



## Building Safer and Stronger Native Communities • ▼ • ▼ • ▼ •

**T**he U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), has worked closely with tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) over the past 10 years to enable families to live in decent and safe housing. Every day, tribal leaders, residents, youth, and elders are implementing programs to eradicate drugs and crime in and around Native American and Alaska Native communities. The cooperative and concerted efforts of tribes, TDHEs, Alaskan villages, law enforcement agencies, service providers, and residents are needed to make tribal communities safer for future generations.

The Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program (IHDEP), administered by HUD's Office of Native American Programs, awards competitive grants on an annual basis to tribes and TDHEs so they may turn the tide against drugs and drug-related crime in their communities and build relationships with other community organizations. IHDEP grants may fund a variety of activities, including:

- Employment of one or more individuals to (a) investigate drug-related crime on or about the real property of a federally assisted housing development, and (b) provide evidence relating to such crime in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- Reimbursement of local law enforcement agencies for additional security or protective services above baseline levels of service to be provided by local or tribal law enforcement.
- Training and purchase of uniforms and equipment for voluntary tenant patrols.
- Physical improvements to enhance security, including fences, surveillance equipment, lighting, and locks.
- Programs designed to reduce the use of drugs in and around federally assisted low-income housing developments, including drug abuse prevention, intervention, referral, and treatment.
- Security and drug prevention programs operated by nonprofit resident management corporations and resident organizations.
- Independent evaluation or assessment on the effectiveness of your IHDEP program.

### FY 2000 IHDEP Activities • ▼ • ▼ • ▼ •

**T**he following are examples of strategies planned by FY 2000 IHDEP grantees to address the needs of their unique communities:

- Fort Independence Reservation Tribe, CA, will partner with a local drug-free youth coalition to support a prevention program that includes healthy weekend adventures.
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in Michigan will use IHDEP funds to provide training and communications equipment for their voluntary tenant patrol, and to reimburse local law enforcement for services above baseline levels.

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- Qualla Housing Authority of the Eastern Band of Cherokee in North Carolina will employ additional security personnel with part of its funding.
- The North Pacific Rim Housing Authority, AK, in conjunction with the tribal alcohol and drug awareness program, will provide prevention, intervention and educational activities.
- Fort Berthold Housing Authority, ND, will build additional services into its I-Ki-Pi youth substance abuse prevention program and drop-in center.
- Navajo Nation, AZ and NM, will use the funds to make certain youth on this 16-million-acre reservation have access to ten additional Boys & Girls Clubs.

## IHDEP Funding •▼•▼•▼•

**C**ongress has shown its support for drug elimination activities in Indian Country by appropriating additional funding in recent years. Overall funding for tribal communities under the Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program between FY 1989 and FY 1998 totaled \$56 million. In FY 1999/2000, ONAP awarded 57 IHDEP grants totaling \$22 million.

Funding amounts vary for individual grantees and are based on number of units. In FY 1999/2000, the smallest grant award was \$25,000 and the largest was \$3 million.

## Reports and Close-Out •▼•▼•▼•

**A**ll funded IHDEP grantees are required to submit an IHDEP Semi-Annual Performance Report and Semi-Annual Financial Status Report (SF-269A) to the appropriate HUD Area Office of Native American Programs by January 31st and July 30th of each year during the term of their grant. At the completion of the grant term (no more than 24 months), the grantee must comply with close-out requirements described in Public Housing Notice PIH 98-60 (HA).

## For More Information •▼•▼•▼•

**T**o receive more information about IHDEP, please contact the Indian Housing Drug Elimination Information & Resource Center at P.O. Box 14970, Silver Spring, MD 20911, 1-800-839-5561. (E-mail address: [onap@jbs1.com](mailto:onap@jbs1.com)) In addition, you can find information about ONAP's programs on the Codetalk Internet homepage at [www.codetalk.fed.us/](http://www.codetalk.fed.us/)

