

33rd Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference
November 28-30, 2023 | Anchorage, Alaska

Housing Improvement Program

Location: Kahtnu 2, Dena'ina Center 2nd Floor

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1:15 p.m. –	Distribution Policy
2:15 p.m.	Understand how housing funds(money) are distributed <i>Les Jensen, National Housing Program Officer</i> <i>Dewayne Cooper, Housing Program Manager</i>
2:15 p.m. –	United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): Rural Development
2:45 p.m.	Homeownership with the USDA 502 Loan: Committed to the future of rural communities <i>Amy Milburn, Alaska Single Family Housing Program Director</i>
2:45 p.m. –	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m.	
3:00 p.m. –	Rural Cap: USDA Mutual Self Help Program
4:00 p.m.	6 to 10 families qualify for financing to purchase property and materials to build their own home <i>Bob Marquez, Rural Housing Development Manager</i> <i>Mishelle French, Director of Rural Housing</i>
4:00 p.m. –	2024 Tribal Annual Performance Report (TAPR)
5:00 p.m.	Review of the Housing Assistance Application, Priority List, Tribal Work Plan, Housing Plans <i>Seth Obrien, AVCP Inc. Housing Improvement Manager</i>

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00 a.m. –	HIP Regulations (Rules)
9:00 a.m.	Exciting changes to the HIP Regulations. <i>Dewayne Cooper, Housing Program Manager</i>
9:00 a.m. –	Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) Housing Projects
9:45 a.m.	Successful testimony in the Cook Inlet Region of Alaska, utilizing BIA housing funds to assist with homeownership and essential housing repairs. <i>LeeAnn Garrick, CITC Chief Operating Officer</i> <i>Bob Marquez, Rural Housing Development Manager</i>
9:45 a.m. –	Morning Break
10:00 a.m.	
10:00 a.m. –	BIA Alaska Region Archeology: Environmental Section 106
10:45 a.m.	Process for building new houses/renovating houses on community townsite land <i>Joey Sparaga, BIA Alaska Regional Archeologist</i>
10:45 a.m. –	Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority
11:45 a.m.	Successful testimony in the Southeast Region of Alaska utilizing BIA housing funds to assist with homeownership and essential housing repairs, in collaboration with the Southeast Tribes and Tribal Consortium. <i>Jackie Pata, President/CEO Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority</i>

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11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bristol Bay Regional Housing Authority (BBHA) Successful testimony in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska utilizing BIA housing funds to assist with homeownership and essential housing repairs, in collaboration with the Bristol Bay Tribes and Tribal Consortium. <i>Kevin Tennyson, Executive Director Bristol Bay Housing Authority (BBHA)</i> <i>Emil Larson, Project Manager, BBHA</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Scattered Sites Program Water and sewer hook ups to houses in rural communities throughout Alaska <i>Russell Snyder, Project Manager, Scattered Sites Program</i>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kenaitze Indian Tribe Successful testimony on the Central Kenai Peninsula of Alaska utilizing BIA housing funds to assist with homeownership and essential housing repairs. <i>Michael Juliussen, Interim Safe Home Supervisor</i> <i>Sara Rigsby, Housing Representative</i>
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	2024 Tribal Annual Performance Report (TAPR) Review of the Housing Assistance Application, Priority List, Tribal Work Plan, Housing Plans <i>Seth Obrien, AVCP Inc. Housing Improvement Manager</i>

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Bureau of Land Management: Understand the ANSCA 14 (C) process Develop land for future housing projects and other community development projects. <i>Delenora Grey, Cadastral Surveyor</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA) AAHA activities such as advocacy/education, training, and technical assistance for Tribal Capacity building in an effort to increase the supply of safe, sanitary and affordable housing across the state. <i>Colleen Dushkin, AAHA Administrator</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Housing Projects Successful testimony of housing projects in the Interior Region of Alaska, utilizing BIA housing funds to assist with homeownership and essential housing repairs, in collaboration with the tribes. <i>Mitchell Shewfelt Sr., TCC, Housing Program Director</i>

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11:00 a.m. –	Denali Commission
11:45 a.m.	Neat collaborative housing project around Merbok-affected tribal communities initiating in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service <i>Erik Obrien, Program Manager</i>
11:45 a.m. –	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	
1:00 p.m. –	HUD Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)
2:45 p.m.	Informational insight on how Housing and Urban Development (HUD) operates Office of Native American Program (ONAP) federal housing funds <i>Greg Stuckey, HUD ONAP Administrator</i>
2:45 p.m. –	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m.	
3:00 p.m. –	One-on-one Meetings:
5:00 p.m.	Technical assistance for Tribes with <i>Dewayne Cooper, Housing Program Manager</i> Meeting schedule sign-up sheet will be in the HIP session room