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# NATIVE HOUSING UPDATE

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## Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Requests for Native American Housing

On March 12, 2009, NAIHC Vice Chair Cheryl Parish testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) regarding Native American housing needs and NAIHC priorities for the FY 2010 budget. Among them are:

- Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG): Fund the IHBG program at \$854 million
- Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG): Fund the ICDBG at \$100 million
- Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA): Increase T&TA funding to \$4.8 million
- Section 184 Loan Guarantee: Continue funding the Section 184 Program at \$9 million
- Title VI Loan Guarantee: Continue to fund Title VI at \$2 million
- Native Hawaiian Housing: Increase Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant to \$20 million
- BIA/Housing Improvement Program (HIP): Increase HIP funding to \$50 million
- USDA Rural Housing Programs: Restore and adequately fund USDA's rural housing programs

A complete description and explanation of the [2010 Budget Request](#), as well as Vice Chair Cheryl Parish's [testimony](#), are available at our website: [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net). Also see [SCIA letter to Budget Committee](#).

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## NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee: Nominations deadline May 1, 2009

With last year's success of getting the *Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act* (NAHASDA) reauthorized, there were several amendments made to NAHASDA which call for tribes and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to negotiate how these amendments will be implemented. This process – Negotiated Rulemaking – calls for the development of a committee consisting of tribally designated housing entities, elected officials of tribal governments, and HUD representatives.

Nominations for committee membership are due on or before: **May 1, 2009**.

***All submissions must refer to this docket number and title:*** Docket No. FR-5275-N-02, Title: Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008: Request for Nominations for Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Membership.

There are two methods for submitting nominations:

**1. *Submission of Nominations by Mail.*** Regulations Division, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

**2. *Electronic Submission of Nominations.*** Interested persons may submit nominations electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages the electronic submission of nominations. Electronic submission allows the maximum time to prepare and submit a nomination, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them (the nominees) immediately available to the public.

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# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

## Background information:

For a description of funding opportunities made available through the ARRA, see the NAIHC White Paper on the ARRA on our website [www.naihc.net/ARRA White Paper](http://www.naihc.net/ARRA_White_Paper).

- HUD advisory on **ARRA** IHBG Competitive grant process.  
([www.hud.gov/recovery/nahblockh.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/recovery/nahblockh.cfm))  
Native Hawaiian: [www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-hi.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-hi.cfm)  
Description: HUD webpage describing the NAHASDA IHBG Competitive grant process for the **ARRA**
  - HUD advisory on **ARRA** ICDBG (competitive) process.  
([www.hud.gov/recovery/icdblockh.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/recovery/icdblockh.cfm))  
Description: The **ARRA** also allocated \$10 million for competitive grants through the Indian Community Development Block Grant program.
  - HUD/ONAP Program Guidance for applying for competitive grants through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and Federal Register language on this process.  
(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/nahasda/2009/2009-01.pdf>)  
Description: Memo from Rodger J. Boyd, HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), on "Preparing to Submit Grant Applications." This memo explains the process and what is needed for registering with grants.gov so that your tribe/TDHE can apply for the competitive grants described above.
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## ARRA Spotlight: Suquamish Tribe (Washington State)

**Suquamish, WA:** With roughly 32 percent of tribal families in need of housing, the Suquamish Tribe of Washington State will put recent funding made available through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA), the economic stimulus bill recently enacted, to good use.

According to Chairman Leonard Forsman, the tribe will receive \$313,375 to assist with tribal housing needs and to stimulate the local economy by creating jobs and through purchasing building supplies. The tribe is planning a new addition to the Wee Wun Development project. The ARRA funding will allow the Suquamish tribe to add two additional three or four bedroom homes.

In addition to the new housing that these funds will help provide, as intended, these funds will also help spur the local economy. Forsman explains, *"We estimate that these stimulus dollars will directly employ at least 5 full-time tribal employees and their families for several months as we build these homes. In addition, dozens of other jobs will be created as we hire contractors, subcontractors, specialty trades, and there will be indirect effects of these monies on the local economy through purchasing building materials and supplies for the construction."*

Describing the employment needs in the local community, Forsman said, *"Off-hand, I don't know the exact unemployment rate locally, but I do know that it is quite high and rising. A good example of this is for a Construction Supervisor position that we recently advertised for. Normally, we would get just a handful of applicants, but for this recent position, we received nearly 100 inquiries, many of them with 20 to 30 years of experience."*



*Wee Wun Development, Suquamish Tribe*

## Share your ARRA housing plans with NAIHC

We'd like to let everyone know about how Native American communities will benefit from the ARRA funding. Please share your stories on how your community is planning to use your ARRA Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds to improve living conditions, create jobs and stimulate your local economy. Send your information to David Rodriguez via email at [droduiguez@naihc.net](mailto:droduiguez@naihc.net) or fax to (202) 789-1758.

### 1st Annual Southwest Native Housing Forum

*A forum to discuss unique challenges and opportunities that benefit Indian communities throughout Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas*

[\(Program Book, click here\)](#)

Tuesday, April 07, 2009 - Thursday, April 09, 2009

Albuquerque Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa  
1000 Woodward Pl., NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

[Map and Directions](#)

**Registration for this training is free.**

NAIHC Region VIII includes tribal communities in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. In addition to training, tribal housing leaders will be provided an opportunity to discuss the future of housing needs for Region VIII.

#### **Training will include:**

- Green Building 101 Basics: Southwest case studies
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program Basics: Southwest case studies
- Methamphetamine Awareness & Abatement
- Board of Commissioners Training
- AMERIND Trainings: Family Protection Programs for Communities & for Homeowners; Tribal Employee Injury Protection; Catastrophic Preparedness, Products & Services; AMERIND at your Community Events

**Register Now**

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**Registration  
Contact Information**

Phone: 1-888-625-7667, Email:  
[gandrew@executiveevents.com](mailto:gandrew@executiveevents.com)

**(Embassy Suites –  
Room Block Rate Sold Out)**

#### **Alternate Hotels**

##### Plaza Inn Downtown Albuquerque

900 Medical Arts Ave, Albuquerque,  
NM - (505) 243-5693

##### Four Points by Sheraton Albuquerque

1660 University Blvd NE,  
Albuquerque, NM - (505) 242-8500

##### Doubletree Hotel Albuquerque

201 Marquette Avenue Northwest,  
Albuquerque, NM - (505) 247-3344

##### Econo Lodge Downtown Albuquerque

817 Central Ave. N.E., Albuquerque,  
NM - (505) 243-1321

##### Downtown Travel Inn

615 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque,  
NM - (505) 247-8897

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# Indian Housing Training Opportunities

## Leadership Institute Courses

### **Admissions & Occupancy II**

March 31-April 3 Las Vegas, NV

### **Introduction to Indian Housing Management**

April 14-17 Reno, NV

### **Financial Management I**

April 28-May 1 Charlotte, NC

### **Resident Services Program**

July 7 - 10 Spokane, WA

## Tuition Free Courses

### **Tribal Housing Inspections**

April 21-23 Oklahoma City, OK

### **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Compliance**

May 27-28 Denver, CO

### **Pathways Home: A Native Guide to Homeownership**

June 8 - 12 Charlotte, NC

### **1st Annual Great Plains Housing Forum**

June 23 – 25 Rapid City, SD

**Scholarships Available:** A limited number of scholarships are available for courses under Leadership Institute and Tuition Free trainings, NAIHC sponsored events, and NAIHC annual events. Contact NAIHC for scholarship application materials. Vanessa Van Pelt at (202) 454-0929, or [vvpelt@naihc.net](mailto:vvpelt@naihc.net).

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National American Indian Housing Council  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention & Trade Show  
May 12-14, 2009  
New Orleans, LA



**New Orleans Marriott**  
555 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

[Website](#)

[Click here to REGISTER](#)

(Early Bird Registration Rates until 4/10/09):

[Agenda at a Glance](#)

[Training Opportunities offered](#)

See complete Convention information at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)

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## Congratulations to the Standing Rock Housing Authority

(reprinted from Travois, Inc. E-Newsletter)

The Standing Rock Housing Authority was recognized as a *Champion of Affordable Housing* and received the Housing Production Award from the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency at NDHFA's Statewide Housing Conference last week.

Travois provides housing development and asset management services for Standing Rock and nominated SRHA for the award in January for "the staff's leadership and determination in providing Standing Rock Sioux Tribal members with desperately needed affordable housing through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program."

"We are extremely proud to have partnered with Standing Rock Housing Authority for almost a decade," said David Bland, chairman of Travois. "They have used the tax credit program for five new construction projects and 12 rehab projects for a total of more than \$47 million in project costs. They have been our most prolific client and are truly champions of affordable housing."

Among Standing Rock Housing Authority's achievements:

- Manages an inventory of almost 900 total housing units in North and South Dakota
- Has used the tax credit program to help 463 families
- Has successfully applied for and received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Energy, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Home Loan Banks of Des Moines and San Francisco

SRHA submitted a LIHTC application for its 18th application in February and is waiting for news from NDHFA on its success. Other nominees in the Housing Production category were: Beyond Shelter Inc., Kirkwood Bank and Trust, MetroPlains, and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

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## HELP US GO GREEN!!

If you have access to email, then you can join the NAIHC Green Team and receive your NAIHC Updates, Federal Monitor, News Releases and Action Alerts via email – and save precious trees in the process. Please contact David Rodriguez at (202) 454-0914, or email at [droduiguez@naihc.net](mailto:droduiguez@naihc.net) and let him know that you want to start receiving materials electronically. Electronic versions contain live internet links to additional information for your convenience.



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