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PROGRAM GUIDANCE

PROGRAM: Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program

FOR: All Tribal Government Leaders

FROM: 
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TOPIC: Posting of Fiscal Year 2010 Notice of Funding Availability

Purpose: The purpose of this guidance is to provide tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHE) with a summary of the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, also known as the ICDBG program, posted on August 24, 2010. The General Section of the NOFA was posted on June 7, 2010, and describes HUD's FY 2010 policy and submission requirements. Both documents can be downloaded from www.grants.gov and http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail.

Program Description: The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate-incomes.

Eligibility Information: All federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages are eligible to participate in the ICDBG program. Tribal organizations, as described in 24 CFR 1003.5, are also eligible applicants. To apply for funding, an applicant must meet this eligibility criterion by the application submission date. Eligible categories of funding include housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, homeownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development, and microenterprise programs. For a complete description of eligible activities, please refer to 24 CFR 1003, subpart C.

FY 2010 Funding Availability: The total approximate amount of funding available for the ICDBG program for FY 2010 is \$65,000,000, less up to \$3,960,000 retained to fund Imminent Threat Grants, for a total of \$61,040,000. The Area Office of Native American Program (AONAP) allocations are:

Eastern/Woodlands -	\$6,928,975
Southern Plains -	\$13,095,381
Northern Plains -	\$8,701,356
Southwest -	\$22,737,279
Northwest -	\$3,105,735
Alaska -	\$6,471,274

Changes in the FY 2010 NOFA: The following major changes have been made to the NOFA. Interested applicants should read the entire NOFA carefully to be aware of each and every change.

Tribal organizations applying on behalf of multiple tribes may combine ceiling amounts for a project if the project will be utilized by members of all such respective tribes. Alternatively, several tribes may submit individual application for one combined activity if the project will be utilized by members of all such respective tribes.

Section I – Funding Opportunity Description

The NOFA clarifies that “income” for this program is defined as the HUD area median income, not the national median income. It incorporates the definition in the ICDBG regulation at §1003.4.

Section II – Award Information

The NOFA specifies that applications that exceed the application ceilings will be returned unrated.

Section III – Eligibility Information

The NOFA clarifies that acquisition of land or other real property may be proposed in conjunction with proposals for new housing construction, housing rehabilitation, public facilities and improvements, or economic development. Applicants may acquire land alone only for future housing development.

Section IV – Application and Submission Information

In FY 2010, copies of the NOFA and all application forms may be downloaded from the Grants.gov website. In FY 2009, the NOFA and forms were found on HUD’s website.

The NOFA adds the following documents to the checklist of items that must be submitted:

Letter e. – The NOFA again requires the submission of form HUD-2993, “Acknowledgement of Application Receipt” for applicants granted a waiver of the electronic submission requirements.

Letter q. – Applicants proposing to partner with other entities/organizations must include evidence of the partner’s willingness to participate in the project.

Letter t. - For the first time, the Logic Model (form HUD-96010) is a mandatory application submission requirement. In past years applicants were not required to submit the form. See ONAP Program Guidance 2010-02 for additional information.

ICDBG applications must be received by Grants.gov no later than 11:59:59 p.m. eastern time on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. In FY 2009, applications were submitted to the Area ONAPs in paper copy.

As explained in ONAP Program Guidance 2010-05 and in the General Section to HUD's FY 2010 NOFAs, "received" means the application has been successfully uploaded to the Grants.gov server and the applicant has received confirmation of successful submission. This year HUD is providing applicants with a one day grace period from the date of notification of a rejection from Grants.gov to allow applicants (who successfully upload an application prior to the deadline date and time, but receive a rejection notice after the deadline date and time) to cure the reason for rejection and re-upload the application to Grants.gov. Applicants must read the General Section closely for application submission information.

Applications must be submitted electronically unless the applicant submits a request and receives approval for a waiver of the requirement. Waivers must be submitted no later than October 13, 2010. Waiver requests should be submitted for processing to:

U.S. Department of HUD
Office of Native American Programs
Attn: Deborah M. Lalancette, Director, Office of Grants Management
1670 Broadway, 23rd Floor
Denver, CO 80202

To expedite the receipt and review of waiver requests, applicants may e-mail their requests to deborah.m.lalancette@hud.gov or fax a request to 303-675-1660.

Applicants receiving a waiver are subject to the same application deadline of October 27, 2010; no additional time can be granted. If a waiver is granted, ONAP will request one original and one copy of your paper application. Paper applications may be submitted through the United States Postal Service or through any other delivery method. However, it is stressed that the application must be received by October 27, 2010, 5:00 p.m. local time. Applications delivered after this date will not be accepted. A waiver request granted during the FY 2009 competition is not valid for FY 2010.

Section V – Application Review Information

Rating Factor 1: The NOFA puts greater emphasis on relevant staff experience. It requires more detail in the implementation plans, modifies the language on audit submission, and clarifies how performance on past ICDBG grants will be evaluated.

Rating Factor 2: The calculations used to determine need are based on the tribes' 2010 Indian Housing Block Grant formula. In FY 2009, the calculations were based on the FY 2008 amounts.

Rating Factor 3: Applicants will receive one point each for two of HUD's FY 2010 policy priorities. Applicants that undertake activities to create jobs and further local economic development particularly targeted to low-income populations and communities will receive one policy point. Applicants that propose projects that actively promote sustainability through energy-efficient, environmentally friendly, healthy design, including elements of visitability and universal design will receive one policy priority point. In FY 2009, applicants could receive up to two points for "Promoting Energy Star and Green Development."

Rating Factor 5: The NOFA makes the Logic Model mandatory and changes discretionary language to mandatory where applicable.

Section VI

In accordance with the new final regulation on ICDBG regulatory reporting (75 FR 20269, 4/19/10), the NOFA incorporates reporting on the Logic Model (form HUD-96010) into the Annual Status and Evaluation Report. The NOFA also specifies that the Minority Business Enterprise report is now an annual requirement, not a bi-annual one.

Application Submission Deadline: Applications must be received by Grants.gov no later than 11:59:59 p.m. eastern time on October 27, 2010.

HUD recommends that all applicants submit their application no later than 48 hours before the deadline date and time.

Technical Assistance: Contact staff at your Area ONAP for general guidance and technical assistance regarding the NOFA. Area ONAP staff is not permitted to help you prepare your application. Contact the Grants.gov Support Center for assistance with electronic submission requirements.

Training on ICDBG NOFA Requirements: Training on the requirements of the FY 2010 ICDBG NOFA will be provided as follows:

- A broadcast training for the ICDBG NOFA will be held on August 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. eastern time. You may access the training at HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/index.cfm>.
- The Area ONAP in your jurisdiction will also conduct training specific to the ICDBG NOFA and electronic submission requirements. Contact your Area ONAP for training dates.

Applicants should not rely solely on information in this Guidance since it does not include all applicable NOFA requirements on the subjects addressed. Contact your Area ONAP Grants Management Specialist if you have any questions.