

NAIHC Discussion Forum

AGENDA

- HUD Continuum of Care
 - Discussion of Program
 - Discussion of Law Change in December 2020
- Tribal Experience in Program
 - Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority
 - Open Discussion

Focus: What Can NAIHC Do to Help?

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HUD Continuum of Care

- One of the Key Programs intended to address homelessness in the United States
- designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, tribal entities and designated tribal entities, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- To promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
- to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

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- Funding for the CoC Program is appropriated annually with an average of \$2.5 billion
- Program guided by:
 - McKinney Vento Homelessness Assistance Act as amended by the Hearth Act
 - CoC Program Interim Rule (24 CFR 578)
 - Defining “Homeless” Final Rule
 - Annual Continuum of Care Competition NOFO

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HUD Continuum of Care

- A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals. ... A CoC would provide a more strategic system by providing homeless people with housing and services appropriate to their range of needs.

(from NCIHA)

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HUD Continuum of Care

- According to HUD, a CoC is “a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.” HUD identifies four necessary parts of a continuum:
 - Outreach, intake, and assessment in order to identify service and housing needs and provide a link to the appropriate level of both;
 - Emergency shelter to provide an immediate and safe alternative to sleeping on the streets, especially for homeless families with children;
 - Transitional housing with supportive services to allow for the development of skills that will be needed once permanently housed; and
 - Permanent and permanent supportive housing to provide individuals and families with an affordable place to live with services if needed.

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HUD Continuum of Care Services

- Permanent Housing (Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing)
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only
- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)
- Homelessness Prevention (for High-Performing Communities only)

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Homelessness in Indian Country

- American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) households disproportionately affected by homelessness
 - Comprise 1.3 percent of U.S. population, make up to 10 percent of persons experiencing homelessness in some areas
- Extent of homelessness in tribal areas is less conspicuous—primarily takes form of persons living in doubled up situations
 - Point-in-Time counts have very limited coverage of tribal areas at this time, so we have much to learn about the extent of literal homelessness among the Native American population

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HUD CoC Law Change

- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 27, 2020)
- Section 102 of that bill provided for:
 - PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITIES IN CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM
 - “(1) be a collaborative applicant or eligible entity; or
 - (2) receive grant amounts from another entity that receives a grant directly from the Secretary, and use the amounts in accordance with this subtitle.”

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HUD CoC Consultation

- Sessions held in March 24th & May 25th
- Dear Tribal Leader Letters before each session
- Both sessions recorded and online:
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- NAIHC will check in on status

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HUD Continuum of Care Consultation Recap

- Need for technical assistance tailored specifically for Tribes and TDHEs to ensure that they are competitive as project applicants
- Concerns about Tribes and TDHEs being able to meet the distinct needs of Tribal members
- Need for HUD to help facilitate connections between Tribes, TDHEs, and CoCs
- Concerns about certain CoC Program requirements such as the 25 percent match, HMIS participation, Coordinated Entry participation

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Phasing in Tribal Participation

2020

A Tribe or TDHE could assume the role of recipient or Collaborative Applicant (CA) for any existing recipient or CA choosing to relinquish that role

2021

CoCs can write in a geography corresponding to a tribal area or reservation as part of their CoC coverage, enabling Tribes and TDHEs to apply for projects as part of that CoC

2022

Formula establishing the Preliminary Pro Rata Need for each CoC will be recalculated to include tribal areas and reservations.



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Tribal Experience in CoC

- Northern Circle Indian Housing Association
 - Serves 7 Tribes in Northern California
 - Elizabeth Elliott, Executive Director
 - Moriah McGill, Program Developer
- Any other participants utilizing CoC?

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Next Steps/Next NAIHC Discussion Forums

- Monthly Forum
- Generally 2nd Wednesday of Each Month at 2pm
 - December 15th, 2021– HUD Continuum of Care
 - January 12th, 2022 – HUD Housing Counseling
 - February 9th, 2022 –TBD
- Repeat Topics/Other Topics?
- Other format for calls?
- Volunteers to help lead discussion