

## National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) COVID19 Housing Assistance Program (the "C19HA")

Through the C19HA, NAIHC will use \$880,000 for eligible NAIHC members to assist in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on housing in their communities. C19HA applications will be accepted only from current members of the NAIHC. The limit for C19HA grants shall be \$44,000 per NAIHC voting member.

The Program is intended to provide applicants with flexibility in their activities under this grant. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Developing immediate housing opportunities to provide safe and responsible temporary or permanent housing or quarantining of individuals affected by COVID-19
- Housing Assistance to individual families or households impacted by COVID-19
- Procurement of PPE or testing equipment for staff and/or members in the community
- Other projects intended to respond to or protect against COVID-19

Total annual household income may not exceed 80 percent of the greater of the area median income or the applicable NAHASDA income limits for eligible AI/AN households published annually by HUD. Applications will be scored by NAIHC, with the top two ranked applications from each NAIHC region expected to be selected for awards. The top two ranked applications from the remainder of the applications are also expected to be selected for awards regardless of location. Scoring criteria will be released along with the application announcement. Expected scoring elements include organizational capacity and the total number of households/families impacted.

## National American Indian Housing Council Native American Home Rehabilitation (NAHR) Program

In 2020 NAIHC will make up to \$880,000 available to eligible NAIHC members, funds may be used to provide home rehabilitation assistance to eligible Native American, Native Alaskan, or Native Hawaiian homeowners including Native Americans or Alaska Natives who are enrolled members of a Federally or State Recognized Tribe, a member or stockholder of an Alaska Village or Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiians for owner occupied units that are located in tribal communities. NAHR program applications will be accepted only from current members of the NAIHC. The initial limit for program grants in a program year shall be \$44,000 per NAIHC member.



NAIHC COVID-19 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES	
Eligible Applicants	NAIHC Members
Grant Amount	<ul> <li>Maximum limit for program grant shall be \$44,000 per member organization.</li> <li>Region I: AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI</li> <li>Region II: MN, MI, WI</li> <li>Region III: ND, SD, NE, IA</li> <li>Region IV: OK, LA, KS, East TX</li> <li>Region V: MT, WY, CO, UT</li> <li>Region VI: WA, OR, ID (and Annette Island, AK)</li> <li>Region VII: CA, NV</li> <li>Region VIII: AZ, NM, West TX</li> <li>Region IX: HI, AK (except Annette Island, AK)</li> </ul>
Application	<ul> <li>Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 5, 2021.</li> <li>Applications must include Program Policy that meets requirements of the C19HA Program.</li> <li>Selection criteria will be based on organizational experience, history and capacity, using the Evaluation Criteria found in the Application Form</li> <li>NAIHC will award the top two scoring applications from each Region, with the next two top scoring applications from the remainder of the applicant pool receiving the final two awards</li> </ul>



## Requirements

- An eligible household may receive up to \$5,500 under this program.
- Head of Household must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe, a member or shareholder of an Alaska Village or Regional Corporation, or a Native Hawaiian eligible to reside on Hawaiian Home Lands. See Definitions for definition of "Federally Recognized Tribe" "Alaska Village or Regional Corporation", and "Native Hawaiian.
- The household being assisted must be eligible to receive services from an NAIHC member.
- Total annual household income may not exceed 80 percent of the greater of the area median income: 1) as published annually by HUD and adjusted for household size; or 2) the applicable NAHASDA income limits for eligible Native American households published annually by HUD. The Program is intended to provide applicants with flexibility in their activities under this grant. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
- Developing immediate housing opportunities to provide safe and responsible temporary or permanent housing or quarantining of individuals affected by COVID-19
- Housing Assistance to individual families or households impacted by COVID-19
- Provision of food and supplies to families or households that are limited in their ability to travel due to COVID-19 restrictions or health risks
- Procurement of PPE or testing equipment for staff and/or members in the community
- Other projects intended to respond to or protect against COVID-19
- Income documentation must be collected on all adult household members to verify annual income.
- Ineligible Units
  - No second/vacation homes
  - No investment property
- All project funds must be expended, and close-out report submitted to NAIHC by December 31, 2021.



## **Definitions**

- Alaska Village or Regional Corporation: These are Alaska Native entities established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANSCA). Also known as Alaska Native Corporation or ANSCA Corporation. These entities are eligible to receive services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. Corporations may be for profit or nonprofit and establish their own rules for native membership. For purpose of eligibility in NAIHC's NAHR program, a recipient must be a member or shareholder in a village or regional corporation established pursuant to ANSCA.
- State Recognized Tribe: The term 'State recognized tribe' means any tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community--(I) that has been recognized as an Indian tribe by any State; and(II) for which an Indian Housing Authority has, before the effective date under NAHASDA section 107 section 705, entered into a contract with the Secretary pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937 for housing for Indian families and has received funding pursuant to such contract within the 5-year period ending upon such effective date.
- Tribal Community NAHASDA IHBG formula areas:
  - Reservations for federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined by the U.S. Census;
  - Trust lands;
  - Department of the Interior Near-Reservation Service Areas;
  - Former Indian Reservation Areas in Oklahoma Indian Areas, as defined by the U.S. Census as Oklahoma Tribal
- Statistical Areas (OTSAs);
  - Congressionally Mandated Service Areas;
  - State Tribal Areas as defined by the U.S. Census as State Designated American Indian Statistical Areas
- (SDAISAs);
  - Tribal Designated Statistical Areas (TDSAs);
  - California Tribal Jurisdictional Areas established or reestablished by federal court judgment; and
  - Alaska formula areas
- The formula area of the ANV shall be the geographic area of the village or that area delineated by the TDSA established for the ANV for purposes of the 1990 U.S. Census or the Alaska Native Village Statistical Area (ANVSA) established for the ANV.