



What's New on Codetalk

December 20, 2024

ONAP Vacancy Announcement – Supervisory Loan Guarantee Specialist, GS-1101-14 (Deputy Director)

Locations: Washington, DC, Denver, CO, Chicago, IL, Oklahoma City, OK, FTE-10845

Posting period: 12/23/24 – 1/3/25

25-HUD-419-(MP – Internal to Gov) <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/825119600>

25-HUD-420-P(DEU – Public) <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/825121000>

As a **Supervisory Loan Guarantee Specialist**, you will:

Supervise overall administrative functions and operations of OLG office. Administers staff requirements and procedures, administers work assignments, establishes, and interprets office policies, facilitates intra-office coordination, and manages all administrative support to technical staff within the office.

Supervise, monitors, and evaluates subordinate positions; facilitates planning, coordination, and scheduling for completion of work; manages work assignments to subordinates, evaluates performance, equipment resources, staff training and travel schedules; and ensures that the agency's administrative procedures meet HUD requirements.

Manage OLG personnel actions that include developing crediting plans; implementing the EPPES process; preparing processing award criteria and other personnel matters. Initiates new methods and procedures for administrative and logistical support drawing on experience and analysis of office needs and problems, and existing Federal and Departmental policy in order to supplement standing operating procedures.

Work closely with the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Administrative Services and Management Division to ensure that OLG plans conform to the overall Federal and departmental policies and procedures.

Biden-Harris Administration Awards \$225 Million To Preserve and Revitalize Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the [award of \\$225 million](#) in competitive grant funding for 17 awardees with proposed projects across 26 states through the Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) program. PRICE is an innovative grant program – providing funding to preserve and revitalize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities (MHCs) across the country, including rural, suburban, urban, tribal, and disaster impacted areas.

“This is an historic investment – as the first federal grant program specifically for residents of manufactured homes,” said **HUD Agency Head, The Honorable Adrienne Todman**. “Manufactured housing provides an affordable path to homeownership for many families. This funding builds upon HUD’s commitment to advancing housing innovation and reduce housing costs.”

More information on the PRICE competition, including a fact sheet with additional information on the winning proposals can be found [here](#).

HUD Publishes Multi-Agency Tribal Public Interest BABA Waiver

HUD’s proposed [Multi-Agency Tribal Public Interest BABA Waiver](#) will be posted to the Federal Register today. Public comments will be received for 15 calendar days, with the comment period closing at 5:00pm EST on December 28, 2024. Please send all public comments to the Department of the Interior, the coordinating agency for this multi-agency waiver, and reference “Indian Tribes” in the subject line of the email: DOI_Grants_BuyAmerica_Waiver@ios.doi.gov.

The proposed waiver would apply as follows.

- **5-Year Exemption for Awards of \$2.5 Million or Less.** For 5 years from the effective date of the final Waiver, awards and subawards to Tribes, TDHEs, or DHHL of \$2.5 million or less would be exempt from BABA requirements so long as (1) the total prime Federal award or subaward does not exceed \$2.5 million and (2) the Federal award or subaward amount does not exceed \$2.5 million for the life of the award.
- **Manufactured Products.** In addition to the 5-year \$2.5 million exemption, for Federal financial assistance obligated to Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL between the effective date of the final Waiver and September 30, 2026, manufactured products would be exempt from BABA requirements, regardless of the Federal financial assistance amount. For Federal financial assistance issued prior to the effective date of the final waiver, the waiver would apply to funds not yet expended.

HUD Extends the Date by which Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL will be Required to Adopt the New HOTMA definition of “Annual Income” in the IHBG and NHHBG Programs

HUD issued [PIH Notice 2024-37](#). The Notice extends the compliance date for HUD’s final rule entitled “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104” for Indian Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Indian Tribes and TDHEs that apply the income requirements in the 24 CFR part 5 definition of “annual income” under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, along with DHHL will not be required to comply with the changes to these parts in the HOTMA final rule until January 1, 2026.

In the meantime, Indian Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL are free to adopt the new HOTMA definition if they choose to do so but are not required to. During the transition and implementation period, Tribes, TDHEs, and DHHL may continue to rely on the definition of annual income contained at 24 CFR 5.609 prior to the HOTMA changes, when determining annual income for families.

New Guidance on Applicability of Build America Buy America Act (BABA) Requirements to Housing Projects

Consistent with Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure (M-24-02), single family housing projects (buildings consisting of 1-4 dwelling units) are considered “private.” Accordingly, BABA requirements will not apply to HUD Federal Financial Assistance used to fund the construction, maintenance, alteration, or repair of such housing, as such projects are not properly classified as public infrastructure projects for purposes of BABA. However, BABA requirements will apply to projects involving the construction, maintenance, alteration, or repair of housing with 5 or more units (multifamily housing projects). ONAP will issue additional guidance and update existing guidance for Tribal Recipients relating to BABA and housing projects soon. For now, ONAP encourages all Tribal Recipients to review PIH Notice 2024-35 closely and hold clarifying questions to ONAP staff. We are working on FAQs and will be updating BABA guidance soon to incorporate this new guidance from OMB.

Webinar- Radon in Tribal Housing, December 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be hosting a webinar on December 12, 2024, to provide an overview of radon, including what it is, what it does, how it is measured, and how to reduce exposure. Speakers will share resources, including funding opportunities, for Tribes to test and mitigate for radon. The webinar will feature speakers from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Kansas State University Radon Program, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), and HUD. The webinar will be recorded and posted on [Codetalk](#).

Background

Exposure to radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. On January 11, 2024, HUD issued its [Departmental Policy for addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process](#). This policy requires consideration of radon for all HUD environmental reviews. The policy will go into effect for Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Department of Hawaiian Homelands in January 2026.

December 12, 2024

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

[Registration Link](#)

Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities. This prestigious award acknowledges innovative approaches, best practices, policies, and community engagement that make significant contributions to serving HUD-assisted Tribal residents.

Awards will be considered under the following priority areas: Community Development, New Housing Construction, Supporting Native Youth, and Honoring and Serving Native Veterans. HUD encourages Tribal Leaders and TDHE staff to submit nominations by February 28, 2025.

Learn more and apply here: [HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Tribal Communities](#).

HUD/IHS Joint Tribal Consultation Comment Period Extension and Webinar

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Indian Health Service (IHS) have published a [Dear Tribal Leader letter](#), extending the Tribal Consultation period seeking Tribes' feedback and recommendations on how HUD and IHS programs can better address housing-related water and sewer infrastructure needs within Tribal communities.

Comments

The deadline for submitting comments on the HUD/IHS Housing-related Infrastructure for Tribal Communities Tribal Consultation has been extended from Saturday, November 9, 2024, until **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**. Please email your comments and recommendations to consultation@hud.gov and consultation@ihs.gov. Use the SUBJECT LINE: HUD/IHS Housing-related Infrastructure for Tribal Communities.

[OLG INFO 2024-22](#)– ONAP Provides Clarification on Accessory Dwelling Units for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program and Section 184A Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Program

On October 18, 2024, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) issued [Dear Lender Letter 2024-09](#) (DLL) titled “Accessory Dwelling Units”.

PIH Publishes BABA Implementation Guidance for Tribal Recipients

On Friday, October 11th, 2024, PIH published [Notice PIH 2024-35](#): Implementation Guidance for Tribal Recipients on the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). The Notice will remain in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded. The Notice provides guidance to Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), Tribal entities, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) (collectively called “Tribal Recipients” in this Notice) on how to implement the “Buy America Preference” (BAP) imposed by BABA. It is intended to outline BABA requirements for all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Tribal Recipients when applying the BAP to covered programs and projects. It also clarifies which Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) grants are subject to BABA, how to determine if the BAP is applicable to a project, which HUD general waivers may apply to a project, how to document BAP compliance, and how to submit a specific waiver request for approval. BABA established BAP requirements for certain infrastructure projects funded with Federal awards, and HUD issued a waiver of these requirements for Tribal Recipients that expired after September 30, 2024. This Notice is effective upon publication and applies to any Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) obligated by HUD to Tribal Recipients on or after October 1, 2024. The notice can be found at this link: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH_2024-35.pdf

BABA Public Interest Waiver Expiring

HUD issued a [waiver](#) of the Build America Buy America requirements for **Tribal Recipients** that expires after **September 30, 2024**.

Starting October 1, 2024, any **NEW** obligations made by HUD (grant agreements signed by HUD) will be subject to the Buy America Preference (BAP) requirements for infrastructure projects.

We anticipate that BABA requirements will not begin to impact Tribes and TDHEs until later this year when ONAP anticipates obligating new funding given that we are currently under a Continuing Resolution.

ONAP will provide more specific guidance in a forthcoming implementation notice that is intended to outline BABA requirements for all HUD Tribal Recipients when applying the BAP to covered programs and projects. It will also clarify which how to determine if the BAP is applicable to a project, which HUD general waivers may apply to a project, how to document BAP compliance, and how to submit a specific waiver request for approval.

The most current information can currently be found at HUD's website [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov/).

General Applicability Waivers from BABA Requirements

HUD has approved several general applicability waivers for specific public interest circumstances:

- **Small Grants/Projects**: Where a grant or project's total cost is equal to or less than the current Simplified Acquisition Threshold of \$250,000.
- **De Minimis Portion of a Project**: Where the cumulative total of product purchases is no more than 5 percent of the total cost of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials, up to a maximum of \$1 million.
- **Exigent Circumstances**: Where there is an urgent need to immediately complete a project because of "exigent circumstances," or a threat to life, safety, or property of residents and the community.

If your situation falls within any of the categories above, BABA waived. Tribes and TDHES do not have to submit anything to HUD to take advantage of these existing waivers. Tribes and TDHES simply must keep documentation demonstrating that the waiver applies.

ONAP appreciates all Tribal feedback that has been received from Tribal grantees to date on this topic and will be issuing additional guidance shortly. Thank you for your patience. More to come shortly.

Dear Tribal Leader Letter- Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) Enhancement Project

HUD will host listening sessions on **November 14th**, and **December 5th, 2024**. The sessions will include an overview of TDAT's recent enhancements and an opportunity for Tribal comments and questions. Through these listening sessions, HUD hopes to advance its understanding of Tribal perspectives on the challenges, benefits, needs, and opportunities for using TDAT. HUD recognizes that Tribal input and continued collaboration throughout the project is vital for its success. Attached is a list of questions for you to consider in advance of these listening sessions. HUD looks forward to hearing your thoughts on TDAT and the ways it can be improved to support your Tribe.

Dear Lender Letter 2024-07- Extension of the COVID-19 Loss Mitigation Options

PIH Notice 2024-28- Total Development Cost (TDC) for Affordable Housing Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)

This Notice transmits the updated schedule for the maximum amount of funds that may be used for affordable housing under NAHASDA based on Marshall Valuation Service, Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, LLC (M&S/B) and RSMMeans Residential Cost Data (RSMMeans) for 2024.

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter- Simplified Environmental Review Process](#)

ONAP is excited to share new processes that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) developed to simplify and streamline environmental reviews for certain activities funded by the Indian Housing Block Grant, Indian Community Development Block Grant, Title VI Loan Guarantee, Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant, and Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

[Dear Tribal Leader Letter- 2026 Census Challenge](#)

The purpose of this **Dear Tribal Leader letter** is to inform Tribes and TDHEs that HUD is extending the deadline for FY 2026 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula Census Challenges from March 30, 2025, to May 29, 2025. Additionally, this letter announces that Tribes and TDHEs are now able to access their FY 2026 IHBG Formula Needs Data online here: <https://ihbgformula.com/2026-needs-data/>.

The regulatory waiver that provides for the Census Challenge deadline extension is linked here:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/2026_Census_Challenge_Regulatory_Deadline.pdf