

Office of Native American Programs



Tribal Housing and Homelessness

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- Serve 574 federally recognized Tribes, as well as some State recognized Tribes
- Administer several grant programs to assist with housing:
 - Indian Housing Block Grant (Formula and Competitive)
 - Indian Community Development Block Grant
 - Tribal HUD-VASH
 - Partnership with US Department of Veterans Affairs





NAHASDA

- Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)
- NAHASDA was a step in the recognition of tribal sovereignty and having the Tribes control more of housing decisions at the local level
- Act consolidated different grant programs from across HUD into a single block grant (the Indian Housing Block Grant)
- Tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) can utilize the funding for a wide variety of eligible activities as they best see fit for their Tribe





Tribal Housing Project



Redefining HUD Homes: Tribes use HUD funding to build custom housing solutions that honor cultural traditions and meet local needs.



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The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) supports unique and innovative housing solutions.



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The Indian Housing Block Grant ensures that more Native families have a place to call home.



Homelessness and At-Risk of Homelessness in Indian Country

- Homelessness presents differently in Indian Country
- Not as likely to find individuals on streets/under bridges/outside of shelters, as you might in urban areas
- Taken in with family members
- Leads to substantial overcrowding/"couch surfing"





Homelessness and At-Risk of Homelessness in Indian Country

According to Native American Housing Needs Study (2017):

- Approximately 17% of households had someone staying in house because no other place to go;
- Between 42,000 and 85,000 people were staying with others because had no home of their own;
- This homeless population represents between 3.6% and 7.2% of the total American Indian/Alaskan Native population in tribal areas





Continuum of Care

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 27, 2020) included language allowing participation of Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (Section 102).
- HUD has conducted tribal consultations on how to include Tribes as part of the competitions.
- CoC could be useful resource as Tribes work to address homelessness.

