U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000



OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

April 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Indian Housing Block Grant – American Rescue Plan Implementation Notice

Dear Tribal Leader,

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2), which provided additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP included \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, which will be referred to as IHBG-ARP. Funds were allocated based on FY 2021 IHBG formula allocations before repayments and grant adjustments.

Today, HUD published the <u>IHBG-ARP Implementation Notice</u>, which provides instructions on how to apply for IHBG-ARP funding. The program requirements for IHBG-ARP are the same as those for the IHBG-CARES program. If you would like a refresher, you can find the training slides and materials posted <u>here</u>.

For those unfamiliar with the IHBG-CARES program, or for those interested in an overview of IHBG-ARP, ONAP will host a training session to review the Implementation Notice, Waivers, completion of the Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan (IHP) form, and eligible activities on April 27, 2021, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm EDT. Call in details are below and will also be posted on CodeTalk.

Step 1: Dial into the training session (you may join it 10 minutes prior).

Dial-in: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694

Access Code: 8113393#

Step 2: Join the training session on your computer. **Entry Link**: https://ems8.intellor.com/login/838324

ONAP is working to allocate this funding as quickly as possible, so that you can continue to focus on the safety of your families and community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,

Heidi J. Frechette

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for Office of Native American Programs