24, 2011. About 18 exhibitors were in attendance, including a representative from the Southwest Office of Native American Programs. There were approximately 40 attendees, including a woman who had recently received a foreclosure notice and was able to get immediate assistance. The second Expo was held in Albuquerque, NM on October 1, 2011. There were about 10 exhibitors, including a representative from the mayor's office who had information about services available from the City of Albuquerque for prospective home buyers.

Approximately 50 individuals attended, including a couple from Farmington, NM who traveled over 150 miles specifically to attend the expo.

NAIHC seizes every opportunity to educate the public about pivotal issues that are critical to understanding the importance of tribal housing programs. The organization actively participated in the Washington, DC area AI/AN Heritage Month events through the following:

- Sent a joint media release on AI/AN Heritage Month with the National Congress of American Indians and the National Council on Urban Indian Health.
- Assisted the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during its American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month events in November 2011 - Executive Director Mellor Willie spoke at the HUD event on November 30.
- Co-hosted an International reception with the Republic of Turkey and Turkish Coalition of America at the home of the Turkish Ambassador to the United States. Over 200 guests attended, including tribal leaders, international dignitaries, congressional staff, and Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK) and Congressman Don Young (R-AK). Mr. Willie discussed Indian Country's unique partnership with the Republic of Turkey.



### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS TABLE FOR 2011

Publication	# of Issues
Native Housing Update	20
Federal Monitor	5
Media Releases/Advisories	17
Action Alerts/Announcements	21
News Stories (mainstream and tribal media)	13





# MEMBERSHIP:

## Unity, Strength and Tradition

NAIHC's membership remains the backbone and driving force of the organization. From training topics to advocacy issues, the voting members set the annual agenda and provide essential direction for policy issues that arise throughout the year. Associate members keep NAIHC informed about innovative services and products available to housing authorities. Once the newly redesigned individual membership program launches, it will provide critical financial support as NAIHC continues to pursue its mission to provide quality, affordable housing for native people.

The 2011 voting membership was comprised of 276 housing programs, representing 469 tribes throughout Indian Country. NAIHC is the only national organization working solely with tribal housing programs. The knowledge of voting members allows NAIHC to remain innovative, and to retain its stature as the preeminent organization supporting tribal housing. In addition to providing feedback that assists in structuring each year's training topics, the membership helps NAIHC to address technical assistance needs on a case-by-case basis. NAIHC staff brings their diverse expertise to collaborating with the membership on finding solutions to any weakness in specific programs. As the collective voice of housing in Indian Country, NAIHC's voting members also actively provide input on a variety of national policy issues.

VOTING  
MEMBERSHIP



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 2011**  
 (With summarized financial information for December 31, 2010)

	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 894,533	\$ 496,627
Grants and contracts receivable	888,080	987,481
Prepaid expense	13,132	13,965
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,795,745	\$ 1,498,073
 <b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net</b>	 \$ 24,719	 \$ 44,627
 <b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Deposits	\$ 27,318	\$ 27,318
Total Other Assets	\$ 27,318	\$ 27,318
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	 \$ 1,847,782	 \$ 1,570,018
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 529,499	\$ 389,079
Accrued vacation payable	51,783	51,191
Capital lease payable, current portion		4,435
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 581,282	\$ 444,705
 <b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Deferred rent	\$ 20,682	\$ 14,425
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 20,682	\$ 14,425
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	 \$ 601,964	 \$ 459,130
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>	 \$ 1,245,818	 \$ 1,110,888
 <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	 \$ 1,847,782	 \$ 1,570,018

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**  
**(With summarized financial information for December 31, 2010)**



	2011	2010
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>		
HUD Grants	\$ 3,040,425	\$ 2,976,562
Advocacy	120,000	120,000
Convention	285,084	348,765
Member Dues	300,838	327,250
Leadership Institute	199,707	255,755
Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference	167,691	213,845
Grants	60,000	285,000
Interest Income	1,107	1,318
Other Income	5,220	165
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 4,180,072</b>	<b>\$ 4,528,660</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services		
HUD Grants	\$ 2,161,145	\$ 2,067,162
Advocacy	156,700	141,466
Convention	173,572	214,355
Leadership Institute	41,205	42,570
Legal Symposium, Legislative Conference	165,872	131,928
Government Affairs	125,846	134,937
Grants	21,939	384
Communications	26,708	47,854
Fundraising	2,724	10,414
Supporting Services		
G&A Unallowable	8,930	14,729
Management and General	1,160,501	1,409,756
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,045,142</b>	<b>\$ 4,215,555</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 134,930</b>	<b>\$ 313,105</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,110,888</b>	<b>797,783</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,245,818</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,888</b>



## MEMBERSHIP: Unity, Strength and Tradition

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate members are vendors, consultants, and businesses that provide unique goods and services to housing programs across the country. NAIHC continues to look for prospective partners, and encourages them to utilize its exclusive and innovative resources to effectively increase and improve housing in Indian Country. The 16 current associate members have shown consistent cultural sensitivity in working with tribal housing programs. This successful and complementary relationship between NAIHC and its associate members also serves to keep all NAIHC members aware of products essential to creating quality affordable housing, and the needs of clients. Associate members have become strong advocates of both their housing program clients and NAIHC.

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

At the end of 2010, NAIHC began the process of making the individual membership category more affordable and appealing to a broader range of housing advocates. Following a study of individual membership in previous years, NAIHC decided to significantly reduce the dues for this non-voting membership level. In 2011, along with logo modification, a strategy was developed to further market this category and capitalize on the support of partners whose goals align with NAIHC. In return, these friends of Indian housing will be kept informed of the critical work that NAIHC is doing to provide affordable housing.

NAIHC continues to aim for 100% membership of NAHASDA grantees by 2020. Strengthened by collaboration with all members, NAIHC remains committed to providing the best training and technical assistance, the most comprehensive resources for housing services, and the most effective advocacy for housing in Indian Country.

2011 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP				
Association of Alaska Housing Authorities Bank2 B & R Foundation Repair Dennis & Company DFC Consultants Enterprise Community Partners Kidstuff Playsystems, Inc. Lakota Solar Enterprises Native American Housing Consultants North Carolina Indian Housing Authority Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc. Syntax Core Business Services, Inc. Tribal Data Resources Travois, Inc. VRI, LC Wagenlander & Heisterkamp, LLC	<b>Region I (AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI)</b> Akwesasne Housing Authority Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority Cayuga Nation HA Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (Qualla Housing Authority) Indian Township Passamaquoddy Housing Authority ISWA Development Corporation (Catawba) Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Maliseet Indian Housing Authority Mashpee Wampanoag Mississippi Choctaw 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	Seneca Nation Housing Authority  <b>Region II (MN, MI, WI)</b> Bad River Indian HA Bay Mills HA Bois Forte Reservation Housing Department Grand Portage Indian HA Grand Traverse Band Indian HA Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa HA Lac Courte Oreilles Indian HA Lac du Flambeau Indian HA Lac Vieux Desert Indian Reservation Leech Lake Indian HA Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian Menominee Tribal Housing Department Hannahville Potawatomi HA Red Cliff Indian HA Red Lake Reservation HA Saginaw Chippewa HA Sault Ste. Marie Tribe HA Sokaogon Chippewa Community Housing Department Stockbridge-Munsee Division	of Community Housing Upper Sioux Community Housing Program White Earth Indian HA WI Potawatomi HA - Forest County Potawatomi  <b>Region III (NE, SD, NE, IA)</b> 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/Sicangu Wicota Awayankapi Corporation Santee Sioux Tribal Housing Authority Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority Standing Rock Housing Authority Trenton Housing Authority Turtle Mountain Housing	Authority Winnebago Housing & Development Commission Yankton Sioux Tribal Housing Authority  <b>Region IV (OK, LA, KS, East TX)</b> Absentee/Shawnee Housing Authority Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town Housing Bak-Kho-Je Housing Authority of Iowa Tribe (Oklahoma) Cherokee Nation Cheyenne Arapaho Housing Authority Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing Chitimacha Tribal 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 Ottawa Housing Authority Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma Kaw Tribal Housing Authority Kialegee Tribal Town Housing Authority of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas Modoc Housing Authority Otoe-Missouria Indian Housing Authority Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Prairie Band of Potawatomi Housing Authority Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma Shawnee Tribe Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Tunica Biloxi Housing Authority United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Wyandotte Nation Housing Department

# NAIHC CONFERENCES: Convening Tribal Housing Professionals



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. Every conference and event aligns with the organization's goal of advancing a national agenda on tribal housing at the grassroots, regional, national, and international levels. NAIHC conferences are the principal 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.

NAIHC was pleased to welcome back Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, who stated that every federal program is currently practicing fiscal discipline. He encouraged NAIHC membership to relay the message to their respective Members of Congress that the government "cannot tackle the deficit on the backs of the most vulnerable citizens."

Other plenary speakers included Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Under Secretary Cheryl Cook; Bryan Newland, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary in the Office of Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior; and Pilar Thomas, Deputy Director for Policy in the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs at the Department of Energy. The National Congress of American Indians Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson Pata provided an Indian Country update, and National Indian Health Board Executive Director Stacy Bohlen discussed the importance of healthy homes in tribal communities.

2011  
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#### 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  
Rocky Boy's 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 Siuslaw Indians  
Coquille Indian Housing Authority  
Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing



The afternoon session was equally successful. Five Members of Congress addressed the NAIHC membership. The speakers included Representative Tom Cole (R-OK); Senator Tom Udall (D-NM); Senator Jon Tester (D-MT); Representative Martin Heinrich (D-NM); and Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

NAIHC assisted the following tribes in scheduling meetings with their respective Congressional delegations: Karuk Tribe Housing Authority; Metlakatla Housing Authority; Red Cliff Housing Authority; and White Mountain Apache Housing Authority.

**2011 Annual Convention & Trade Show: Connect to the Past, Commit to the Future**  
The NAIHC 37th Annual Convention & Trade show was held in Phoenix, AZ on May 24-

26. Attendees heard messages from HUD Public and Indian Housing Assistant Secretary Sandra Henriquez; HUD Policy Development and Research Assistant Secretary Dr. Raphael Bostic; USDA Senior Advisor on Indian Affairs Janie Hipp; USDA Rural Development State Director for South Dakota Elsie Meeks; and DOE Director of Indian Energy Policy and Programs Tracey Lebeau. Arizona State Representative Albert A. Hale gave the keynote address during the morning plenary session.

Representative Hale touched on the recent political climate in Arizona, and discussed his position on a variety of legislation that affects native people in general. However, he mainly focused on the importance of connecting with the native traditional past in order to commit to a prosperous future in tribal housing.

Assistant Secretary Henriquez announced that approximately \$650 million in Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Housing Block Grant funding has been approved for distribution to tribes. The Assistant Secretary also complimented NAIHC for the education and advocacy efforts with Congress that helped attain this level of funding.

During the convention, NAIHC offered 43 training sessions in 10 different tracks, including Housing Management, Development Financing, Supportive Services, GSA and Census Bureau Services, Banking and Lending, Sustainable Housing Development, and Human Resources. The convention drew nearly 450 attendees representing tribal housing programs across Indian Country.

The three-day event also included a Legislative Committee meeting and a welcome reception where The Plateros, a Navajo blues band, provided lively entertainment. In addition, 35 exhibitors and arts and craft vendors participated in the two-day trade show.

*"My team at HUD has been tirelessly working with our nation's Native American communities to craft and implement sustainable, locally-driven solutions that will help them with the future. That's why, in our Fiscal Year 2012 budget proposal, HUD is requesting a total of \$782 million to create jobs, build housing, and foster economic development in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities nationwide."*

—  
HUD Secretary  
Shaun Donovan



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The 2011 Annual Convention also included two community activities, the Community Service Project and the Healthy Start Walk. NAIHC partnered with Native American Connections to revamp a playground area at the Whispering Palms, an affordable housing multi-family complex for native families located in Phoenix. Participants in the Healthy Start Walk trekked approximately 16 blocks around the downtown area.



Several individuals were recognized at the annual awards banquet, including the outgoing NAIHC Board Member Clayton Cleaves. Ms. Sabrina Stephens of the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority was recognized for receiving her certification as a Professional Indian Housing Manager. NAIHC Lead Training and Technical Assistance Specialist Erna F. Reeves was honored with the Award for Staff Excellence. Each year NAIHC recognizes the lifetime achievements of two leaders (one male and one female) in tribal housing with the Virginia Kizer and George Nolan Awards. The Virginia Kizer Award was presented to Cielo Gibson, an independent consultant in the tribal housing field. The George Nolan Award was presented to Reggie Wassana, former Executive Director of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal Housing Authority. NAIHC Chairwoman Cheryl Causley also recognized AMERIND Risk Management Corporation for their 25th anniversary.

### 2010 Legal Symposium: A Forum on Regulatory and Legal Issues

The 2011 Legal Symposium was held at the Mirage Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV on December 6-8. This 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 that affect tribes. The event drew nearly 500 attendees.

More than 30 training sessions were presented during the Symposium, including a select few that provided nine hours of Continuing Legal Education credit. NAIHC also offered a free advocacy training session that attracted over 150 participants. The training focused primarily on the Capitol Hill appropriations process. The Legal Symposium's plenary session included a discussion led by Department of Housing and Urban Development officials regarding the NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking process. The 2011 Legal Symposium drew nearly 500 attendees.

### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

Fort Hall Housing Authority  
Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority  
Kalispel Tribe of Indians  
Lower Elwha Housing Authority  
Lummi Housing Authority  
Makah Tribal Housing Department  
Metlakatla Housing Authority  
Muckleshoot Housing Authority  
Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority  
Nisqually Tribal Housing Program  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority  
Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority  
Quileute Housing Authority  
Quinalt Housing Authority  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe  
Siletz Tribal Housing Authority  
Skokomish Housing Department  
Southern Puget Sound Inter-Tribal Housing Authority  
Shoalwater Bay Tribe  
Hoh Tribe  
Spokane Indian Housing Authority  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Swinomish Housing Authority  
Umatilla Indian Housing Authority  
Warm Springs Indian Housing Authority

*NAIHC created the Lawyer of the Year Award to recognize attorneys who exemplify outstanding commitment and service on behalf of tribes and tribal housing programs. The 2011 inaugural recipient was Edmund Goodman, a partner in the Portland office of the Indian law firm Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker.*





# OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

## Your Tribal Housing Advocate

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

The responsibilities of the OGA include:

- Maintaining relationships with Members of Congress and 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.

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 and regional Indian organizations, and federal policymakers. NAHASDA was created in order to facilitate a new vision for building strong tribal communities by providing quality and affordable housing and related physical infrastructure.

The practical 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 with greater decision-making authority over their housing programs.

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FOR TRIBAL  
HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT**



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### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

Yakama Nation Housing  
Authority

#### Region VII (CA, NV)

All Mission Indian Housing

Authority

-Cahuilla Band

-La Jolla Band

-Pauma Band

-Santa Rosa Cahuilla

-Santa Ynez Band of

Chumash

-Soboba

-Torres-Martinez

-Viejas Group

Big Pine Tribe - Community

Development Department

Chico Rancheria Housing

Corporation - Mechoopda

Chukchansi Indian Housing

Authority (Picayune)

Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo

Indians of California

Dry Creek Rancheria

Duck Valley Indian Housing

Authority

Elk Valley Rancheria

Ely Shoshone Housing

Authority

Fallon Paiute/Shoshone

Indian Housing Authority

Federated Indians of Graton

Rancheria

Habematolel Pomo of Upper

Lake

Hoopa Valley Indian Housing

Authority

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

Modoc-Lassen Indian Housing

Authority

-Grindstone Rancheria

-Quartz Valley Rancheria

North Fork Rancheria

Northern Circle Indian

Housing Authority

-Berry Creek Rancheria

-Guidville Rancheria

-Hopland Rancheria

-Manchester Point Arena

Rancheria

-Mooretown Rancheria

-Redwood Rancheria

-Sherwood Valley

Rancheria

### Legislative Committee

Throughout the year, the Legislative Committee increased the effectiveness and integrity of NAIHC in addressing issues on a national level. The committee recommends actions to be taken on legislative matters, and educates NAIHC membership on various issues that impact Indian housing programs. During August 2011, the committee developed a set of protocols to be followed when identifying issues for referral to the NAIHC Board of Directors. The set of protocols was approved by the Board of Directors.

The committee meets on a regular basis at NAIHC annual events (Legislative Conference, Legal Symposium, and Annual Convention) and during monthly teleconferences.

### National Forum on Unexpended Funds & Unexpended Funds Work Group

The issue of unspent Indian Housing Block Grant funds has continued to be a topic of discussion and concern throughout the Congressional appropriations process. Large amounts of unspent funds have the potential to jeopardize future funding for all tribal housing programs.

These concerns have been raised on Capitol Hill, and in response, numerous tribal leaders and tribal housing professionals convened at the National Forum on Unexpended Funds in Phoenix, AZ on October 27, 2011. The goal of the forum was to discuss these and related challenges to the optimum delivery of housing assistance to low-income Indian families.

The identified challenges and impediments include HUD's LOCCS system, various agency environmental requirements, leasing delays, lack of capital, physical infrastructure, and others. The convened group of tribes and organizations reached consensus on the need to quickly address these impediments in order to achieve more efficient and effective management of tribal housing programs.

After the National Forum, NAIHC created an Unexpended Funds Work Group in order to identify barriers to the timely expenditure of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds. This work group consists of two NAIHC voting members from each region.



### Advancing the HEARTH Act

For years, legislation has been introduced to amend the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act of 1955 with the goal of providing tribes 99-year lease authority on a case-by-case basis, or to amend the Act so as to broadly reform the leasing approval process. Under current law, Indian tribes (except the Tulalip Tribes and the Navajo Nation) are presented with two options: to operate under the limitations of the 1955 Act, or secure 99-year lease authority through the enactment of federal legislation.

On January 6, 2011, Representative Martin Heinrich (D-NM) introduced the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act, or the HEARTH Act, (H.R. 205). The HEARTH Act offers Indian tribes the authority to develop and manage their own tribal leasing regulations, and to negotiate and enter into certain leases without approval from the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

**UPDATES FROM  
CAPITOL HILL:**  
Current issues  
and information  
regarding key  
legislation affecting  
tribal housing



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After a hearing convened by the House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs on November 17, 2011, the bill was marked up to include a NAIHC sponsored amendment that requires the Bureau of Indian Affairs to prepare and submit a report to Congress. The report will detail the history and experience of Indian tribes that have chosen to assume responsibility for operating the Indian Land Title and Records Office (LTRO) functions from the BIA. The bill, as amended, was reported favorably to the House floor for further consideration.

In the Senate, the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act (S.703) was introduced by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) in March 2011, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The Committee held a preliminary hearing in April, and a mark-up hearing took place in July. During the mark-up, Committee Chairman Daniel Akaka (D-HI) amended the bill to include S.676, a bill that reaffirms the Secretary of the Interior's role of taking land into trust for Indian tribes (the so-called "Carcieri fix").

Both H.R.205 and S.703 have bipartisan support in Congress, and strong support from Indian Country and the Administration. The Acts mandate no-cost and effective structural reform that will boost Indian homeownership and economic development.

### The Potential of Indian Tribal Energy

Access to cheap and reliable electricity throughout Indian Country is critical for housing and related community development. This access enables essential amenities and services such as heating and air conditioning, lighted buildings, healthcare, education, and activities that increase family incomes.

Extremely high unemployment rates are a common feature of many tribal communities throughout the country. Energy resource development is generating jobs for tribal members, as well as for surrounding communities. Native American lands contain vast amounts of both conventional and renewable energy resources. Realizing the economic benefit of developing these resources is a critical factor in the nation's efforts to achieve energy independence, promote stable sources of energy, and create jobs. Increasingly, energy resource development is proving to be an engine of economic growth for both tribal communities and surrounding populations.

Tribes encounter a long list of obstacles in developing conventional and renewable energy resources, including federal approvals and permitting, fees and other charges, delays in environmental reviews, and a lack of financial capital. Members of Congress and key committees of jurisdiction have recognized these challenges, and proposed solutions currently under consideration.

### Indian Tribal Energy Legislation: U.S. Senate

On October 12, 2011, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) Vice Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) introduced the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2011 (S.1684) to address barriers and improve energy resource development on tribal lands. This is a legislative effort to expedite economic development and job creation, and authorize greater tribal control over the management and development of their own resources. S.1684 is pending before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

Pyramid Lake Housing Authority  
Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity  
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Housing Department  
Round Valley Indian Housing Authority  
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
Smith River Rancheria  
Stewart's Point Rancheria  
Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority  
Te-Moak Western Shoshone Housing Authority  
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Housing Authority  
Walker River Reservation Indian Housing Authority  
Washoe Housing Authority

#### Region VIII (AZ, NM, West TX)

Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department  
Cochiti Pueblo Housing Authority  
Colorado River Residential Management Corporation (CRIT)  
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Housing Department  
Hopi Tribal Housing Authority  
Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority  
Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority  
Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise



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### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

Mescalero Apache Housing Authority  
 Nambe Pueblo Housing Entity  
 Navajo Housing Authority  
 Pascua Yaqui Housing Department  
 Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority  
 Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department  
 Pueblo of Zia  
 Salt River Community Housing Division  
 San Carlos Apache Housing Authority  
 Santa Clara Pueblo 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)

#### Aleutian Housing Authority

-Aleut Corporation  
 -Agdaagux Tribal Council  
 -Atka  
 -Akutan Village Council  
 -Belkofski  
 -False Pass  
 -Neslon Lagoon  
 -Nikolski IRA  
 -Pauloff Harbor  
 -Qagan Tayagungin  
 -Qawalangin  
 -Saint George  
 -Saint Paul  
 -Unga

#### AVCP Housing Authority/ Calista Native Regional Corporation

-Akiak Native Community  
 -Village of Alakanuk

### Indian Tribal Energy Legislation: U.S. House of Representatives

On April 1, 2011, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Chairman Don Young (R-AK) held an oversight hearing on impediments to more effective and efficient Indian energy production. In the intervening months, subcommittee staff solicited proposals from tribes for inclusion into a bill addressing these issues. On February 7, 2012, Chairman Young introduced the Native American Energy Act (H.R. 3973), and on February 15, 2012, the House Subcommittee on American Indian and Alaska Natives convened a hearing on the bill. The bill is still pending.

### Farm Bill Reauthorization

The Farm Bill governs the bulk of federal agriculture and nutrition programs. This bill contains 15 titles covering, among other things, direct payments to growers of select commodities including wheat and feed grains; domestic food and nutrition distribution programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and crop insurance programs that provide farmers with financial protection against crop losses. The Congressional Budget Office estimated the total cost of the last Farm Bill, originally authorized in June 2008, at \$284 billion. The legislation is up for reauthorization in September 2012.

Work has begun on the reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Various House and Senate committees are planning hearings, both in Washington, DC and across the country, and have requested written recommendations and comments from tribes. The goal is to review U.S. agriculture policy in advance of the 2012 reauthorization.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently passed a resolution calling for the development of an Indian Agriculture Act. The Act would empower USDA to apply the full range of the Farm and Rural Development Program, and related programs, to spur the creation of a successful private-based and agriculture-focused economy on rural Indian reservations. Upon completion, the Act could become a title in the next Farm Bill.

### Federal Budget

Each year NAIHC presents a budget request to Congress, proposing appropriation levels to fund various housing programs that are provided to tribal communities. From the Indian Housing Block Grant 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 2012 Appropriations

On November 18, 2011, Public Law 112-55 was enacted to provide Fiscal Year 2012 funds for Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, & Science (CJS), and Transportation, Housing & Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations bill also known as the "mini-bus." Funding for tribal housing programs is included in this spending measure.

Brief highlights for tribal housing programs:

- \$650 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant.



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- \$60 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant.
- \$2 million for Training and Technical Assistance.
- Timely Expenditure of Funds - all FY 2012 funds must be spent within a 10-year timeframe.
- GAO Study of Tribal Housing Challenges - the Committee calls for a study on the unique barriers and challenges to tribal housing activities.
- \$13 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant.



### Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs Study

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Planning Development and Research (PD&R) continues its work on the congressionally mandated Housing Needs Study. The goal of the study is to assess current housing conditions in Native American communities, providing important information that will allow HUD to serve tribes more effectively. This study is extremely important because it has the potential to significantly impact overall funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant. It will also serve to further inform policy, enabling tribes to use existing resources more efficiently and thus significantly improve housing conditions.

In 2010 and 2011, HUD-ONAP and PD&R conducted seven regional outreach meetings with tribal housing stakeholders. NAIHC, its membership, and tribal leadership expressed concern that the outreach meeting did not constitute adequate and proper government-to-government consultation. Working with PD&R, NAIHC helped to organize a national meeting at which more than 50 tribal leaders and tribal housing professionals met with HUD officials in Washington, DC on July 27, 2011. This meeting allowed participants to express their concerns and discuss the Indian Housing Needs Assessment Study process. HUD and PD&R representatives subsequently assured tribes that the study's outreach plan and survey instruments were modified based on input from these sessions and recommendations from an expert panel convened specifically for the study.

After the July 27 meeting, and in view of the importance and long-range implications associated with the housing needs study, tribal leaders insisted that proper implementation of tribal consultation must include (1) timely written notice to all tribally elected officials, delivered directly to individual tribal leaders in a reliable manner; (2) tribal consultation conducted in different regions across the country where all tribes and their leadership will have adequate time and reasonable opportunity to participate; and (3) one or more national meetings must be held to facilitate a culmination of input from tribal leadership. In response to these concerns, HUD committed to hold additional tribal consultations on the survey instruments and study design in 2012, and to delay field survey work until 2013. HUD is currently working with NAIHC and NCAI to organize and host six regional and two national consultation meetings scheduled for 2012.

### Current and Future Needs Study Activities

While HUD-PD&R completes the consultation meetings, the secondary data collection and analyses continue. A research team plans to examine Census data, and additional data from other sources, before concluding a preliminary analysis of need. An interim report on these efforts is scheduled for release in September 2012. Data collection in the field is expected to begin at the conclusion of

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federal agencies  
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#### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

- Algaaciq Native Village (St. Marys)
- Yupit of Andreafski
- Village of Aniak
- Village of Atmauthluak
- Village of Bill Moore's Slough
- Calista Native Regional Corporation
- Village of Chefnak
- 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



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### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

- 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
- Baran of Island Housing Authority
- Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
- Brevig
- Elim
- Gambell

the tribal leader consultations, approximately January 2013, and to continue through January 2014. A draft report summarizing the research is scheduled for completion in June 2014, and the final report will be issued in August 2014. Once the final report is completed, HUD intends to conduct a series of briefings on these findings and their implications.

### Negotiated Rulemaking

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-411, approved October 14, 2008) reauthorized NAHASDA through September 30, 2013, and made a number of amendments to the statutory requirements governing the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and Title VI Loan Guarantee programs.

After a series of six meetings in 2010 to negotiate regulations that address the implementation of amendments to NAHASDA, the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee received a draft of the proposed rule on January 20, 2011. The proposed rule included consensus decisions reached by the Committee, which consisted of 27 members - two HUD representatives and 25 tribal representatives. On February 11, 2011, NAIHC issued a Federal Monitor notifying tribes of the Committee's progress.

The Committee members' comments on the proposed rule were due for delivery to HUD by February 22, 2011. After the comments were reviewed by HUD, the clearance process began, including a review by several departments within HUD, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Congressional Committees on Capitol Hill. The post-clearance draft was published on April 20, 2011 (Docket No. FR-5275-P-11), thus launching the first public comment phase.

On November 18, 2011, the proposed rule was published in the Federal Register. NAIHC's Office of Governmental Affairs distributed an alert on November 17 urging tribal leaders and tribal housing professionals to review the proposed rule, and to submit their comments before the termination of the 60-day comment period on January 17, 2012.

A final two-day Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meeting will be held in May 2012, when the Committee will review, and consider responses to, the proposed rule. The next Negotiated Rulemaking phase to address the Indian Housing Block Grant funding formula will begin in 2012.

### Proposed Revisions to BIA Leasing Regulations (25 CFR 162)

On November 29, 2011, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published a notice in the Federal Register stating its intention to revise regulations related to the surface leasing process on Indian lands (25 CFR 162). According to the BIA, these proposed changes to surface leasing regulations will streamline the approval process for homeownership, expedite economic development, and spur renewable energy development in Indian Country.

The existing regulations, adopted in 1961, take an outdated "one-size fits-all" approach to processing all surface leases. Under the current leasing model, which also lacks defined process or deadlines, many simple mortgage applications have been delayed pending approval from the federal government, in some cases for several years.

The Obama Administration highlighted the BIA regulatory revisions in December 2011 during the 3rd Annual White House Tribal Leaders Conference.

The proposed reform seeks to identify a specific process, including enforceable timelines, by which BIA must review leases. The regulation would also establish a separate, simplified process for



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residential, business, and renewable energy development. For example, a lease for a single-family home will be distinguished from a lease for a large solar energy project.

A series of tribal consultations were held throughout 2011 to gather input on these proposed regulations. Mid-2012 is the goal for completion of these regulatory revisions.

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HOUSING APPROPRIATIONS Dollars in Millions **All Amounts are Before any Across-the-Board Reductions	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2011 Final CR 4/15/11 H.R.1473	FY 2012 Enacted P.L. 112-55	FY 2013 NAIHC Proposed Budget	FY 2013 President's Proposed Budget	FY 2013 Senate Approps Committee as of 5/23/12
<b>HUD</b>						
<b>Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA</b>	700	650	650	875a.	650	650
Set-Asides: Transformation Initiative by HUD	4.3	4.3		TBD <sup>b</sup>	3.3	
Training & Technical Assistance	3.5	3.5	2	4.8	0	4
Title VI Loan Guarantee	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Available for Formula after Set-Asides	692	640		868	645	645
NAIHC/TA: SHOP 2004-06, Neighborhood Initiatives 2008						
<b>Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant</b>	13	13	13	20	13	13
Set-Aside: HUD Training and Technical Assistance	0.3	0.3	300,000	0.5	0	0.3
<b>Loan Guarantees</b>						
Section 184 Home Ownership	7	7	6	9	7	6
Section 184A Home Ownership (Hawaiian)	1	1	386,000	1	1	1
<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>	4,450	3,508	2,948	4,603	2,948	2,948
Set-Asides: Indian Community	65	65	60	100	60	60
Development Block Grant (ICDBG)						
Imminent Threat (Set-Asides from ICDBG)	4	4		4		
<b>Rural Innovation Program c.</b>	25	0		30	0	30
<b>Economic Development Assistance for Tribes</b>	5	0		12	TBD	TBD
<b>Healthy Homes Initiative (Office of Lead Hazard Control)</b>	20	0		20	30	30
<b>Labor</b>						
<b>YouthBuild (Transferred to Labor in FY 2006)</b>	102.5	80		120	80	TBD
<b>Veterans</b>						
<b>Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program</b>	0.6	0.6		0.7c.	1d	TBD
<b>Interior</b>						
<b>BIA Indian Loan Guarantee Program</b>	8.2	8.2	7.1	9	5	TBD
<b>BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP)</b>	12.6	12.6	12.6	50	12.2	TBD
<b>IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction</b>	96	96	80	131	80	TBD
<b>USDA</b>						
<b>Section 502 Single-Family Loans (Direct)</b>	1,121	1,121	900	2,500	652.8	900
<b>Section 502 Single-Family Loans (Guaranteed)</b>	12,000	12,000	24,000	12	24,000	24,000
<b>Section 504 Very Low Income Repair Loan</b>					28	28.5
<b>Section 504 Very Low Income Repair Grant</b>		***	29.5	50	29.5	29.5
<b>Section 515 Multi-Family Loans (Direct)</b>	69.5	69.5	64.5	250	0	28.4
<b>Section 538 Multi-Family Loans (Guaranteed)</b>	129	30.9	130	150	150	150
<b>Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants</b>	9.9	***	n/a	50	0	3.6

a. 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.

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

c. Entitlement program - no appropriations needed

d. These funds are for administrative expenses of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program

\*\*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

### 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

-Golovin (Chinik)  
 -Inalik (Diomedea)  
 -King Island  
 -Koyuk  
 -Mary's Igloo  
 -St. Michael  
 -Savoonga  
 -Shaktoolik  
 -Shishmaref  
 -Solomon  
 -Teller  
 -Wales  
 -White Mountain  
Bristol Bay Regional Housing Authority  
 -Bristol Bay  
 -Aleknagik  
 -Chignik Bay  
 -Chignik Lagoon  
 -Chignik Lake  
 -Clarks Point  
 -Curryung  
 -Ekuk  
 -Ekwok  
 -Igiugig  
 -Ivanoff  
 -King Salmon  
 -Kokhanok  
 -Koliganek  
 -Levelock  
 -Manokotak  
 -Naknek  
 -New Stuyahok  
 -Perryville  
 -Portage Creek  
 -Port Heiden  
 -South Naknek  
 -Togiak  
 -Twin Hills  
 -Ugashik  
 Cook Inlet Housing Authority  
 Copper River Basin Housing Authority  
 -AHTNA  
 -Cantwell  
 -Cheesh-Na  
 -Chitina  
 -Gakona  
 -Gulkana  
 -Mentasta  
 -Kluti Kaah (Cooper Center)  
 -Tazlina  
 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
 Haida Nation / HCA  
Interior Regional Housing Authority  
 -Allakaket  
 -Beaver  
 -Birch Creek  
 -Dot Lake  
 -Doyon  
 -Eagle  
 -Evansville  
 -Grayling  
 -Hughes  
 -Huslia  
 -Kaltag  
 -Koyukuk  
 -Manley Hot Springs  
 -McGrath  
 -Minto  
 -Nenana  
 -Nikolai  
 -Northway



# NAIHC 2011 BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS

## 2011 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

-Ruby  
-Shageluk  
-Takotna  
-Telida  
-Tetlin

Kenaitze Indian Tribe IRA  
Ketchikan Indian Community  
Kodiak Island Housing

### Authority

-Afognak  
-Akhiok  
-Kaguyak  
-Koniag  
-Larsen Bay  
-Leisnoi  
-Old Harbor  
-Port Lions

Nome Eskimo Community  
North Pacific Rim Housing

### Authority

-Chanega  
-Chugach (Seaward & Valdez)  
-Nanwelek (English Bay)  
-Port Graham  
-Tatielek

Northwest Inupiat Housing

### Authority

-Ambler  
-Buckland  
-Deering  
-Kiana  
-Kobuk  
-NANA Corporation  
-Noatak  
-Noorvik  
-Shungnak

Orutsaramiut Native Council  
Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu

### Housing Authority

-Arctic Slope  
-Atkasuk  
-Kaktovik  
-Nuiqsut  
-Point Lay

Tlingit-Haida Regional

### Housing Authority

-Angoon  
-Tlingit-Haida Central  
Council  
-Chilkat  
-Craig  
-Douglas  
-Kake  
-Kassan  
-Klawock  
-Petersburg  
-Saxman  
-Skagway  
-Wrangell  
-Yakutat

## Resolution 2011-A: A Resolution to Support Fiscal Year 2012 Funding for Native American Housing

### Programs

**S**ummary: This resolution urges the United States Congress to (1) fund the Indian Housing Block Grant Program at no less than \$700 million; (2) fund the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program at \$100 million; and (3) fund the NAIHC Training and Technical Assistance Program at \$4.8 million during the fiscal year 2012 budget process.

**Action:** NAIHC monitored the FY 2012 appropriations, and advocated for the funding level recommended in the resolution. A summary of the FY 2012 appropriations for tribal housing programs is outlined on page XX. NAIHC organized an effective letter writing campaign targeting Congressional offices that generated hundreds of letters advocating for increased funding, and provided testimony on Capitol Hill at every available opportunity.

## Resolution 2011-B: A Resolution to Endorse Support for the Reauthorization of the Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act

**Summary:** This resolution urges the United States Congress to support the reauthorization of the Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act.

**Action:** NAIHC fully supports reauthorization of the Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act, and always addresses this reauthorization when advocating on Capitol Hill.





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