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Washington DC - On November 20, 2025, the [Western Governors' Association \(WGA\)](#) passed [Policy Resolution 2026-04, "Housing is Foundational to the Success of the West,"](#) which calls on Congress to consider reauthorizing the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and expanding direct funding options for Tribal housing entities to meet critical housing needs in Native communities.

Established in 1984, WGA represents the bipartisan coalition of Governors from the 22 westernmost states and territories - many of whom govern states with large Tribal populations and persistent housing shortages. WGA's policy resolutions are formally adopted through a vote of its member Governors and serve as authoritative statements of regional priorities. These resolutions guide WGA's federal advocacy, inform Congressional committees of jurisdiction, shape federal agency engagement, and influence national policy debates on issues critical to the West.

WGA's explicit call for NAHASDA reauthorization elevates the issue within broader national housing policy conversations. With their resolutions serving as the foundation for coordinated western-state engagement with federal agencies, their resolution places Tribal housing needs alongside the highest federal housing priorities identified by western states. Furthermore, it reinforces that NAHASDA is essential to addressing regional housing shortages, affordability challenges, disaster recovery, and rural development.

Jack Waldorf, Executive Director of WGA stated, "WGA policy resolutions constitute the backbone of how Western Governors leverage their collective voice to advocate effectively for western priorities in Washington, DC. The housing resolution adopted at our Winter Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, recommends a host of federal actions to expand access to housing in western states and territories. We appreciate NAIHC's efforts to improve housing access for tribal members and look forward to working with you to advance our shared goals of improving housing for all western communities."

For NAIHC, this resolution of support exemplifies the growing momentum to reauthorize NAHASDA. Executive Director Rudy Soto of NAIHC shared, "It means a great deal to see Western Governors across the United States recognize and uplift Tribal housing needs in their WGA Policy Resolution 2026-04: 'Housing is Foundational to the Success of the West.' The Western Governors' Association has done an outstanding job of including Tribal communities in their work, and their support for Tribal housing development and the reauthorization of NAHASDA speaks volumes."



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“Their acknowledgment reflects a clear understanding of both the challenges Tribal communities face, and the solutions Tribes can contribute in addressing the housing crisis throughout the West. NAIHC deeply appreciates Western Governors for their commitment to ensuring that Tribal housing programs are part of the path forward,” Soto added.

This support also reflects the continued opportunities for potential collaboration between NAIHC and WGA. Earlier this year, [NAIHC participated in a WGA webinar](#) on Tribal housing challenges and opportunities, which helped strengthen dialogue on how western states and Tribal governments can collaborate to expand housing access.

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