



HUD HEARTLAND NEWS

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Funding Awarded

HUD Awards More Than \$14.4 Million in Housing Counseling Grants

HUD recently awarded more than \$14.4 million in housing counseling grants to 180 housing counseling organizations. South Dakota Housing (SDH) was awarded \$65,392. HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge stated, "Homeownership is the primary way most people in this country build wealth. It has the power to transform not only your life, but the lives of your family members." SDH has administered HUD's Housing Counseling Grant program for housing counseling service providers since 1998. The program provides advice on credit issues, foreclosure prevention, renting, homeless assistance, and post-purchase homeownership information.

HUD Awards Affordable Housing for Native American Communities

HUD recently awarded \$4 million in Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) formula funding for SD Native American Tribes. The Crow Creek Housing Authority will use \$2 million to build 5 housing units and rehabilitate 14 housing units. The Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Authority will use \$2 million to renovate 100 housing units.



HUD Reduces Fees for Native American Homebuyers

In an effort to make homeownership more affordable and accessible for tribal families, on June 8, 2023, HUD announced reductions in the Upfront Loan Guarantee fee and the Annual Loan Guarantee fee for homebuyers who obtain a Section 184 Indian Home loan.

The Upfront Loan Guarantee fee will be reduced from 1.50 percent to 1.00 percent and the Annual Loan Guarantee fee will be reduced from 0.25 percent to 0.00 percent for homebuyers who obtain a Section 184 home loan. As a result of these fee reductions, a Section 184 borrower purchasing a \$194,000 home will save approximately \$500 this year and up to \$6,800 over the term of the loan.

\$2.3 Million in Community Development Block Grants Awarded to South Dakota Communities

The Governor's Office of Economic Development recently awarded \$2.3 million in HUD's Community Development Block Grant funds to three projects in Cresbard, McLaughlin, and Philip to assist with water and sewer improvements. Read more.



Funding Opportunities

HUD Announces \$85 Million is Available for Affordable Housing Production and Preservation

On July 27, 2023, HUD announced the availability of \$85 million in Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) to help communities identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Local governments, states, metropolitan planning organizations, and multijurisdictional entities that are interested are able to preview the Notice of Funding Opportunity, submit questions, and prepare applications. HUD is anticipating 20 awards to be granted that will range from \$1 million to \$10 million.

HUD Announces \$75 Million is Available for Community Development for Tribes

On June 28, 2023, HUD announced \$75 million is available through the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program. These funds may be used for infrastructure, community facilities, housing rehabilitation, economic development, public services, etc. for Native American families. The funds may be used for housing rehabilitation, land acquisition, roads, water, and sewer facilities, community buildings, and public services. Applications must be submitted by September 5, 2023 on Grants.gov.

HUD Announces Over \$3.1 Billion is Available for Homeless Service Organizations

On July 5, 2023, HUD announced more than \$3.1 billion, the largest amount ever, is available for supportive services and housing programs for those experiencing homelessness. The funding is available under the Continuum of Care Program, the largest source of federal grant funding for homeless services and housing programs serving those who are experiencing homelessness. Applications are due on September 28, 2023 and can be found in HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Events Held in South Dakota

HUD Engages in Tribal Housing Roundtable Discussion on Cheyenne River Reservation

On June 8, 2023, HUD Region VIII Regional Administrator Dominique Jackson, HUD Senior Policy Advisor Cindy Nava, South Dakota Field Office Director Roger Jacobs, Program Analyst Matt Cerny and USDA Rural Development State Director Nikki Gronli joined Cheyenne River Housing Authority ([CRHA](#)) staff for a roundtable housing discussion and site tour at Eagle Butte, South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

CRHA staff provided a tour and overview of their new housing development and other tribal housing projects. They are actively working on increasing housing options for tribal members by developing Badger Park, a 160-acre development that includes opportunities for homeownership and renters. Lots within the development are available for households to build or bring in modular housing so families can own a home of their own. The soon-to-be completed Low Income Tax Credit project will provide 36 housing units consisting of six 6-plexes spread throughout the development. They are also in the process of building housing specifically for elders. Over \$33 million of investments are in the projects.

Founded in 1965, the CRHA currently provides low-income housing to over 650 families. The largest landlord on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, CRHA serves a primarily Native American population in communities throughout the Reservation.



L:R: Senior Policy Advisor Cindy Nava, Regional Administrator Dominique Jackson, Field Office Director Roger Jacobs, and Program Analyst Matt Cerny

HUD Regional Administrator Participates in South Dakota Native Homeownership Annual Coalition Meeting

On June 7, 2023, HUD Region VIII Regional Administrator (RA) Dominique Jackson, HUD Senior Policy Advisor Cindy Nava, South Dakota Field Office Director Roger Jacobs, and Program Analyst Matt Cerny joined tribal housing professionals, federal and state agencies, non-profits, and other tribal community leaders at the South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition ([SDNHOC](#)) Annual Convening at Fort Thompson, South Dakota on the Crow Creek Reservation. RA Jackson spoke at the event, highlighting HUD's commitment to Native American/Tribal engagement and to expanding Native homeownership.

SDNHOC is a collaborative group of key agencies dedicated to increasing homeownership opportunities for Native Americans in the state of South Dakota. A growing group of members - including representatives of South Dakota's tribes, federal and state agencies, tribally-designated housing entities (TDHEs), nonprofit organizations, housing developers, lenders, and community development financial institutions - collectively develop and implement innovative strategies that promote Native American homeownership.

SDNHOC celebrated 10 years of creating a clear path to homeownership during this premier annual event. The event provided the opportunity to connect with peers working to increase Native homeownership in their communities, learn about the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe's homeownership efforts, hear stories of homeownership journeys from tribal members, and share updates about the exciting work happening within the Coalition.



Regional Administrator Dominique Jackson and Senior Policy Advisor Cindy Nava participate in the Native Homeownership Coalition Meeting on June 7, 2023

SD HUD Field Office Participates in Rural Community Engagement Gathering

On June 8-9, 2023, South Dakota HUD Program Analyst Matt Cerny joined 20 rural South Dakota community development professionals and other community

leaders at a Community Engagement Gathering in Burke, SD. The event focused on training leaders and professionals on community engagement. A tour of nearby communities was given to showcase how local resources and assets were effectively leveraged to activate and strengthen community engagement. Several successful housing and other community development projects were highlighted.

HUD staff was invited to participate in the event to educate participants on HUD programs and funding options and other resources that can assist them in their housing development needs. The event was led by Dakota Resources, a Community Development Financial Institution based in South Dakota. Their mission is to build financial and leadership capacity within rural communities.



Community engagement participants on June 8-9, 2023

Other News

Free and Fun Health Event For All

The annual Health Connect Festival will be held at the Sioux Falls Arena on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The festival, hosted

by Health Connect of South Dakota, is **free** and combines health and safety advocates with community members to provide health and safety resources for all ages. The HUD team will staff a table and provide information on health and safety in the home and ways to prepare for an emergency or disaster. Come and join the fun! There will be various entertainment, lunch, door prizes, and an opportunity to get your flu shot.



Public Housing Inspections in HUD-Assisted and Insured Housing Begin Under New Rule

On July 7, 2023, HUD announced it will begin inspecting public and multifamily housing properties after July 1, 2023 under the Final Rule for the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE). HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge stated, "The purpose of the new standards and inspections are to address the issue of substandard rental properties, promote greater compliance with health and safety standards, and preserve the quality of our country's neighborhoods and available housing." The inspections of HUD-assisted public housing and multifamily housing properties are performed by HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC).



Resilient Communities Guide

HUD's "Build for the Future" website empowers local communities to undertake initiatives focused on climate resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental justice. It achieves this by providing critical access to funding opportunities, offering guidance materials, and fostering peer-to-peer knowledge sharing. For more information, go to [HUD's website](#) to learn about all things resiliency for your community.

How to Make Homes Easier to Renovate for Accessibility

By: Leacey Brown, SDSU Extension Gerontology Field Specialist

Housing for people with disabilities is an important topic that receives little attention. Instead, housing advocates are focused on affordable housing. People with disabilities are often in the greatest need of affordable housing. Lower income households are more likely to have a resident with a disability and experience poor housing fit due to a disability. As a result, most homes require accessibility renovations in order for people with disabilities to live there. Unfortunately, many homes are too costly to renovate because they were not sized or spaced for accessibility during initial construction (e.g., split-foyer). To make accessibility renovations more attainable to occupants, there are four key changes that need to be implemented in new construction, including wide halls and doors, a bathroom sized and spaced for a wheelchair user on the entry level, a bedroom on the entry level, and an entrance that is either no-step or minimizes rise above grade (reduces the size and cost of installing a ramp). To learn more about adaptable homes, visit the [SDSU Extension website](#).

Professionals in North Dakota and South Dakota are working to increase knowledge and awareness about the role home design plays in quality of life for people with mobility limitations with a vision that every home is constructed to enhance quality of life for all people. Stakeholders involved in this project include nonprofits, government agencies, interior designers, architects, and gerontologists, to name a few. They are offering their time in-kind to develop the Home Modification Toolkit. This toolkit includes video and written testimonials, a provider list, a funding guide, and social media materials. Other activities associated with this project include research, education, and outreach. The goal of these activities is to help address some of the barriers and learn ways to make it easier for consumers to make home modifications. You can view the toolkit by visiting the [SDSU Extension website](#). Questions about this project or adaptable homes can be directed to Leacey Brown at (605) 394-1722 or [email](#).

Upcoming Events

- 8/30/23 - [SDSU Land and Lending Conference](#) - Sioux Falls
- 9/14/23 - [Veterans Stand Down](#) - Rapid City
- 9/16/23 - [Health Connect Festival](#) - Sioux Falls
- 9/19/23 - [South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium](#) quarterly meeting - Pierre
- 9/22/23 - Veterans Stand Down - Sioux Falls (9am to 12pm) - SD Military Heritage Alliance



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