



# ABOUT NAIHC

#### **NAIHC MISSION**

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

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is the nation's only Native American non-profit organization dedicated solely to improving housing conditions in Native American communities, advancing housing infrastructure development, and expanding economic and community development across Indian Country. NAIHC has established a reputation as the national leader in Indian housing and works with many federal agencies, financial institutions and community groups to create housing opportunities for Native people throughout Indian Country.

The National American Indian Housing Council represents housing interests of Native people who reside in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and on Hawaiian Home Lands. In 2020, the NAIHC is composed of 289 voting members representing 496 tribes and housing organizations. NAIHC also has associate and individual members and organizations that support our mission. NAIHC is guided by a 10-member Board of Directors representing Native housing entities in nine geographical regions throughout the United States. NAIHC was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) corporation and is supported by member dues and fees, government, foundation, association and private grants. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, NAIHC has planned and executed 45 consecutive annual conferences since its inception.

# NAIHC SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC INCLUDE:

Advocacy for housing opportunities and increased funding for Native American housing and community development programs;

Training and technical assistance in all aspects of Native housing development and management for Native Housing professionals; and research and information services, and dissemination of important legislative, regulatory and industry updates related to Native housing issues and programs.

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To our members, funders, partners and friends,

## THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL (NAIHC) IS PLEASED TO SHARE THIS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

We all shared the difficult year that was 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting so many of our families and tribal communities. NAIHC maintained its role as the national advocate for tribal housing programs, helping ensure tribal housing programs were included in Congressional COVID-19 relief efforts. NATHC also continued to work with tribal programs throughout the pandemic to identify resources that tribes could utilize to help members of their communities, whether it be direct housing assistance or navigating safety issues or best practices on keeping programs running despite social distancing restrictions.

In addition to the supplemental funding under the CARES Act, advocacy efforts by NAIHC and its members were successful in maintaining the annual funding tribal programs have received, which continues the competitive IHBG award. At the very end of 2020, NAIHC also helped ensure that tribes were part of the national Emergency Rental Assistance program through a substantial tribal set-aside. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program should help many individuals and families who have struggled to make rent and utility payments due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and NAIHC will continue to help tribes and federal partners work together to make that program successful.

For its own operations, NAIHC unfortunately had to cancel its Annual Convention and Members Meeting. While the one event was cancelled completely, NAIHC was able to host its annual Legal Symposium virtually, as we quickly adapted to bring our members updated content through Zoom and online meeting platforms. Nearly all of our training and technical assistance programming also turned virtual once we re-started our programming in the summer and fall. While it seems like a long time ago at this point, before the pandemic began NAIHC was also able to work with HUD to carry out the first Crime Prevention Summit, which saw nearly 200 participants gather in-person to learn best practices regarding housing and public safety issues in tribal communities.

NAIHC was also able to maintain and create new relationships with many of our housing and banking industry partners. These relationships have allowed NAIHC to continue migrating its Leadership Institute curriculum online and provide direct grants to our members for a second consecutive year.

NAIHC wants to thank everyone who contributes to NAIHC's mission. This includes our industry partners, other housing organizations, grant funders, volunteers, NAIHC's Board of Directors and team of training and technical assistance providers. Most importantly that includes our members, who have worked tirelessly this past year to keep their communities safe. By sharing their best practices, successes and continuing needs, our members have helped NAIHC work with our partners in Congress and federal agencies to ensure tribal communities are getting the housing assistance resources they need to serve their communities.

NAIHC looks forward to continuing our mission in this coming year to ensure tribal communities and housing programs come out of this pandemic safe and healthy, and with the resources they need to provide even more safe, affordable housing opportunities for our Native families.



**Adrian Stevens** Acting Chairman, **Board of Directors** 



**Anthony Walters** 

**Executive Director** 

# NAIHC SUPPORTING PARTNERS

NAIHC has formed long-standing partnerships with a variety of organizations, resulting in initiatives that better address affordable housing, economic opportunities, homeownership opportunities, and fundraising options. Through these alliances, NAIHC gains a strong network of housing industry support, as well as greater access to useful resources.

## **SUPPORTING PARTNERS**

NAIHC wishes to recognize the support of the following partners:



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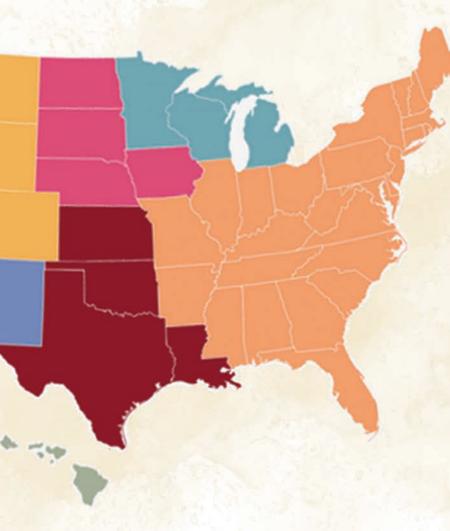
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#### Alternate:

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# TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

# Providing Training and Technical Assistance Solutions Since 1987 An Invaluable Resource for Tribal Housing Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)

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 tribal housing professionals attend NAIHC training courses to enhance their management skills and broaden their knowledge of tribal housing operations and management. In addition, tribes and tribal housing programs benefit from free, specialized technical assistance (on and off-site) provided by highly experienced NAIHC staff and consultants. NAIHC utilizes the services of 160 expert consultants. Each consultant has direct and extensive experience in tribal housing program administration.

NAIHC training courses are designed to increase the knowledge and proficiency of tribal housing professionals in specialized areas of housing management, finance, resident services, development, procurement, occupancy, maintenance, modernization, program administration, and crime prevention and safety issues. The NAIHC comprehensive course schedule includes Leadership Institute and HUD training assignments provided by NAIHC. Innovative training and course content is consistently updated to meet the evolving needs of tribal housing professionals.

In addition to formally scheduled classroom training sessions, NAIHC also offers specialized training on a regional basis, and during the Annual Convention and Legal Symposium. Under certain circumstances, NAIHC also creates custom training programs designed to accommodate unique specifications and timelines. All training sessions are conducted by experienced instructors with first-hand knowledge of tribal housing operations, providing participants with the best technical and professional tools available to enhance the successful operation of tribal housing programs.

The COVID-19 pandemic halted all NAIHC in person, face to face Instructorled training sessions and on-site technical assistance in April of 2020. NAIHC quickly responded to the need to address the way that we designed and delivered courses and the way that instructors interact with participants by training staff and consultants to become proficient with remote meeting and training platforms. Virtual training and technical assistance sessions were redesigned to incorporate more interaction: More question-and-answer sessions, more engaging visual aids, more videos, more polls, to stay connected with participants.

All recipients of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding are eligible to receive T/TA at no cost. Technical assistance (TA) can range from a simple phone call to a multi-day, on-site visit by an NAIHC TA provider. NAIHC works with tribal housing staff to design and develop a technical assistance delivery plan custom tailored to meet specific needs. To apply for T/TA, clients need to submit a request for assistance to their regional HUD Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) office. The area ONAP office will then forward the request to the ONAP Headquarters office in Washington, DC. Upon receipt, ONAP HQ will review the request and issue a tasking order to a TA Provider whom is awarded a TA Cooperative Agreement and funding award. That entity will then be responsible for contacting the client, developing a T/TA delivery work plan and delivering the assistance requested. Although tribes are not required to pay any fees for technical assistance services, funding for this program is limited. While all requests may not warrant an on-site visit, assistance is consistently first-rate.

### LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The NAIHC Leadership Institute was founded in 1999 to provide relevant and innovative training for tribal housing professionals nationwide. The LI not only provides interactive training courses but is the only national certification program that builds capacity and knowledge to NAIHC's membership of tribes and tribal housing programs. Students complete specialized tracks to earn certification as program specialists in General Management, Financial Management, Development Management and Occupancy Management. Those who satisfactorily complete all the required LI courses will earn NAIHC's premier certification of Professional Indian Housing Manager (PIHM).

LI courses offered in 2020: 2 Students attending the LI courses: 37 Tribes represented at LI courses: 23

Housing professionals trained through 2020: 5,185

Average attendance per course: 18 Total PIHM

recipients in 2020: 0

Total PIHM through 2020: 64

Total LI certification recipients in 2020: 0

### **LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE STUDENTS CERTIFIED IN 2020**

Unfortunately, with LI classes being canceled throughout 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic, no certifications were earned by housing professionals in 2020.

# PATHWAYS HOME PROGRAM 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. This comprehensive train-the-trainer course instructs tribal housing and financial education professionals how to provide the course to prospective native homebuyers in their local communities. Those who complete the course earn a national certification as Homebuyer Education Instructors.

Pathways Homebuyer Education Instructors Certified in 2020: 0
Pathways Homebuyer Education Instructors Certified since 2004: 1,091
Tribes represented at 2020 Pathways trainings: 0

# **HUD/ONAP FREE TRAININGS**

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native American Programs (HUD/ONAP), NAIHC delivered various training courses tailored to tribal housing authorities. The course topics offered were stipulated and identified by ONAP offices. NAIHC worked closely with the area ONAP offices to establish dates, locations, and the frequency at which each course would be offered.

HUD/ONAP courses offered: 36 S
Tribes represented at HUD/ONAP courses: 211

Students attending HUD/ONAP courses: 899

Average attendance per course: 25

# TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

# NAHASDA – LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT COMPLIANCE (LIHTC) PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

NAIHC has been offering the NAHASDA-LIHTC Compliance course since 2011. This course is designed to provide tribal housing professionals with an overview of the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, and how the program can complement other tribal housing initiatives. The course provides both a general explanation of the program and describes detailed procedures and requirements for continuing operational compliance under the LIHTC and the NAHASDA programs.

The course addresses the fundamentals of tax credit compliance from a global perspective and explains how compliance can be integrated into an existing property management regimen. Individuals that successfully pass the NAHASDA & Tax Credit Compliance Professional (NTCCP) exam at the end of the NAHASDA-LIHTC compliance certification course will receive an NTCCP certification by meeting these requirements:

- Demonstrate a minimum of 2 years' experience in NAHASDA-LIHTC related projects
- Complete Certification of Work Experience
- Execute the NTCCP Code of Professional Responsibility

The NTCCP certification is a unique national certification that acknowledges expertise in both the NAHASDA and LIHTC programs.

LIHTC class attendees in 2020: 24 NTCCP certification recipients since 2011: 380 NTCCP certification recipients in 2020: 15

## **LIHTC STUDENTS CERTIFIED IN 2020**

Maria Luz Alvarez, Intake Specialist, Pascua Yaqui Housing Division
Sherri Carr, Mortgage Specialist, Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
Gloria Cruz - Rivera, Housing Intake Manager, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Housing Division
Betsey Foote, Board Member Secretary, Tule River Indian Housing Authority
Marlyn Jim, Occupancy Specialist, Shoshone – Duck Valley Housing Authority
Lizzette Johnson, Homeownership Counselor, Quechan Housing Authority
Morgan Manakaja, Resident Services Specialist, , Hualapai Tribe Housing Department
Victoria M. Morales – Duarte, Housing Intake Specialist, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Housing Division
Tasheena Natt, Program Specialist, Yurok Indian Housing Authority
Anita Rendon, Resident Services Manager, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Housing Division
Shante Scott, Program Specialist, Yurok Indian Housing Authority
Amanda Silas, Homeownership Counselor, Tule River Indian Housing Authority
Lillian K. Vaile, Tax Credit Occupancy Tech, Blackfeet Housing Authority
Fredrick Watahomigie, Executive Director, Hualapai Tribe Housing Department
Howard Whatoname, Resident Specialist, Hualapai Tribe Housing Department

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ON-SITE & VIRTUAL)**

NAIHC's technical assistance (TA) program, in existence since 1987, remains the cornerstone of the organization. Our TA providers consist primarily of former executive directors and senior housing managers, each with many years of experience in the tribal housing arena.

NAIHC's highly-qualified TA specialists, along with our team of professional TA consultants, are able to work on-site, as well as remote, at the request of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients.

T/TA Assignments received from ONAP HQ: 75 On-site & Remote TA sessions completed: 116 Total number of tribes served: 62

### LEGAL SYMPOSIUM TRAINING

In 2020, NAIHC offered break-out training sessions during our Virtual Legal Symposium.

Legal Symposium

Breakout training/lecture/seminar/workshop sessions offered: 26

#### **HUD ONAP CRIME PREVENTION NATIONAL SUMMIT**

In conjunction with HUD's Office of Native American Programs, NAIHC offered the Crime Prevention National Summit on February 4-6, 2020 at the Westin Downtown in Denver, Colorado The Summit offered a forum for tribal leaders and federal agencies to discuss methamphetamine prevalence, opioid addiction, violence against women, and gang violence. Information on available funding sources and strategies for implementing policies to prevent and address these crimes was shared. Tribal leaders, housing department executives, housing authority leaders, interested tribal community members, staff from federal agencies and other organizations participated in this event.

Crime Prevention National Summit

Breakout training/lecture/seminar/workshop sessions offered: 32

Combined attendance: 167



# **2020 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP BY REGION**

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

Akwesasne Housing Authority Aroostook Band of Micmac Housing Authority Aguinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority Cayuga Nation Housing Authority Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Eastern Division **Choctaw Housing Authority** HaliwaSaponi Housing Department ISWA Development Corporation Lumbee Tribe Of North Carolina Maliseet Indian Housing Authority Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Program MOWA Choctaw Housing Authority Narragansett Housing Authority Oneida Indian Nation Housing Department Pamunkey Indian Tribal Office Penobscot Nation Housing Department Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Indian Housing Authority Poarch Creek Housing Department Qualla Housing Authority Rappahannock Tribe, Inc. Seneca Nation Housing Authority Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe

23 of 35 Possible Members \$38,879,787 IHBG Amount Represented

# REGION II: MN, MI, WI

Bad River Housing Authority
Bay Mills Indian Community Housing Authority
Boise Forte Reservation Housing Department
Forest County Potawatomi Community
Housing Authority
Fond du Lac Housing Authority
Grand Portage Housing Authority
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa
Indians – Housing Department
Hannahville Indian Community Housing Department
HoChunk Housing and Community
Development Agency
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department
Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Housing Authority

Lac Vieux Desert Housing Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian Lower Sioux Indian Community Housing Authority Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi -Housing Department Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Housing Department Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority Saginaw Chippewa Housing Authority Sault Tribe Housing Authority Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community of Minnesota Sokaogon Housing Department St. Croix Chippewa Housing Authority StockbridgeMunsee Community - Housing Department Upper Sioux Community Indian Housing Authority White Earth Housing Authority

30 of 33 Possible Members \$49,224,167 IHBG Amount Represented

## REGION III: ND, SD, NE, IA

Chevenne 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 Tribal Housing Authority Santee Sioux Tribal Housing Authority Sicangu Wicoti Awayankapi Corporation SissetonWahpeton Housing Authority Spirit Lake Housing Corporation Standing Rock Housing Authority **Turtle Mountain Housing Authority** Winnebago Housing & Development Commission Yankton Sioux Tribal Housing Authority

16 of 17 Possible Members \$60,331,709 IHBG Amount Represented

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Bank2 **BLT Services LLC** CBC Mortgage Agency CBJ Producer LLC Clearinghouse CDFI Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Global Reconnect LLC **Heat Smart** Homestead Community Development Corporation Mid America Mortgage Inc. Prairie Island Indian Community Raymond James Tax Credit Funds Inc. RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC Seven Sisters Community Development Group, LLC The Mahoney Group Wagenlander & Heisterkamp, LLC

## **REGION IV: OK, LA, KS, TX**

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority
Alabama Coushatta Indian Housing Authority
Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town Housing
BakKhoJe Housing Authority
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma – Housing Department
Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma – Housing
Department
Chitimacha Tribe Housing Authority
Choctaw Nation Housing Authority
Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Housing Authority
Comanche Nation Housing Authority
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

Delaware Nation Housing Authority

Delaware Tribe Housing Program

Fort Sill Apache Housing Authority

Housing Authority of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska

Housing Authority of the Kaw Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Pawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Housing Authority of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation Jena Band of Choctaw

Kickapoo Housing Authority

Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas Housing Authority Kiowa Tribal Housing Program Miami Nation Headquarters - Social Service & Housing Department Missouri Sac & Fox Tribe Housing Authority Modoc Housing Authority Muscogee Creek Nation - Department of Housing Osage Nation Housing Department OtoeMissouria Indian Housing Authority Peoria Housing Authority Ponca Tribal Housing Authority Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Housing Department Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma SenecaCayuga Tribe of Oklahoma The Chickasaw Nation - Housing Department The Housing Authority of Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Tonkawa Tribal Housing Authority Tunica Biloxi Housing Authority United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma – Housing Department Wichita Housing Authority Wyandotte Nation Housing Department

44 of 48 Possible Members \$99,860,943 IHBG Amount Represented

## **REGION V: MT, WY, CO, UT**

Blackfeet Indian Housing Authority
Crow Tribal Housing Authority
Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority
Fort Belknap Housing Authority
Fort Peck Tribal Housing Authority
Goshute Housing Authority
Northern Arapaho Housing Authority
Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority
Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation
Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Housing Authority
Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority
Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority
Ute Indian Tribal Designated Housing Entity
Ute Mountain Housing Authority

15 of 16 Possible Members \$36,352,478 IHBG Amount Represented

# 2020 NAIHC MEMBERSHIP BY REGION

## **REGION VI: WA, OR, ID**

Burns Paiute Tribe Housing Department Chehalis Housing Authority Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority Colville Indian Housing Authority Confederated Tribes of the Coos Lower Umpqua and Suislaw Indians Housing Department Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Housing Department Coquille Indian Housing Authority Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing Fort Hall Housing Authority Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority Hoh Indian Tribe Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Kalispel Tribe of Indians Klamath Tribe Housing Department Lower Elwha Housing Authority Lummi Housing Authority Makah Tribal Housing Division Metlakatla Housing Authority Muckleshoot Housing Authority Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Nisqually Indian Tribe Housing Program Nooksack Indian Tribe Housing Department Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority Quileute Housing Authority Quinalt Housing Authority SaukSuiattle Indian Tribe Housing Shoalwater Bay Tribal Housing Siletz Tribal Housing Department Skokomish Indian Tribe Housing Department Spokane Indian Housing Authority Squaxin Island Tribe Housing Department Stillaguamish Tribal Housing Authority Suguamish Indian Tribe Housing Department

39 of 43 Possible Members \$59,560,303 IHBG Amount Represented

The Tulalip Tribes of Washington Housing

Swinomish Housing Authority

Warm Springs Housing Authority

Yakama Nation Housing Authority

Department

**REGION VII: CA, NV** All Mission Indian Housing Authority Big Sandy Paiute Tribe Bishop Paiute Tribal Council Community **Development Division** Bridgeport Paiute Indian Colony Campo Kumeyaay Nation Housing Department Cedarville Rancheria of Northern Paiute Indians Cherae Heights Indians of Trinidad Rancheria Chico Rancheria Housing Corporation Chukchansi Indian Housing Authority Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians Cortina Rancheria of WintunIndians Department San Pasqual Housing & Community Development Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians Duck Valley Indian Housing Authority Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Housing Authority Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians Elk Valley Rancheria Ely Shoshone Tribe Housing Department Enterprise Rancheria Indian Housing Authority Ewijaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians Fallon Reservation Paiute Shoshone Tribe Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria -Housing Department Fort Bidwell Indian Community Housing Fort Independence Indian Reservation Fort McDermitt PaiuteShoshone Tribes Greenville Rancheria Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Hoopa Valley Housing Authority Jamul Indian Village Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Lovelock Paiute Tribe Mesa Grande Indian Housing Authority

Moapa Indian Housing Authority Modoc Lassen Indian Housing Authority North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority Pala Tribal Housing Department Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California

Pyramid Lake Housing Authority Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity RenoSparks Indian Colony Round Valley Indian Housing Authority Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

#### Region VII, continued

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority Tejon Indian Tribe TeMoak Housing Authority The Cahto Tribe Timbisha Shoshone Tribe Housing Program Tule River Indian Housing Authority Tuolumne Band of MeWuk Housing Authority Walker River Paiute Housing Authority Washoe Housing Authority Wiyot Tribe Yerington Paiute Tribal Housing Authority Yomba Shoshone Housing Authority

57 of 104 Possible Members \$47,367,487 IHBG Amount Represented

### **REGION VIII: AZ, NM**

Aha Macav Housing Entity AkChin Indian Community Housing Department Cocopah Indian Housing & Development Colorado River Residential Management Corporation Gila River Department of Community Housing Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Hualapai Housing Department Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority Kaibab Paiute Tribal Housing Authority Laguna Housing Development and Management Enterprise

Mescalero Apache Tribe Housing Department Nambe Pueblo Housing Entity

Navajo Housing Authority

Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority

Pueblo de Cochiti Housing Authority

Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority

Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department

Pueblo of Pojoaque Housing Corporation

Pueblo of Zia

San Carlos Apache Housing Authority

Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority

Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority

Tamaya Housing Incorporated

Taos Pueblo Housing White Mountain Apache Housing Authority YavapaiApache Nation Tribal Housing Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Housing **Zuni Housing Authority** 

29 of 40 Possible Members \$124,943,503 IHBG Amount Represented

## **REGION IX: AK, HI**

Aleutian Housing Authority **AVCP Regional Housing Authority** Baranof Island Housing Authority Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority Bristol Bay Regional Housing Authority **Cook Inlet Housing Authority** Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority Department of Hawaiian Homelands Hydaburg Cooperative Association Interior Regional Housing Authority Kenaitze Salamtof Tribally Designated Housing Entity Ketchikan Indian Community Knik Tribal Council Kodiak Island Housing Authority Native Village of Barrow Housing Department Native Village of Eklutna Native Village of Eyak Native Village of Tanana Native Village of Unalakleet Nome Eskimo Community North Pacific Rim Housing Authority Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority Orutsaramiut Traditional Native Council Rampart Village Seldovia Village Tribe Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority

27 of 53 Possible Members \$79,568,270 IHBG Amount Represented

# NAIHC MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

## **OVERVIEW**

In spite of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic this year, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) had seen a tremendous growth in membership from Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs). This year, NAIHC saw tremendous efforts from all 9 regions, spreading over 35 states, to bring a unified voice to Capitol Hill for advocacy on tribal housing issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NAIHC's membership is available in three categories: voting members, associate members, and individual members. The voting membership of NAIHC consists of 289 housing programs representing 496 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities and organizations. NAIHC Associate membership is made up of 16 tribal housing affiliates, such as businesses, organizations, and other entities that partner with tribes and tribal housing programs. Individuals who are supportive of tribal housing and NAIHC's mission may also become a non-voting individual member.

While COVID-19 prevented NAIHC and its members from gathering for its Annual Convention, NAIHC has stayed in engaged by attending virtual regional meetings and by hosting its annual Legal Symposium virtually online in December. NAIHC expects to host its annual Members Meeting at the first in-person gathering in 2020. Please let NAIHC know how it can help provide information and updates at your next regional event!

Whether it is advocating for increased funding or forming intertribal partnerships to build tribal capacity to operate housing programs, NAIHC's membership is deeply rooted in the traditional native concept of serving their people and communities. With the unique combination of cultures, languages, and self-determination efforts, NAIHC continually seeks ways to enhance and expand its members services.

## MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

### **FACEBOOK**

NAIHC's Facebook page was created in the early parts of 2010. In the beginning of 2020, 2,322 individuals liked and followed us on Facebook. By the end of 2020, NAIHC saw additional 40 individuals like and follow our Facebook page. Each Facebook post by NAIHC's Facebook page reached an average of 500 individuals. Due to the transition from in-office work to telework, Facebook views increased by 45%.

#### **CONSTANT CONTACT**

Communication through Constant Contact has become a beneficial tool for increased membership engagement. From January to December of 2020, NAIHC added an additional 244 individuals through Constant Contact. NAIHC sent out 92 email notifications on topics like: Legislative Committee Meetings, Leadership Institute and HUD trainings, Funding Task Force, COVID-19 Stimulus updates, Advocacy Updates, and Annual Events. 26 bi-weekly Native Housing Update newsletters were crafted and sent to 216,022 contacts. For 2020, NAIHC's email notifications reached an average email open rate of 29%. In addition, an average of 17.5% individuals clicked on links and tabs within NAIHC's emails. NAIHC has seen a 1% un-subscription rate for the year 2020.

# NAIHC NATIONAL EVENTS

As a membership organization, NAIHC plays a critical role in the convening of tribal housing and related industry professionals. NAIHC provides three primary annual gatherings with each focusing on a key component of Indian Housing: federal advocacy, training and trade show, and legal updates. Each event also provides a venue for networking, mentoring, sharing best practices, innovation, identifying resources and recognizing industry champions.

2020 was an interesting year for NAIHC events. NAIHC held the Legislative Conference in February 2020 as COVID-19 was becoming an issue in the U.S. but prior to being declared a pandemic. NAIHC was planning for the Annual Convention in May in Seattle, WA. Just prior to the event dates the Governor of Washington closed down all public events. By December, despite Las Vegas welcoming smaller events, NAIHC elected to not convene an inperson meeting and opted to host a virtual Legal Symposium.

# LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24-26, 2020, WASHINGTON, DC

NAIHC encourages our members to voice their opinions and ideas and take an active role in educating tribal, local and national governmental leaders on the ongoing needs and successes in Indian housing. NAIHC's annual Legislative Conference provides a vehicle for tribal housing professional to promote their programs and directly impact the legislative process in Washington, DC. This year, NAHASDA Reauthorization, improving the tribal HUD-VASH program, and increasing federal funding for tribal housing were all priorities and topics of discussions at the event.

Attendees made face-to-face visits with lawmakers from both their local communities as well as other Congressional leaders. The conference saw a slight decrease in attendance, with 141 in attendance, as COVID-19 began to raise concerns about travel.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

The morning session on the hill featured a large number of elected officials.

**Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)** 

Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-NM)

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

**Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)** 

Sean Gard for Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI)

T. Michael Andrews, United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

The afternoon session featured federal and industry parters.

Hunter Kurtz, Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing
Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for HUD's Office of Native American Programs
Kevin Allis, National Congress of American Indians
Nikki Pitre, Center for Native American Youth
Dee A. Alexander, US Census Bureau
Jackson Brossy, Native CDFI Network
David Lipsetz, Housing Assistance Council

# **NAIHC** NATIONAL EVENTS

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# **ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADESHOW**

Planning was well underway for the fifth annual AMERIND| NAIHC Annual Convention & Tradeshow, to be held in Seattle, WA. Scheduled dates were May 5-7, 2020. As the pandemic unfolded and the devastating impact to Indian Country became clear, NAIHC and AMERIND were forced to cancel the Annual Convention.

No annual business meeting was conducted in 2020.



# **NAIHC** NATIONAL EVENTS

# LEGAL SYMPOSIUM DECEMBER 8-10, 2020

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, NAIHC had elected to cancel the Annual Convention in Seattle in 2020. In assessing the state of the pandemic, NAIHC decided that a virtual Legal Symposium was the best course of action. Having not convened in May, it was important to offer members an opportunity to convene. NAIHC was able to offer substantive content in a virtual setting and offered a focused track of content related to COVID-19 impacts to tribal communities and housing.

In going virtual, NAIHC changed the overall agenda from 2 full days to three half days and offered thirty (30) high quality sessions on topics of high demand to our members. The changes to the agenda were designed to both combat zoom fatigue as well as being mindful of time zones and working to offer content at a good time for all our members.

NAIHC opened each day with a Plenary session and then went into concurrent sessions. Content was arranged into five topical tracks:

- Al/AN Survivors of Gender Based Violence
- COVID-19/CARES Act
- Developmental Capital
- Legal and Policies
- Partners

#### PLENARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Opening general session included

- Opening Drum by Uptown Boyz
- Hunter Kurtz, Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing
- Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI
- Derek Valdo, CEO, AMERIND
- Connie Wright, Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo
- Patricia Zell, 2019 Lawyer of the Year recipient

#### Morning Plenary on Day Two

- Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, ONAP HUD
- Dee Alexander, US Census Bureau, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

NAIHC was pleased to offer a panel discussion, **The Return of Criminal Jurisdiction to Native Nations to Protect Victims of Crime** 

- Hon. Melissa L. Pope, Chief Judge, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Court
- Oscar (OJ) Flores, Chief Prosecutor, Pascua Yaqui Prosecutor's Office
- Moderated by Tony Walters, NAIHC Executive Director

#### Highlights of the Closing Ceremony included

- Litigation and Regulatory Update by Ed Goodman
- Lawyer of the Year Award Presentation to Ed Goodman, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker

### **EXHIBITORS**

NAIHC wishes to extend a special thanks to those organizations who participated as exhibitors in our first event virtual tradeshow.

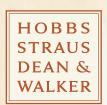
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# **ADVOCACY** & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

As the nation's only non-profit organization dedicated solely to improving housing conditions in tribal communities, the NAIHC is best positioned to advocate tribal housing needs to Congress and the Administration. With our membership comprised primarily of tribal housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities, NAIHC is able to accurately describe the current state of housing needs and developments in American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities. In fact, one of the primary reasons for the creation of NAIHC in 1974 was to highlight American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians and their self-determined goals to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing opportunities in their communities.

NAIHC maintains effective working relationships with key decision makers and policy experts in Congress and the Executive Branch. Each year, NAIHC provides oral and written testimony during official Congressional hearings and participates in Congressional briefings related to Indian housing and community development. Additionally, NAIHC staff routinely meets with federal partners including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (DOI BIA), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and others. All these activities are critical components in promoting the work of tribal housing programs across the country and identifying where improvements can be made to federal programs.

To effectively advocate on behalf of the tribal housing community, NAIHC relies on active participation of and collaboration with its members and other private and public-sector partners. NAIHC holds monthly teleconference Legislative Committee calls, where members can share information about pending legislation, advocacy strategies, and provide updates on how federal programs are working on the ground in tribal communities. In 2020, NAIHC's work focused on securing increases to federal funding for tribal housing programs and passage of key legislation, including the reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), the Tribal HUD-VASH Act, and other housing-related bills. NAIHC also worked with Congress to ensure that tribes, and tribal housing programs in particular, were included in any COVID-19 relief bills.

## **BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

Tribal Housing program began 2020 with certainty for their FY2020 funding levels, a far cry from the prior year, which saw the longest federal government shutdown in United States history. Tribal housing programs continued to see relatively stagnant funding levels, though the \$100 million competitive IHBG funding was included again for the third year. While the competitive grant does not raise funding for tribal housing even to the level that would keep the IHBG up with inflation, the grants are an additional resource to spur much-needed housing development in tribal communities.

While there was already certainty in FY2020 annual appropriations, the Trump Administration continued to propose drastic cuts for FY2021 to federal programs across the board, and those that impact tribal housing programs. The President's budget request would return the Indian Housing Block Grant to funding levels last seen in the 1990s. It would also zero out other programs that tribes have come to rely on for housing development, such as the HUD Community Development Block Grant, the Native American CDFI Assistance program at Treasury, and USDA Rural Housing programs.

While Congress was just beginning to work on full year FY2021 appropriations, the entire nation (and world) was confronted with the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the heartache of hundreds of thousands of lost lives, the pandemic wreaked havoc on the global economy. Congress responded early in the pandemic by passing the CARES Act, which provided additional funding to tribes and tribal housing programs. Tribal housing programs received another \$200 million in IHBG formula funding, while also being able to compete for \$100 million in ICDBG Imminent Threat grants, which were distributed in multiple waves throughout the summer.

During the final week of 2020, Congress was able to pass FY2021 appropriations, leaving tribal housing programs largely level funded from the past year. The HUD-VASH program did see a bump however, bringing the program back to a previous level of \$5 million. In addition to annual appropriations, tribes received a large set-aside of the national Emergency Rental Assistance program created to help renters affected by COVID-19 and the subsequent economic downturn. In all, tribes received \$800 million to assist renters in their communities and tribal members anywhere to pay rent and utilities. This funding was more than tribes receive annually for their entire housing programs and NAIHC is working with tribes to make sure they can use the funding and help those families and individuals in tribal communities needing this assistance.

#### NAHASDA REAUTHORIZATION

NAIHC worked closely with members of Congress from the start of the 116th Congress to identify legislation that could help promote tribal housing programs and meet the housing needs of tribal communities. While a NAHASDA reauthorization was not passed in the 116th Congress, NAIHC was able to work with its champions on the Hill to see bipartisan NAHASDA bills introduced in both chambers of Congress. At the tail end of 2019, Representative Denny Heck and a dozen bipartisan cosponsors finally introduced H.R. 5319, which included substantial number of fixes to several housing programs not typically seen in a NAHASDA bill. All the changes were things tribal housing programs had been asking for years to help make federal housing programs more effective in Indian Country. By the end of the 116th Congress, the House NAHASDA bill had 35 bipartisan cosponsors.

In the Senate, Senators Hoeven and Udall, the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, worked together to introduce S. 4090, which marked the first bipartisan NAHASDA reauthorization bill in the Senate since NAHASDA expired in 2013. In all, the bill had 10 cosponsors. While all of Congress was forced to focus on COVID-19 relief issues, the NAHASDA bills largely were discussed behind the scenes and no formal activity took place in the House or Senate. However, with bipartisan bills receiving growing levels of support throughout 2020, NAIHC is hopeful for a reauthorization in the new 117th Congress.

Similarly, the Tribal HUD-VASH Act was unable to get across the finish line again as so much focus was on COVID -19 relief packages throughout 2020. That bill would make the demonstration Tribal HUD-VASH program permanent and provide a mechanism for more tribes to participate in the program. The full Senate passed the bill in 2019, and it has been pending with the House Financial Services Committee ever since. NAIHC Worked with the House sponsors, and while the program continues to receive support through appropriations, the Tribal HUD-VASH Act will have to be re-introduced in the 117th Congress.

There was some good news at the end of 2020 however, as two tribal housing bills that were enacted. First, the Tribal Access to Homeless Assistance Act was passed as part of the year-end omnibus bill. With its passage, tribes will now be able to access HUD's Continuum of Care grant program directly and not have to wait for local and state partners to include them. The bill was led by Senators Tina Smith and Lisa Murkowski, and a companion bill in the House was led by Representative Denny Heck and also had bipartisan sponsors. Second, the Native American Housing Affordability Act was also included in the omnibus package. That bill, led by Senators Mike Rounds and Tina Smith, will help expedite approvals of 184 Loan Guarantees which should improve tribal homeownership on trust lands. NAIHC appreciates the work and support of the sponsors and co-sponsors of these bills and is excited to see what Congress can pass in the 117th Congress to improve tribal housing opportunities for our communities.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **NAIHC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2020 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2019)

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,246,455	\$ 1,503,194
Grants Receivable	740,587	2,006,222
Prepaid Expenses	77,925	22,433
Investments	505,845	502,127
Total Current Assets	4,570,812	4,033,976
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and Fixtures	113,408	113,408
Computer Equipment	74,474	74,474
Total Property and Equipment	187,882	187,882
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(187,882)	(187,882)
Property and Equipment, Net		- ·
OTHER ASSETS		
Deposits	12,920	12,920
Total Assets	\$ 4,583,732	\$ 4,046,896
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 231,916	\$ 587,595
Deferred Revenue	1,170,625	253,025
Deferred Rent	85,229	29,972
Total Current Liabilities	1,487,770	870,592
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Total Liabilities	1,487,770	870,592
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	2,291,221	2,277,447
With Donor Restrictions	804,741	898,857
Total Net	3,095,962	3,176,304
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 4,583,732	\$ 4,046,896
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NAIHC STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2019)

W	lithout Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2020	Total 2019
REVENUES				
Government Grants	\$ 1,868,098	\$ -	\$ 1,868,098	\$ 2,413,389
Contributions	370,240	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	370,240	1,225,327
Fees	152,843	ALL THE STATE OF T	152,843	699,917
Dues	337,850		337,850	359,200
Interest and Investment Income	12,229		12,229	10,628
Loan Forgiveness	113,738		113,738	320
Other Revenue	410		410	12,503
Net Assets Released from	94,116	(94,116)	The Control of the Co	12 1 1
Restrictions				
Total Revenues	2,949,524	(94,116)	2,855,408	4,720,964
EXPENSES				
Program Services	2,084,871		2,084,871	3,141,580
Management and Administrative	850,879		850,879	811,320
Fundraising			-	8,048
Total Expenses	2,935,750		2,935,750	3,960,948
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	13,774	( 94,116)	(80,342)	760,016
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	2,277,447	898,857	3,176,304	2,416,288
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,291,221	\$ 804,741	\$ 3,095,962	\$ 3,176,304

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