

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0273-18

DATE: August 3, 2018

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; AUTHORIZING THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY AS THE TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY TO SUBMIT A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD UNDER THE TRIBAL HUD-VASH DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to authorize the Navajo Housing Authority as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity to submit a renewal grant application to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 11/11/18
Website Posting Time/Date: 4:30pm 8/9/18
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Eligible for Action: 8/15/2018

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)



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TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY TO SUBMIT A RENEWAL
GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD UNDER THE TRIBAL HUD-VASH
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Whereas:

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2
N.N.C. §102(A).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council shall establish standing committees of the Council
and delegate such authority to such committees as it deems necessary and
proper for such committees to execute the purposes or powers delegated. 2
N.N.C. §102(G).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee exercises oversight authority over
housing to establish policies and legislation appropriate to the housing needs of the
Navajo Nation and its People. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C)(3).
- D. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee
to coordinate all federal programs, i.e. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD), with the Navajo Nation government to provide efficient

1 services to Navajo members. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(4), 701 (A)(6), 701
2 (A)(4).

3 E. On June 11, 2018, HUD issued a notice (Notice PIH-2018-10) regarding
4 Procedural Guidance for Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Renewal Grant
5 Applications for existing recipients of the program which is a supportive
6 housing and rental demonstration program called the Tribal HUD-VA
7 Supportive Housing program (Tribal HUD-VASH). The program provides
8 rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are
9 homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other
10 Indian areas. Notice PIH-2018-10 is attached as **Exhibit B**.

11 F. The NHA Board of Commissioners recommended to the Navajo Nation to
12 authorize the NHA to submit a renewal grant application under the Tribal HUD-
13 VASH program. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a copy of NHA resolution
14 number NHA 4833-2018 *Recommending to the Navajo Nation to Approve and*
15 *Authorize the Navajo Housing Authority to Submit a Renewal Grant Application*
16 *to HUD for the Tribal HUD-VASH Program.*

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18 **Therefore, Be It Resolved:**

19 A. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Housing Authority as the Tribally
20 Designated Housing Entity to submit a renewal grant application, to HUD under the
21 Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program.

22 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Housing Authority to take all
23 necessary action to effectuate this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Recommending to the Navajo Nation to Approve and
Authorize the Navajo Housing Authority to Submit a Renewal Grant
Application to HUD for the Tribal HUD-VASH Program**



WHEREAS:

1. Public Law 104-330, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 ("NAHASDA"), was enacted to provide housing assistance that recognizes the rights of Indian Self-determination and Self-governance through a program known as Indian Housing Block Grant ("IHBG") program; and

2. The Navajo Housing Authority ("NHA") (a) was created and established as a public body of the Navajo Nation under the laws of the Navajo Nation at 6 N.N.C. § 601 and its Plan of Operation is codified thereunder; (b) pursuant to 24 CFR 1000.206 of the NAHASDA regulations, is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity ("TDHE") for the Navajo Nation and is an eligible recipient of IHBG pursuant to Navajo Nation Council ("NNC") Resolution CD-82-03; and (c) is otherwise regulated by HUD NAHASDA program requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24 Housing and Urban Development, Part 1000; and

3. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C., Sections 605 and 616(b)(3), the Board of Commissioners of the NHA is empowered with the authority to manage the affairs of the NHA with the power to do all things necessary or desirable to secure the financial aid or cooperation of the federal government in the undertaking of providing safe, decent and sanitary housing; and

4. On October 21, 2015, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") issued a notice (Notice) in the Federal Register for the administration of a supportive housing and rental demonstration program called the Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing program ("Tribal HUD-VASH"). The program provides rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas; and

5. HUD made available \$4 million in grant funding to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities ("TDHEs") to fund this rental assistance and associated administrative fees; and

6. The HUD-VASH program combines Housing Choice Voucher program ("HCV") rental assistance for Homeless veterans with Case Management and clinical services provided by or through the VA through Veterans Administration Medical Centers ("VAMC"). Historically, this program has not reached Native American veterans in tribal communities due to legal impediments preventing tribes and TDHEs from participating in the HUD-VASH program; and

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7. In the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235, approved December 16, 2014) ("2015 Appropriations Act"), Congress authorized funding for a demonstration program in order to expand the HUD-VASH program into Indian Country. The 2015 Appropriations Act directed HUD to coordinate with Indian tribes, TDHEs, and other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness; and

8. Housing assistance under this program was made available by grants to tribes and TDHEs that are eligible to receive IHBG funding under NAHASDA. Tribes were able to request Tenant-Based and/or Project-Based Rental Assistance by the number of bedrooms in a rental unit. Grants were awarded based on the number of rental units (Tenant-Based and Project-Based Rental Assistance) approved by HUD; and

9. 26 Tribes/TDHEs were invited to participate in a pilot program and to apply for Tribal HUD-VASH demonstration program shortly after publication of the Notice. By letter dated October 29, 2015, HUD invited the NHA to participate in the demonstration program. To receive a grant, tribes/TDHEs were required to submit a Tribal HUD-VASH application by December 2, 2015; and

10. As a part of the initial application process, HUD required a Tribal Resolution if an application is submitted by a TDHE on behalf of an Indian tribe. The Navajo Nation submitted the required tribal resolution authorizing the TDHE to submit the application under the Tribal HUD-VASH program. The NHA was awarded \$268,835 under the initial demonstration program; and

11. Since the start of the demonstration program, the NHA has housed 19 Navajo veterans using 19 of the 20 vouchers that were issued to the NHA. One more veteran has been issued a voucher and is in the process of locating housing. The NHA will have used all the 20 vouchers that it was issued.

12. Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-31 ("2017 Appropriations Act"), Congress appropriated \$5 million and authorized HUD to renew rental assistance and associated administrative fee to all eligible Tribal HUD-VASH grants initially funded with appropriated funds from Fiscal Year 2015 provided they meet applicable program requirements.

13. On June 11, 2018, HUD issued PIH Notice 2018-10 announcing renewal requirements and procedural guidance for existing recipients of the Tribal HUD-VASH program. The deadline for submitting a renewal application is August 15, 2018; and

14. One of the requirements for the renewal application is a new tribal authorization resolution; and

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15. Based on the foregoing, the NHA Board of Commissioners recommends to the Navajo Nation to authorize NHA to submit a renewal application under the recently announced renewal of the Tribal HUD-VASH program; and

16. The NHA Board of Commissioners believes it is in the best interest of NHA and the Navajo Nation to approve this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners of the Navajo Housing Authority hereby recommends to the Navajo Nation to approve a tribal resolution authorizing the Navajo Housing Authority as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity to submit a renewal application to HUD under the announced renewal of the Tribal HUD-VASH program.

2. The Board of Commissioners of the Navajo Housing Authority hereby recommends to the Navajo Nation to approve and authorize the renewal resolution for HUD-VASH so that it remains in effect indefinitely until amended by the Navajo Nation.

3. The Board of Commissioners of the Navajo Housing Authority hereby authorizes and directs the Interim Chief Executive Officer to take all other necessary action to effectuate this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Frankie Lee, moved that the foregoing Resolution NHA-4833-2018 be adopted and this was seconded by Commissioner Derrith Watchman-Moore.

Same was passed by the following vote:

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

The Secretary, thereupon, declared said motion carried and said Resolution NHA-4833-2018 was adopted this 3rd day of August, 2018.



Kris Beecher, Chairperson
NHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



Sean McCabe, Secretary/Treasurer
NHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESPECTIVE CHIEF:

LEGAL REVIEW: 

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 



OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000



Special Attention of:
Administrators, Offices of Native American
Programs; and Tribes, Tribally Designated
Housing Entities

Notice PIH-2018-10

Issued: June 11, 2018

**Expires: This notice remains in effect
until amended, superseded or rescinded.**

Cross Reference(s):
FR-6091-N-01
FR-5889-FA-02
2 CFR Part 200

SUBJECT: Procedural Guidance for Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Renewal Grant Applications

I. PURPOSE

This Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) notice announces renewal requirements and procedural guidance for existing recipients of the program. Pursuant to the authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 115-31 ("2017 Appropriations Act"), the Department will renew rental assistance and associated administrative fees to all eligible Tribal HUD-VASH grants initially funded with appropriated funds from Fiscal Year 2015 provided they meet applicable program requirements. This notice specifies the criteria for renewal grants, including data on the utilization of assistance reported by grant recipients under the demonstration program.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible recipients for Tribal HUD-VASH renewal funding are limited to tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) that were awarded assistance under the rental assistance and supportive housing demonstration program for Native American veterans authorized under the Federal Register notice, "Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program Awards, Fiscal Year 2015" (FR-5889-FA-02). A list of grantees eligible for renewal are located in Table 1.

HUD will award renewal funds based on the requirements issued in this notice.

Table 1: Eligible Renewal Tribes/TDHEs

Area ONAP	State	Grantee Name	Grant Number
Alaska	AK	The Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority	15HV0202000
	AK	Cook Inlet Housing Authority	15HV0203200
	AK	Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority	15HV0216230
Eastern Woodlands	MN	Leech Lake Housing Authority	15HV0120020
	NC	Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina	15HV1710010
	MN	Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin	15HV0100030
	WI	White Earth Reservation Housing Authority	15HV0130200
Northern Plains	MT	Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana	15HV3000680
	SD	Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota	15HV4613400
	SD	Sicangu Wicoti Awayankapi Corporation (Rosebud)	15HV4614480
	ND	Standing Rock Housing Authority	15HV3818700
	ND	Turtle Mountain Housing Authority	15HV3819760
	WA	Colville Indian Housing Authority	15HV5302900
Northwest	WA	Spokane Indian Housing Authority	15HV5314900
	OR	Warm Springs Housing Authority	15HV4114240
	WA	Yakama Nation Housing Authority	15HV5318320
	OK	Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	15HV4005780
Southern Plains	OK	Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe	15HV4005840
	OK	Choctaw Nation Housing Authority	15HV4005960
	OK	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	15HV4007240
	OK	Osage Nation of Oklahoma	15HV4023120
Southwest	AZ	Hopi Housing Authority	15HV0402180
	AZ	Navajo Housing Authority	15HV0402810
	AZ	San Carlos Apache Housing Authority	15HV0403720
	AZ	Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona	15HV0402920
	NM	Zuni Housing Authority	15HV3506730

III. Award Information and Overview

HUD intends to award renewal funds in one round during calendar year 2018, covering the period of January 8, 2016 – June 30, 2018. HUD will process Tribal HUD-VASH renewal funding as amendments to existing grant awards, as listed in Table 1 of this notice.

In order to receive renewal funds, Tribal HUD-VASH grantees must submit a renewal package as outlined in this notice, including reporting information such as rent payment data, number of lease renewals, and veteran enrollment.

Renewal funding will be based on a grantee's rental assistant payment and leasing information, plus an inflation factor. In addition, grantees will receive an administrative fee

equivalent to the amount for all units awarded in the original HUD grant. This administrative fee renewal amount will be calculated at \$85/month per unit, plus an inflation factor, for the 30-month funding period.

IV. Renewal Package Submission

1) Receipt Deadline

Grantees must electronically submit the renewal information outlined in this notice to: tribalHUDVASH@hud.gov. The application window for renewal packages will be from July 1, 2018-August 15, 2018. Electronic packages must be received no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 15, 2018.

If electronic submission is not possible, grantees must notify the Area ONAP office of its intent to mail an application and include a justification. Upon notification, grantees may mail one original and one copy of their renewal package to:

Frederick Grier, Director, Office of Grants Management
Office of Native American Programs
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St. SW, Room 5156
Washington, DC 20410

Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than the date the information is due. Hand-carried or faxed information will not be accepted.

2) Renewal Package Content

Grantees must submit the following information in their renewal package:

- a) **Cover Letter:** The tribe/TDHE must submit a one-page cover letter on the organization's letterhead with the components below:
 - i) **Contact Information:** Provide the current Tribal HUD-VASH point of contact information for the tribe/TDHE, including mailing address, phone number, and email address.
 - ii) **Tribal Resolution (if applicable):** Grantees must include a statement whether the original tribal resolution for participation in the Tribal HUD-VASH program is still applicable. If the original tribal resolution is no longer applicable, then the grantee should submit a new resolution.
 - iii) **Authorized Representative signature:** The cover letter should be signed by the person authorized to submit the renewal package on behalf of the grantee.
- b) **Program Update and Overview:** Grantees must report the demonstration program's progress as outlined in Section VI.1 of this notice. (2 pages maximum)
- c) **Renewal Funding Information:** A completed Renewal Funding Table as provided in Section VI.2 of this notice.

- d) **Federal Financial Report (SF-425):** If not previously submitted, provide a copy of the latest SF-425 with the renewal package. If applicable, report any program income used towards meeting Tribal HUD-VASH program objectives.

V. Review and Award Process

HUD staff from headquarters and area offices will conduct a review to confirm that grantees have met the criteria for renewal under this notice. HUD will look at factors including:

- a) **Renewal package content:** Submission of a complete renewal package.
- b) **Indian Housing Plan (IHP) and Annual Performance Report (APR):** Verification that the tribe/TDHE's IHP and APR have been updated annually to include current Tribal HUD-VASH information.
- c) **SAM registration:** Confirmation that the tribe/TDHE's registration is current in the System for Award Management (SAM).

HUD will review the renewal package and will respond to grantees within 45 days of receipt. At HUD's sole discretion, HUD may contact the applicant to clarify items in the submission, and establish deadlines for response.

If HUD identifies any deficiency in the application, HUD will notify the applicant by email describing the deficiency and request a cure. HUD will send an email to the person designated in the contact information on the cover letter. The applicant must carefully review the request for cure and provide the response in accordance with the instructions contained in the deficiency notification. Deficiency clarifications or corrections must be received by HUD within the time limits specified in the notification. If a response to the deficiency is not received or in accordance with the instructions contained in the deficiency notification, the applicant will not be considered for renewal funding.

Upon HUD's approval of the renewal package, HUD will issue a grant amendment to be signed by the tribe/TDHE, and will disburse funds through the HUD LOCCS system.

VI. Utilization of Assistance Summary

Grantees must report its execution of the Tribal HUD-VASH program and renewal funding request based on the criteria in this section. The renewal funding data should cover the funding period of January 8, 2016 – June 30, 2018.

1) Program Update and Overview

The grantee must report how it has utilized its current funding to administer the demonstration program, including the grantee's progress towards meeting the program's goals, current and projected program enrollment, challenges faced, measures taken to address issues, conducting interim/annual reexaminations, and the grantee's community involvement strategies. (2 pages maximum).

2) Renewal Funding Information

HUD will send via email, a formatted excel file to Tribal HUD-VASH grantees eligible for renewal funding. Grantees applying for renewal funding must fill out this excel file and include a copy with their renewal application. The renewal funding data should reflect actual data based on the funding period of January 8, 2016 – June 30, 2018.

A sample of the excel file and the information required is provided below in Table 2. (Note: HUD does not need detailed participant information such as address, resident ID number, etc. for renewal funding.)

Table 2: Sample Renewal Funding Data

Funding Period: January 8, 2016-June 30, 2018

Grantee Name:

Family Size of Veteran	Project (PB) or Tenant-Based (TB)	Bedroom Size	Property Type (private, Tribe, or TDHE)	Lease Start Date	Lease End Date	Total Unit Months Leased During Renewal Period	Total Rent Amount	Amount Paid by Veteran	Monthly Rental Assistance Payment*	Non - HUD-VASH Funds Used to Support Rent
1	TB	1	Tribal	5/1/16	4/30/17	12**	\$500	\$185	\$315	\$0
1	TB	1	Tribal	5/1/17	4/30/18	12**	\$520	\$185	\$335	\$0
1	TB	1	Tribal	5/1/18	4/30/19	2**	\$540	\$185	\$355	\$0
3	PB	2	TDHE	9/1/17	8/31/18	10	\$800	\$50	\$750	\$0
2	TB	2	Private	7/1/16	3/31/17	9	\$1,200	\$200	\$900	\$100

*Report only Tribal HUD-VASH grant funds used to pay the monthly rent (rental assistance payment).

** If a Veteran's rent increased with a new lease period, enter the new lease period and rent amount on a separate line.

HUD will review the data reported by grantees and will base final renewal awards on the following factors:

- a) **Lease Period:** Identify the start and end dates for each veteran's lease
- b) **Total Unit Months Leased:** Specify the number of months covered under the funding period.
- c) **Monthly Rental Assistance Payment:** This should reflect the grantee's rental assistance payment under the Tribal HUD-VASH program (total rent for the unit minus any veteran contribution and any non-HUD funds used to pay rent).
- d) **Total Administrative Fee:** Grantees will receive an administrative fee equivalent to the amount for all units awarded in the original HUD grant. This administrative fee renewal amount will be calculated at \$85/month per unit, plus an inflation factor, for a 30-month period. For more information on eligible administrative and planning expenses, see Section M of FR-6091-N-01.

The tribe/TDHE must ensure the accuracy of renewal data. HUD will validate the data and reserves the right to determine the final renewal amounts based on data validation and the availability of funds.

VII. Risk Evaluation

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.205, HUD will continue to consider risk and administrative capacity before making awards. HUD will examine a range of capacity indicators, including program performance, compliance with reporting requirements, outstanding financial audits, unresolved HUD monitoring findings, OIG findings or audit findings, unresolved outstanding civil rights violations, high unexpended grant balances, compliance with mitigation plans, and overall administrative capacity to administer the Tribal HUD-VASH program.

HUD may impose new/revised mitigation plan requirements or special terms and conditions in accordance with 2 CFR §200.207, if any substantial administrative or programmatic concerns are identified in the review process.

VIII. Eligible Activities

Renewal funding awarded under the terms of this notice will be limited to current Tribal HUD-VASH program activities outlined in FR-6091-N-01.

IX. Reporting

Recipients of renewal awards will be subject to the reporting requirements of FR-6091-N-01-Section O and the terms and conditions of the grant award.

X. General Tribal HUD-VASH Resources

- Office of Native American Programs-Headquarters Office of Grants Management website: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/headquarters/gm
- 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards": <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/textidx?SID=abdc954fac7098da5e31184b6f68782&mc=true&node=pt2.1.200&rgn=div5>

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT: The information collection requirements contained in this Notice are approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3520). In accordance with the PRA, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The active information collections contained in this Notice are approved under the PRA OMB Control Number 2577-0169.

If you have questions about the Tribal HUD-VASH grant renewal process, please contact Frederick J. Grier, Director of Grants Management, Office of Native American Programs. 202-402-5186 or at Frederick.J.Grier@hud.gov.

/s/

Dominique Blom
General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public
and Indian Housing

Navajo Housing Authority Tribal HUD VASH Program Update and Overview

The Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) was approved to administer 20 Tribal HUD VASH vouchers designated for homeless or at-risk homeless Navajo veterans under the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program in coordination with the Northern Arizona Veteran Administration Health Care System (NAVAHCS). NHA was assigned a VA Case Manager who is a licensed clinical social worker. She was centralized and stationed at the Indian Health Service Unit in Chinle, AZ to assist interested Navajo Veterans. The NHA, VA and HUD staff attended the Tribal HUD-VASH Program training on January 31 – February 2, 2017. NHA created and implemented the Tribal HUD VASH Administrative Plan that was approved by the NHA Board of Commissioners on February 17, 2017. The NHA and NAVAHCS staff reached out to Navajo Veterans throughout the Navajo Nation at local Chapter meetings, Chapter Veteran Organization meetings, Veteran community functions, area properties, and at each of the NHA's 15 Housing Management Offices.

NHA began issuing Tribal HUD VASH vouchers to eligible Veterans in March 2017. Three voucher recipients were housed and leased in May of 2017. The VA social worker resigned in August 2017 but with the assistance of NAVAHCS staff, NHA issued all 20 vouchers in September 2017. The Veterans were assisted by NAVAHCS staff in searching for units and encountered the following challenges: availability of units, various bedroom sizes, rentals exceeding fair market standards, background checks, rental history, and case management. Once a voucher is issued, the Veteran has 120 days to locate and occupy an eligible unit through a valid lease contract. The NHA issued six vouchers that eventually expired due to the previously mentioned challenges. The expired vouchers were reissued to the next eligible Veteran from the interest list.

The NHA Tribal HUD VASH Program currently has 19 Veterans who are leasing in the following border towns of the Navajo Nation: Gallup, NM – 1, Farmington, NM – 3, Winslow, AZ – 2, Flagstaff, AZ - 7, Prescott, AZ - 4, Tsaile, AZ - 1 and Page, AZ - 1. The following is a breakdown of the number of bedroom sizes leased under the Tribal HUD VASH Program 0BR – 4, 1BR – 3, 2BR – 8, and 3BR – 4. A total of \$126,617.89 was expended from May 2017 to June 30, 2018. Five Veterans have been recertified into the second year lease agreements and will continue occupancy with their current properties.

The NHA Tribal HUD VASH Program has provided stability by providing housing and case management services. There are several participants who have completed rehabilitation and continue to access community resources to improve their health and wellness. Four of the participants have enrolled in higher education at various community colleges. Several of the participants have secured employment. Each Veteran is required to participate in case management with the VA Case Manager. The NHA continues to receive inquiries about the program and have 20 Veteran families on the interest list. Due to the demographics of the area that is covered, it is necessary to ensure adequate case management is delivered.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted <div style="text-align: center;">HUD - NPONAP</div>		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) <div style="text-align: center;">15HV0402610</div>		Page <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">1</div> of <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">1</div> pages			
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) Navajo Housing Authority P.O. Box 4000 Window Rock, AZ 86515							
4a. DUNS Number 06-942-1718	4b. EIN 86-0185412	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)		6. Report Type <div style="text-align: center;">Quarterly</div>	7. Basis of Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual		
8. Project/Grant Period From: (Month, Day, Year) <div style="text-align: center;">October 1, 2017</div>			To: (Month, Day, Year) <div style="text-align: center;">September 30, 2018</div>		9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) <div style="text-align: center;">9/30/2018</div>		
10. Transactions (Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting) Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR Attachment):					Cumulative		
a. Cash Receipts					122,717.47		
b. Cash Disbursements					122,717.47		
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)					-		
(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)							
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:							
d. Total Federal funds authorized					244,336.66		
e. Federal share of expenditures					122,717.47		
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					121,619.19		
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)					244,336.66		
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)					\$0.00		
Recipient Share:							
i. Total recipient share required							
j. Recipient share of expenditures							
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)					\$0.00		
Program Income:							
l. Total Federal program income earned					-		
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative							
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative					-		
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m or line n)					\$0.00		
11. Indirect Expense	a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
	g. Totals:						
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation: Program Income calculation is performed at Program Year end.							
13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify that it is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)							
a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Roberto Roberts, Interim CEO					c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) 928-871-2660		
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 					d. Email address		
e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) <div style="text-align: center;">July 11, 2018</div>					f. Agency Use Only		

Standard Form 425

OMB Approval Number: 0348-0061

Expiration Date: 10/31/2011

Paperwork Burden Statement

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RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2016

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE,
AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; AUTHORIZING THE NAVAJO
HOUSING AUTHORITY AS THE TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO HUD UNDER THE RECENTLY
ANNOUNCED TRIBAL HUD-VASH DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Whereas:

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102(A).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council shall establish standing committees of the Council and delegate such authority to such committees as it deems necessary and proper for such committees to execute the purposes or powers delegated. 2 N.N.C. §102(G).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee exercises oversight authority over housing to establish policies and legislation appropriate to the housing needs of the Navajo Nation and its People. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C) (3).
- D. The Budget and Finance Committee has the power to approve and accept agreement, including grants, between the Navajo Nation and any federal authority upon the recommendation of the standing committee which has oversight of the division, department or program which has applied for the agreement. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B) (15).
- E. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all federal programs, i.e. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with the Navajo Nation government to provide efficient services to Navajo members. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A) (4), 701 (A) (6), 701 (A) (4).

- F. On October 21, 2015, HUD issued a notice (Notice) in the Federal Register for the administration of a supportive housing and rental demonstration program called the Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing program (Tribal HUD-VASH). The program will provide rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas.
- G. HUD made available \$4 million in grant funding to Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to fund this rental assistance and associated administrative fees.
- H. The HUD-VASH program combines Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV) rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by or through the VA through Veterans Administration Medical Centers (VAMC). Historically, this program has not reached Native American veterans in tribal communities due to legal impediments preventing tribes and TDHEs from participating in the HUD-VASH program.
- I. In the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235, approved December 16, 2014) (2015 Appropriations Act), Congress authorized funding for a demonstration program in order to expand the HUD-VASH program into Indian Country. The 2015 Appropriations Act directed HUD to coordinate with Indian Country, TDHEs, and other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- J. Housing assistance under this program will be made available by grants to tribes and TDHEs that are eligible to receive Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG) funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). Tribes will be able to request Tenant-Based and/or Project-Based Rental Assistance by the number of bedrooms in a rental unit. Grants will be awarded based on the number of rental units (Tenant-Based and Project-Based Rental Assistance) approved by HUD.

- K. A few selected tribes/TDHEs in each Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) region were invited to apply for Tribal HUD-VASH demonstration program shortly after publication of the Notice. By letter dated October 29, 2015, HUD invited the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to participate in the demonstration program. To receive a grant, tribes/TDHEs are required to submit a Tribal HUD-VASH application that is due on December 2, 2015.
- L. As a part of the application process, HUD requires a tribal resolution if an application is submitted by a TDHE on behalf of an Indian tribe. The tribal resolution must be submitted in support of the application and must authorize the TDHE to submit the application under the Tribal HUD-VASH program. Because of the short turn-around time for the application submission, the tribal resolution can be submitted to HUD after the HUD application due date.
- M. The NHA Board of Commissioners recommended to the Navajo Nation to authorize the NHA to submit an application under the recently announced Tribal HUD-VASH program. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a copy of NHA resolution number NHA 4567-2015 Recommending to the Navajo Nation to Approve and Authorize the NHA to Submit an Application to HUD for the new Tribal HUD-VASH Program.
- N. Based on the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to authorize the NHA to submit an application, **Exhibit A**, to HUD for the new Tribal HUD-VASH Program.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Housing Authority as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity to submit an application, **Exhibit A**, to HUD under the recently announced Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Housing Authority, in consultation with Navajo Nation Department of Veteran's Affairs, to implement the Tribal HUD VASH Demonstration program on behalf of Navajo veterans.

C. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Housing Authority to take all necessary action to effectuate this resolution.

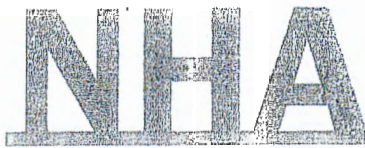
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 oppose, this 2nd day of March, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorenzo Bates', written over a horizontal line.

LoRenzo Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Mel R. Begay
Second: Honorable Seth Damon



RESOLUTION NHA-4567-2015

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Recommending to the Navajo Nation to Approve and
Authorize the Navajo Housing Authority to Submit an
Application to HUD for the new Tribal HUD-VASH Program**

WHEREAS:

1. Public Law 104-330, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), was enacted to provide housing assistance that recognizes the rights of Indian Self-determination and Self-governance through a program known as Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG); and

2. The Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) (a) was created and established as a public body of the Navajo Nation under the laws of the Navajo Nation at 6 N.N.C. § 601 and its Plan of Operation is codified thereunder; (b) pursuant to 24 CFR 1000.206 of the NAHASDA regulations, is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for the Navajo Nation and is an eligible recipient of IHBG pursuant to Navajo Nation Council (NNC) Resolution CD-82-03; and (c) is otherwise regulated by HUD NAHASDA program requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24 Housing and Urban Development, Parts 85 and 1000; and

3. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C., Sections 605 and 616(b)(3), the Board of Commissioners of the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) is empowered with the authority to manage the affairs of the NHA with the power to do all things necessary or desirable to secure the financial aid or cooperation of the federal government in the undertaking of providing safe, decent and sanitary housing; and

4. On October 21, 2015, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a notice (Notice) in the Federal Register for the administration of a supportive housing and rental demonstration program called the Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing program (Tribal HUD-VASH). The program will provide rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas; and

5. HUD is making available \$4 million in grant funding to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) to fund this rental assistance and associated administrative fees; and

6. The HUD-VASH program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program rental assistance for Homeless veterans with Case Management and clinical services provided by or through the VA through Veterans Administration Medical Centers (VAMC). Historically, this


CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Marylin Murphy moved that the foregoing Resolution NHA-4567-2015 be adopted and this was seconded by Commissioner Ben Johnson.

Same was passed by the following vote:

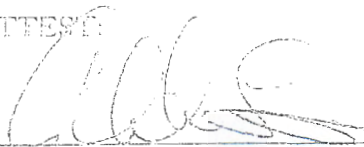
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

The Secretary, thereupon, declared said motion carried and said Resolution NHA-4567-2015 was adopted this 20th day of November, 2015.



Ervin Chavez, Chairperson
NHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



Christina Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer
NHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESPECTIVE CHIEF: 

LEGAL REVIEW: 

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System
500 Hwy 89N, Prescott, Arizona 86313



July 16, 2018

Ms. Kimberlie Bahe, Housing Coordinator
Navajo Housing Authority – TBRA/VASH Programs

Dear Ms. Bahe:

I am writing this letter in support of Navajo Housing Authority – TBRA/VASH Programs which currently has 19 Veterans housed, and 1 Veteran to be housed in the near future. The HUD-VASH program remains a great asset to Veterans in securing affordable housing, and be able to obtain supportive services from the VA.

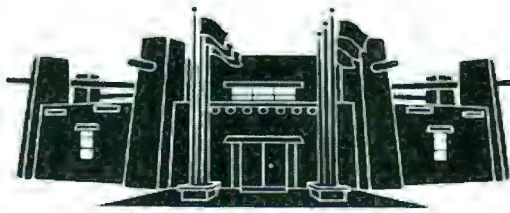
The HUD-VASH program offers Veterans the opportunity to obtain housing in the community they choose to live. This opens up additional options for Veterans, for example, to be closer to family, or to employment, or to educational opportunities.

The Navajo Housing Authority has been instrumental in moving the program forward. Ms. Bahe is a tremendous asset to the program, and to the Veterans being served. She is very informative in her interactions with Veterans, our Staff, and community partners.

We are grateful for this partnership that provides Veterans with another resource to housing. We are impressed with the progress being made and we look forward to working with you, Veterans, and HUD going forward. You may contact me by phone at 928-445-4860 Extension 5303.

Sincerely,

Edward Shier, LMSW
HCHV Programs Manager
(HUD-VASH, HCHV, H-PACT, VJO, GPD)



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Davis Filfred
Mexican Water, To'likan, Teenospos, Aneth, Red Mesa Chapters

FROM: Mariana Kahn
Mariana Kahn, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: August 3, 2018

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; AUTHORIZING THE NAVAJO
HOUSING AUTHORITY AS THE TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING
ENTITY TO SUBMIT A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD
UNDER THE TRIBAL HUD-VASH DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Pursuant to your request, attached is the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, it is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Council confirms the appropriate review is with the Standing Committees and the Navajo Nation Council. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If this proposed resolution is acceptable to you, please sign it where it indicates "Prime Sponsor", and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services for the assignment of a tracking number and referral to the Speaker.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, or if you have further questions, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. You may contact me at (928) 871-7166. Thank you.

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0273-18_

SPONSOR: Davis Filfred

TITLE: An Action Relating To Resources And Development And NAABIK'IYATI' Committees; Authorizing The Navajo Housing Authority As The Tribally Designated Housing Entity To Submit A Renewal Grant Application To HUD Under The Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program

Date posted: August 9, 2018 at 4:50 PM

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Window Rock, AZ 86515
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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments (1)	1. Marvin Murphy – CEO of 1st Order



**Legislative Secretary II
Office of Legislative Services**

8/15/2018 8:45am
Date/Time

Legislation 0273-18 - NHA VASH

Marvin P. Murphy <marvmurphy@yahoo.com>

Tue 8/14/2018 11:08 AM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Ya'at'eeh

What needs to be spelled out is that is program does not affect or help every veteran. Only those veterans whom are homeless or near homelessness. As a former NHA Board of Commissioner this gave me 'goosebumps' as I learned of this in Oct 2015. As commissioners we had to develop policy quickly and from scratch. By Nov 2015 and a successful 1st go, 20 out of 20 vouchers. NHA can now help more vets.

Thank you
Marvin Murphy - CEO of 1st Order
Turtlebutte Circle
Iyanbito, NM

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

FOURTH YEAR 2018

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation # 0273-18: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Authorizing the Navajo Housing Authority as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity to Submit a Renewal Grant Application to HUD Under the Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program. *Sponsor: Honorable Walter Phelps*

Has had it under consideration and reports a **DO PASS** with the following amendment;

AMENDMENT # 1: Page 1 of 2, Line 11, Delete ~~and Naabik'iyati~~ Committees wherever it appears in the content of the legislation.

And on page of 1 of 2, delete Paragraph D in its entirety

And thereafter approved the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson
Resource and Development Committee of
the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 15, 2018

Meeting Location: Navajo Nation Council, Window Rock, Arizona

MAIN MOTION: Benjamin Bennett S: Leonard Pete V: 4-0-1 (CNV)

YEAS: Benjamin Bennett, Leonard Pete, Jonathan Perry and Walter Phelps

EXCUSED: Davis Filfred

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

August 15, 2018

ROLL CALL

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

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