

Appendix A NWIHA/NWONAP Call Slides

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Update

On March 11, 2021 ARP was signed into law, in response to the health and economic effects of COVID-19 and in total, ARP includes \$1.24 billion for housing-related needs for Native communities:

- **\$450M** for the Indian Housing Block Grant program
- **\$280M** for the Indian Community Development Block Grant program
- **\$5M** for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program and
- **\$10M** for related technical assistance resources.
- In addition, it includes **\$498M** for the Dept. of the Treasury's new Homeowner Assistance Fund

ARP is targeted to help change the course of the pandemic and build a bridge towards economic recovery.

Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG ARP)

\$450 Million

- Allocations based on 2021 IHBG Formula (~69%)
- Purpose is still to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**, including maintaining normal operations impacted by COVID-19
- An implementation notice is coming, which includes required submittals (abbreviated IHP) and eligible activities.
- Grant award documents will follow after AIHPs approved.

IHBG ARP Act

What can we use the funds for?

- Direct costs related to **prevention of, preparation for, and responding to** COVID-19, such as:
 - Everything that was eligible under IHBG-CARES!
 - Maintaining normal operations
 - Housing construction to alleviate overcrowding
 - Housing acquisition (existing, modular, tiny homes, etc.)
 - Subrecipient arrangements with third party providers

IHBG ARP Act

- **What can we use the funds for (cont.)?**
- Costs to upgrade equipment or technology to facilitate electronic communication and reduce reliance on in-person meetings and transactions.
- Emergency assistance to families at risk of homelessness
- Housing services to assist/educate residents on prevention of COVID-19
- Supporting access to COVID-19 vaccinations
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- **What Can't we use the funds for?**
- Costs already funded by other sources (no duplication of benefits) or reimburse IHBG expenditures.
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- **How should we prepare for this additional funding?**
- Identify needs and priorities for both the present and future
- Plan for internal review and approval process

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG ARP)

\$280 Million

- Purpose is still to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19**
- An implementation notice is coming, which includes award criteria and applicant priorities.
- Like ICDBG CARES there will be an emphasis on rapid completion of identified activities.

ARP Guidelines

- Current funding flexibilities will continue for both IHBG & ICDBG and
- ARP continues to provide HUD with broad authority to waive statutes and regulations (with exceptions) for TDHE's.
- Unique reporting requirements still being worked out

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April 14-15 Methamphetamine/Remediation of Units	May 19-20 NAHASDA Intermediate
April 21-22 Procurement & Contract Administration	June 8-10 Environmental Review
April 27-29 Sustainable Development, Design & Construction	July 21-22 Conveyance Process
May 12-13 Self Monitoring	September 1-2 Self-Monitoring