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FY 2006 Appropriation Update

On May 19, 2005, the House of Representatives passed the \$26.2 billion Interior Appropriations bill, [H.R.2361](#) by a vote of [329-89](#). Programs directly impacting Indian housing in the Interior Appropriations:

Indian Housing	FY'05 Enacted	FY'06 Budget	FY'06 House	FY '06 Budget v. FY'06 House	FY'05 Enacted v. FY'06 House
BIA Housing Improvement Program	\$19.1	\$19.1	\$19.1	Level	Level
BIA Loan Guarantee Program	\$6.4	\$6.3	\$6.3	Level	\$-.1
IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction	\$92	\$94	\$93.5	\$-.5	\$1.5

On May 26, 2005, the House of Representatives passed the Military Quality of Life and VA Appropriations bill, [H.R. 2528](#), by a vote of [425-1](#). Programs directly impacting Indian housing in the Agriculture Appropriations:

Indian Housing	FY'05 Enacted	FY'06 Budget	FY'06 House	FY '06 Budget v. FY'06 House	FY'05 Enacted v. FY'06 House
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program	\$.6	\$.6	\$.6	Level	Level

On June 8, 2006 the House of Representatives passed the \$100.3 billion Agriculture Appropriations bill, [H.R.2744](#), by a vote of [408-18](#). Programs directly impacting Indian housing in the Agriculture Appropriations:

Indian Housing	FY'05 Enacted	FY'06 Budget	FY'06 House	FY '06 Budget v. FY'06 House	FY'05 Enacted v. FY'06 House
Section 502 Single Family Housing (Direct)	\$1,150	\$1,000	\$1,141	\$140	\$-10
Section 502 Single Family Housing(Guaranteed)	\$3,309	\$3,681	\$3,681	Level	\$372
Section 515 Multi-Family Direct Loans	\$99	\$27	\$100	\$73	\$1

Section 538 Multi-Family Guarantee Loans	\$99	\$200	\$100	\$-100	\$1
Housing Preservation	\$9	\$10	\$10	Level	\$1

Currently, the House has voted to increase Indian housing programs by \$112.5 million above the President's FY'06 Request and \$366.4 million above FY'05 enacted appropriations.

As of press time, there has been no appropriation activity for HUD Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

NAIHC Congressional Tour Visits Arizona Tribes

During the week of May 31st through June 3, 2005, NAIHC administered the 2005 Spring Congressional Tour of Arizona, covering over 700 miles and visiting six unique tribes. The attendees viewed first hand housing conditions affecting Arizona Indian tribes. Hosted by Tribal leaders and housing staff of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos Apache, Pasqua Yaqui, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Gila River Indian Community, Congressional and State housing leaders discussed issues ranging from infrastructure construction and NAHASDA leveraging to Tribal enterprises and border security. Joined by Dr. Sheila Harris, Director of the Arizona Department of Housing, congressional staff attendees included: Daniel Brito of Congressman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ); Carlos Sierra of Senator McCain (R-AZ); Andy Jacobs and Britann Smith of Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ); Mary Baumbach of Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ); Walter Phelps of Congressman Rick Renzi (R-AZ); Alexia Leyvasof Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM); and Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Majority Staff Director Jeanne Bumpus, Majority Senior Litigation Counsel Diane Humetewa, and Majority Professional Staffer Patrick McMullen.

While all the Tribes expressed the need to continue funding for both the Indian Housing Block Grant and the Indian Community Development Block Grant, each housing authority emphasized specific situations: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community addressed homeownership and electricity connection issues; White Mountain Apache emphasized infrastructure and loan leveraging abilities through NAHASDA that are based on the Indian Housing Block Grant; San Carlos Apache displayed the poverty facing many Indian people and its association with housing and infrastructure; Pasqua Yaqui presented there own successful housing department that they learned from other housing authorities, such as White Mountain Apache; Tohono O'odham displayed to attendees unprotected borders of their reservation boundaries, and exclusion of their tribe from Homeland Security funding by taking attendees to the Mexican border and then viewing the damage and associated cost done by undocumented alien camps in vacated tribal homes; and, the Gila River Indian Community stressed increased violence and the need to restore the Drug Elimination Program.

As the participants toured the diverse housing conditions, they engaged with Tribal leaders and housing agencies with poignant questions and received direct answers.

The tour was effective on the participants, as commitments were made to begin the formation of a separate American Indian Housing Caucus in Congress.

House Finance Committee Passed Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005

On May 25th, 2005, the House Finance Committee passed [H.R.1461](#), Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005. This legislation amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and the Federal Home Loan Bank Act. Included in H.R. 1461, is an amendment introduced by Congressman Rick Renzi (R-AZ), expanding the definition of the term “rural,” which would foster mortgage lending to tribal lands. In addition, a key provision introduced by Congressman Michael Oxley (R-OH), would raise the conforming loan limit in high cost metropolitan markets and would require Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to contribute five percent of after tax profit for new affordable housing fund.

Interns Join NAIHC

NAIHC is hosting two interns this summer; Madonna Her Many Horses and Megan Alvanna-Stimpfle. Madonna has come to us from the Oglala Lakota Tribal College in Kyle, SD through the American University Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS) and will work with the Office of Governmental Affairs. Megan is a soon to be graduate of George Mason University in Fairfax, VA and hails from the Kings Island Native Community. Megan will work with NAIHC Communications and the Office of Governmental Affairs.