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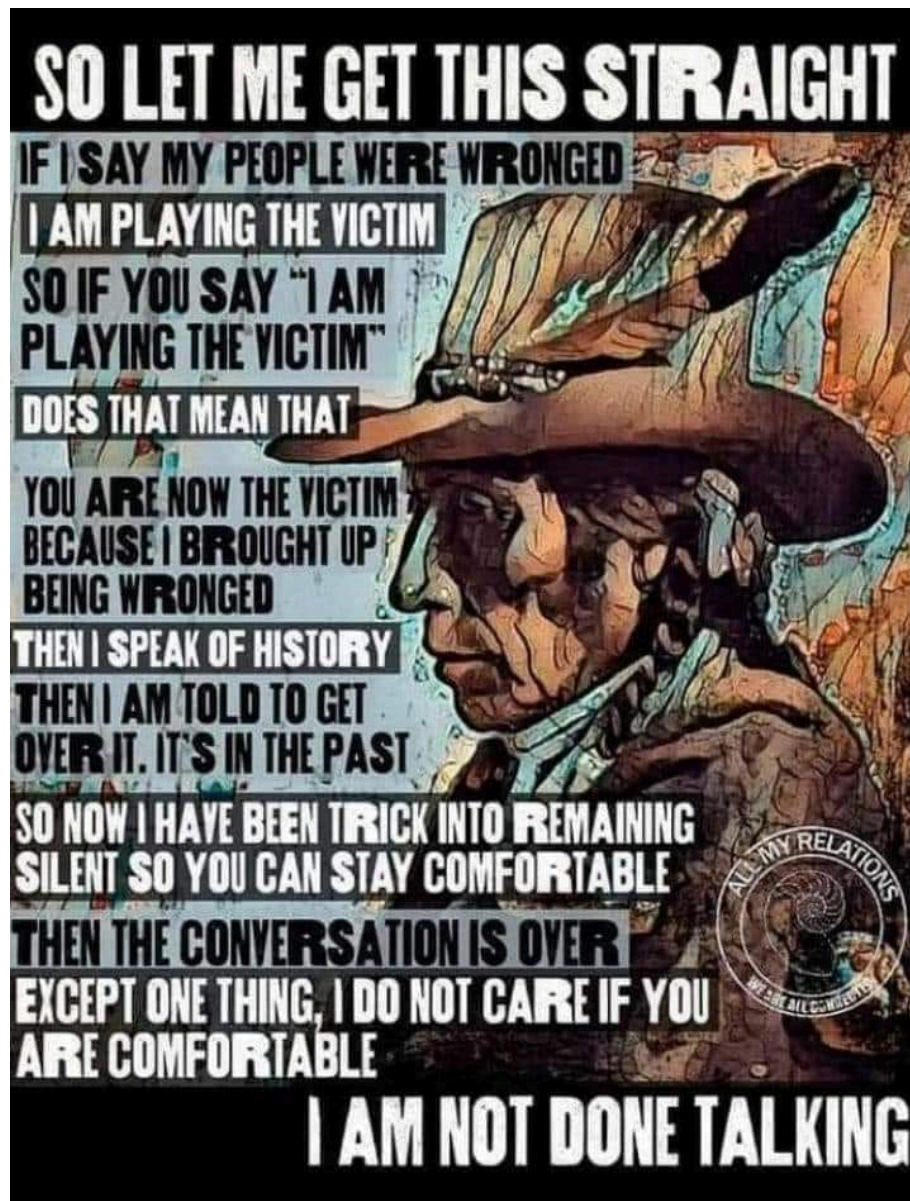
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Ramos bill banning derogatory name used for Native American women as geographic name in California goes to governor

AB 2022 heads to governor on a 72-0 -0 vote

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SACRAMENTO — A bill to prohibit the use of the word “squaw” (S-word) for geographic features and place names in California by January 1, 2024 has been introduced by Assemblymembers James C. Ramos (D-Highland), the first California Native American elected to the state legislature and Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens), chair of the California Legislative Women’s Caucus. Thirteen co-authors signed onto the legislation. “AB 2022 would ban the use of the S-word and establish a process for renaming locations with that offensive racial and sexist term which began as derogatory word used against Native American women. It is an idiom that came into use during the westward expansion of America, and it is not a tribal word. For decades, Native Americans have argued against the designation’s use because behind that expression is the disparagement of Native women that contributes to the crisis of missing and murdered people in our community,” Ramos stated.

Ramos added that more than 100 places in California contain the S-word. The United States Department of the Interior has ordered the term “erased from the National landscape and forever replaced” on the almost 700 sites using the name on federal lands. Montana, Oregon, Maine and Minnesota have already banned the word’s use.

Garcia commented, “The sad reality is that this term has been used for generations and normalized, even though it is a misogynistic and racist term rooted in the oppression and belittling of Indigenous women. AB 2022 begins to correct an ugly and painful part of our history by removing it from California’s landmarks; it’s the least we can do to help our indigenous women heal.”

AB 2022 would require every state agency, local governing body or political subdivisions in this state to identify all geographic sites, public lands, waters, and structures under its jurisdiction containing the S-word. These bodies shall file a report identifying those names with the California Advisory Committee of Geographic Names. The advisory committee will establish a procedure to elicit input and rename locations that have been identified. In selecting replacement names, local governments, state agencies, and shall solicit input from tribes maintained on the California Native American Heritage Commission list and prioritize their input, as well as the input of appropriate local communities and members of the public.

The proposal defines a geographic feature as any location or publicly owned structure in the state such as navigable water, parks, local roads, bridges and publicly owned buildings. A place is defined in the proposal as a natural geographic feature or street, alley, or other road within the jurisdiction of the state or political subdivision of the state.

AB 2022 is sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union CA, Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, Restorative Justice for Indigenous Peoples and Renaming S-valley Coalition.

It is also supported by the Tachi Yokut Tribe, Tule River Tribe, Fresno Barrios Unidos Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley, Native Dad’s Network, Native Sisters Circle, Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples, Rising Hearts, ACLU California Action, American Indian Cultural Center of San Francisco (AICC), Friendship House Association of American Indians, California Teachers Association, California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, California Native Vote Project, American Indian Student Association at California, California Native Vote Project, State University, Northridge, Anti Police-Terror Project, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice, Dignity and Power Now, International Indian Treaty Council, Justice Teams Network and Save California Salmon.

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Assemblymember James Ramos proudly represents the 40th Assembly district which includes Highland, Loma Linda, Mentone, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, and San Bernardino. He is the first and only California Native American serving in the state's legislature. He chairs the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

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National Opportunities

Funds Boost the Capacity of Organizations Addressing the Opioid Crisis

The Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) seeks to address the nation's opioid crisis.

Social and Economic Justice Efforts Supported

The Fund for a Just Society, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association, provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that address issues of social and economic justice.

Grants Aid American Indian Homeland Projects

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a national, community-based organization serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands.

Funds Available for Adult Literacy Programs

The primary purpose of the Wish You Well Foundation is to support nonprofit organizations in the United States that teach adults the literacy skills they need to communicate, grow, and thrive within their communities.

Regional Opportunities

Support Addresses Basic Needs in Specific Geographic Areas

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, is dedicated to meeting the basic needs of people experiencing poverty.

Economic Development Projects Funded in North Carolina

The Golden LEAF Foundation's mission is to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina's rural, tobacco-dependent, and economically distressed communities.

Small Grants Benefit Company Communities

Baltimore Life Companies Community Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations in communities where Baltimore Life has offices, including Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Washington, DC.

Alaskan Conservation Organizations Supported

The Alaska Conservation Foundation's Discovery Grants program supports Alaska-based grassroots organizations in order to foster a more effective and sustainable conservation movement in Alaska.

Federal Opportunities

Program Addresses Homelessness

The Continuum of Care Competition promotes a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

Funds Available to Reduce Risks of Wildfires

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant is intended to help at-risk local communities and tribes plan for and reduce the risk against wildfire.

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### Notice PIH 2022-27 - Notice of Deadline Extension for Accepting Indian Housing Block Grant American Rescue Plan Act Funds

The purpose of this Notice is to provide an extension to the July 5, 2022 deadline, set in PIH Notice 2022-13: Notice of Reallocation of Unaccepted Indian Housing Block Grant American Rescue Plan Act (IHBG-ARP) Funds to the Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat – American Rescue Plan Act (ICDBG-ARP) Program, for Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to submit their Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan (AIHP) to receive their IHBGARP grant funding. The final deadline to accept IHBG-ARP funds is September 30, 2022. Funds that are not accepted by the deadline will be repurposed to fund additional ICDBGARP grants. All other terms of PIH Notice 2022-13 remain in effect.

### **Webinars for Indian Community Development Block Grant Program and Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program Applicants**

On July 29, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program. The NOFO announced the availability of approximately \$92 million for competitive grants with instructions on how to apply. Applicants have until 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on October 24, 2022, to submit applications. For further information about this NOFO, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and Codetalk ([www.hud.gov/codetalk](http://www.hud.gov/codetalk)).

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) will host a two-day training webinar to review the NOFO and the application process, as well as address your questions.

#### **Day 1 – ICDBG NOFO Applicant Training**

The webinar will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 14, 2022; you may join the webinar 10 minutes prior – view in your time zone.

- To join the conference, click: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/844834>  
Follow the prompts to connect audio by computer or telephone; Event ID: 844834  
To join via phone only: Dial 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694, Access Code 3606362#.

#### **Day 2 – ICDBG NOFO Applicant Training**

The webinar will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2022; you may join the webinar 10 minutes prior - view in your time zone.

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ONAP will post all NOFO training materials (webinar details, webinar recordings, and Frequently Asked Questions) on Codetalk ([www.hud.gov/codetalk](http://www.hud.gov/codetalk)).

### **[Indian Community Development Block Grant Program NOFO Published](#)**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within the NOFO. Applications are due no later than October 24, 2022. [Apply Now](#)

### ***Expanding Broadband Access – Tribal Communities are eligible***

On May 9, 2022, HUD [announced](#) actions to expand broadband to more than 4 million HUD-assisted families, as part of the administration’s outreach efforts on the **Affordable**

**Connectivity Program** (ACP). HUD’s announcement comes as part of the “whole-of-government outreach effort” to drive enrollment in the ACP, which will help lower the cost of broadband for eligible households and expand access to reliable services for rural, urban, suburb, and **Tribal communities** across the country. Households receiving HUD rental assistance qualify for ACP subsidies, but families need to enroll in the program to receive the benefit. The \$14 billion Affordable Connectivity Program provides discounts up to \$75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider. [Click here for information on program eligibility.](#)

**Affordable Connectivity Program** enrollment opened on December 31, 2021. **Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or by (1) going to [ACPBenefit.org](http://ACPBenefit.org) to submit an online application or print a mail-in application and (2) contacting their preferred participating broadband provider and selecting a plan.** For additional information about the ACP, visit [www.fcc.gov/ACP](http://www.fcc.gov/ACP) or call 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET.

- **HUD Announces \$10 Million Funding Opportunity for Capacity Building in Rural America** The [Rural Capacity Building \(RCB\) program](#) enhances the capacity and ability of rural housing development organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), rural local governments, and Indian tribes to carry out affordable housing and community development activities in rural areas for the benefit of low- and moderate-income families and persons. Apply on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov). [Read more about the Grants Notice.](#) **Application Deadline: Oct. 11, 2022**

#### **US EPA Funding Announcements:**

- Tribal Waste Management funding: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/tribal-waste-management-funding-resources-directory>
- Land Cleanup Projects on Tribal Lands: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/land-cleanup-funding-authorities-available-tribal-governments-0>

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### **[U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Alaska](#)**

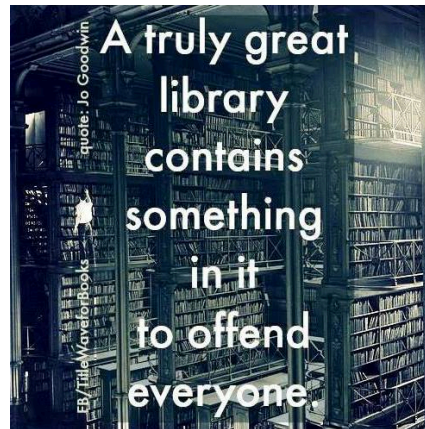
**[#JOBALERT](#)**: @USFWSAlaska is [#hiring](#) an Indigenous Knowledge Liaison (GS- 0301-11/12) to join the Science Applications Team. Duty station is negotiable in Alaska, yet Anchorage is preferred. Learn more and apply. MERIT PROMOTION APPLICATION: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/673826100>

## **FOCUS: Bill McKibben | A Pipeline Is Not a Windmill**

*Bill McKibben, Bill McKibben's Substack*

McKibben writes: "The Washington Post, which has done remarkable climate reporting in recent years, had a less successful story in this morning's paper."

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**Meg Hunt And, as a recent Commentary in the Post and Courier noted, a library "is simply being a place that encourages us to think and explore, and that is something to celebrate, not condemn."**

The Commentary went on to say, "The famous Christian poet John Milton, author of "Paradise Lost," wrote that the human mind is not corrupted by falsehood. It is corrupted by narrowness and ignorance."



*A Moose cow and her calf walk up a hill in this undated photo in Northeastern Nevada. Moose are quietly populating the northeastern corner of Nevada. And they are doing it without the help of humans. It's the first time a big game species has done so in Nevada without help from the Nevada Department of Wildlife, according to the agency. (Nevada Dept. of Wildlife via AP) (Are they seeking a colder climate since their permafrost is melting?)*

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES and EVENTS:** Click [here](#) for all HUD/ONAP Training Opportunities

**September 6-7 – [Board of Commissioners](#) (virtual)**

Board of Commissioners Training will cover all components of Indian Housing Operation from the perspective of an appointed Commissioner. It will cover the aspects of NAHASDA, Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioner, Indian Housing Planning and Reporting, Effective management with examples of outstanding Indian Housing Board Operation. When: 11:00am -5:00pm ET

**September 7-8 – [Self-Monitoring](#) (virtual)**

Self Monitoring for Housing is designed to assist Housing departments and TDHEs in performing the required self monitoring under NAHASDA. The course includes a basic overview of the requirements and in depth discussion of each self monitoring questionnaire issued by ONAP. When: 11:00am -5:00pm ET

**September 13 – [Grant Writing](#) (virtual)** When: 11:00am -5:00pm ET

The course focuses on how to effectively apply for ONAP grants. It will help improve the Tribe or TDHE's understanding of the grant writing process, requirements, goals, and outcomes. It will focus on best practices to prepare for and submit a complete and competitive application.

**September 13-14 – [Financial Management](#) (virtual)**

Participants at this 2-day, virtual training will provide an orientation to basic standards of accounting and GAAP, financial statements, and accounting transactions in a typical small Tribe/TDHE, and implementation of a strong financial management system and related internal controls in order to comply with the general provisions of 2 CFR Part 200.302 Financial Management, as well as compliance with the NAHASDA statutes and regulations. When: 9:00am - 4:00pm PT

**September 13-15 – [Development Planning: Part 1](#) (virtual)** When: 9:00am – 5:00pm ET

This 3-day training will provide participants with an introduction to the development planning process. The training will provide a pathway for Project Implementation from Conception through Development; provide management tools and reference material to support effective Project Implementation; present compliance requirements within the context of the Project Implementation process; and provide the opportunity to apply Project Implementation concepts through case studies.

*Note:* Part 2: September 26-28, 2022; Part 3: November 28-30, 2022

**[Indian Community Development Block Grant NOFO Training – Sept. 14 & 15](#)**

HUD's Office of Native American Programs is offering **FREE** Applicant Training for the FY22 ICDBG NOFO.

**[Day 1 – ICDBG NOFO Applicant Training](#)**

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**[Day 2 – ICDBG NOFO Applicant Training](#)**

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**Sept. 14: HUD Region IX Environmental Training - Part 58: Environmental Review Basics for Tribes**

**1 pm to 3 pm PDT**

The HUD Region IX Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) will deliver free, live, on-line training for tribes. The two-hour Part 58 Environmental Review Basics for Tribes will provide attendees with a basic introduction to HUDs environmental requirements under 24 CFR 58. Ideal candidates for this training are Tribal members and staff who will be completing environmental reviews themselves or overseeing the work of consultants. To register visit <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=4264&update=N>

**Sept. 20: [Tribal HUD-VASH Essentials Training](#) When: 12:00pm – 4:00pm PT**

Participants at this virtual training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully administer and manage a Tribal HUD-VASH program. The trainer will give an overview of the Tribal HUD-VASH program, how it works, who is eligible, and key regulations and guidance. [Register Here](#)

**September 20 – [Tribal HUD VASH Essentials](#) (virtual)**

Participants at this training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully administer and manage a Tribal HUD-VASH program. The trainer will give an overview of the Tribal HUD-VASH program, how it works, who is eligible, and key regulations and guidance. When: 12:00pm – 4:00pm PT

**September 21-23 – [Environmental Review](#) (virtual)**

This 3-day training provides Indian tribes ("tribes" also includes Native Alaskan villages) and other recipients of HUD's Office of Native American Program funding–Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) with specific instructions and guidelines for carrying out their responsibilities under the environmental review process according to 24 CFR Part 58: Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities. The environmental review process is required for all HUD ONAP assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users. Not every project is subject to a full environmental review (i.e., every project's environmental impact must be examined, but the extent of this examination varies), but every project must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other related environmental laws. When: 11:00am – 5:30pm ET

**September 26-28 – [Development Planning: Part 2](#) (virtual)**

Part 2 of this series provides participants with 3 days of training on the specifics of the Development Process from the Predevelopment phase through Construction. It builds on the overview presented in Part 1 and focus on the tasks associated with predevelopment, development, and construction phases. Major topics include relevant procurement & environmental tasks, market study requirements, property acquisition, sources and uses of funds, appraisal of trust property, site suitability financial feasibility, budgeting, construction management, and contract administration. When: 9:00am – 5:00pm ET  
*Note:* Part 3: November 28-30, 2022

**September 28-29 – [Executive Director Training](#) (virtual)**

The training covers the key roles and responsibilities of Executive Directors of TDHEs or Tribal housing departments on the day-to-day management and oversight of the NAHASDA funded programs and key elements of compliance. It will also describe the expected reporting and relationships to the Tribal leadership (Tribal Council and/or Board of Commissioners) and HUD. When: 11:00am – 5:00pm ET



### **October 3-6 – [An Overview of Pathways Home](#) (virtual)**

AAHA is hosting a four (4) day online workshop to provide an **overview** of PATHWAYS HOME: A NATIVE HOMEOWNERSHIP GUIDE, to bring Native communities resources needed to make homeownership a reality. Pathways Home is a curriculum to help Tribes and TDHEs develop a comprehensive housing counseling program focusing on assisting tribal members to qualify for leasing, purchasing, and owning a home. Pathways Home is a program that can be tailored to each community's needs. This overview of the PATHWAYS HOME curriculum will provide participants with tools to implement a housing counseling program. Topics include, but are not limited to: Overview of Housing Counseling; Budgeting and Credit; Affordability; the Loan Process; Debt Management; Protecting Your Assets; and more. Participants will analyze scenarios requiring an assessment of a family's financial situation and preparation of a plan designed to achieve the family's housing goals. When: 8:30am – 3:30pm AKST

### **October 4-6 – [Developing & Financing Infrastructure](#) (virtual) When: 9:00am – 3:00pm PT**

Participants in this 3-day training will learn about Developing and Financing Housing and Infrastructure projects including infrastructure, government and community facilities, housing, utilities, and renewable energy, including important updates from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Training will include the following topics:

- Development-organizing, team management, roles, strategic partnerships, development planning and implementation.
- Review of federal Indian law and tribal law issues relating to development projects.
- Key grants, loans and tax credits for infrastructure, rental housing, home ownership, energy and other projects, the criteria for each funding source, and strategies for submitting competitive proposals.
- Strategies for partnering with taxpaying entities to take advantage of the tax credits that tribes cannot directly claim, and important updates regarding new abilities for tribes to directly receive certain energy tax credits.

### **Oct.18-20: [Strategic Planning Training](#)**

**(In-person) Training Location: Courtyard Phoenix Downtown, 132 S. Central Ave.,Phoenix, AZ 85004**

Participants at this 3-day training will receive step-by-step instruction on how to successfully manage a strategic planning process. The trainers will walk-through the best practices, processes, and procedures of developing and implementing a Strategic Housing Plan. This training will use case studies and exercises to walk participants through the creation of a strategic plan from partnership building and stakeholder involvement and outreach, to the variety of community assessment tools and elements critical to a successful and flexible plan. **When:** 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. [Register Here](#)

### **October 5, October 18, November 2 – [Lead Safe Housing Rule Webinar Series: Subparts H, L, and M](#) (virtual)**

The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is sponsoring a training series that will help participants review federal lead regulations with a focus on the Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) activities for project-based assistance (PBA) (Subpart H), public housing (Subpart L), and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) (Subpart M).

All sessions will cover the following topics as they apply to the specific activity:

- Disclosure
- Exemptions
- Approach to Lead Hazard Evaluation and Reduction
- Pre-Renovation Education (EPA Req)

- Lead Hazard Reduction
- Clearance and Notice
- Ongoing Maintenance
- Periodic Re-evaluation
- Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels Requirements

**Oct. 18-20: Tribal Exchange Network Conference**

This conference aims to expand tribal capacity for environmental data sharing, management, and analysis through informational, interactive sessions that offer:

- Networking opportunities and connections with other professionals
- A showcase of Exchange Network projects and technology tools
- Workshops, demonstrations, and mentoring for tribal professionals
- Discussions on resources, funding opportunities, and technical support

More info. coming soon: [www.tribalexchangenetwork.org](http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org)

**October 25-27 – [NAHASDA Essentials](#) (virtual)**

AAHA is hosting an exciting and interactive three (3) day online training with a half day (10/28/2022) being available for participants to schedule a one-on-one session with the trainer. The training will provide attendees with a comprehensive introduction to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Participants will become familiar with latest regulations, program guidance, and PIH Notices. A thorough review of eligible families and eligible activities including rental housing, homebuyer programs, rehabilitation and housing and crime prevention services will be provided. Other major topics to be addressed include the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, calculating income eligibility and adjusted gross income, moderate-income family assistances, income verification. When: 8:30am – 3:30pm AK



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The eyes are watching you!

## [Breaching Dams 'Must Be an Option' to Save Salmon, Washington Democrats Say](#)

The New York Times, 8/31/22 - Two top Democrats in Washington State have come out in favor of eventually breaching four hydroelectric dams in the lower Snake River to try to save endangered salmon runs, a contentious option that environmentalists, tribes and business groups in the region have argued over for decades.

## **An Enduring Oak Mystery: Synchronized Acorn Booms**

Some years are great for acorns, some the crop fails entirely. But how do oak trees "know" to boom and bust at the same time?

by **Walt Koenig**

## **Cherokee ancestors were promised a delegate in House. Treaties matter.**

<https://www.oklahoman.com/story/opinion/2022/09/04/cherokee-ancestors-were-promised-a-delegate-in-house-treaties-matter/65466142007/>

## **Greetings from HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs,**

Please see the information below about the **Tribal Housing Excellence Academy** and share with your colleagues in Indian Country. Application Deadline is Sept. 23, 2022!

**Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)** has selected several participants for the **Tribal Housing Excellence Academy (THE Academy)** but still has space available. Therefore we are re-opening the application process. This is a thirty-month training and technical assistance initiative to work with innovative native organizations in the rural west with a goal to increase housing built on native lands.

### **Informational Webinar:**

September 6, 2022 at 1:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time - [Register here](#)

