



FACT SHEET

Biden-Harris Administration's Record on Tribal Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has taken significant, deliberate steps to engage with Tribal Nations, support native communities, and make meaningful and historic investments in Indian Country through the following actions and priorities.

Deeper Engagement with Tribes: The Biden-Harris Administration prioritizes its relationships with Tribal Nations and is actively working to strengthen partnerships with Tribes..

- The Biden-Harris Administration has committed historic resources to addressing the housing crisis in Tribal Nations as a key component of President Biden's Build Back Better plan.
- Secretary Marcia Fudge has hosted several meetings to consult with Tribal leaders on issues of importance to Tribes, including homelessness, overcrowding, and infrastructure. Secretary Fudge visited Catawba Nation to see first-hand the housing and infrastructure needs in Indian Country and survey the impact of historic investments in Tribal communities.
- Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman has begun a series of regional roundtables with Tribal leaders and housing practitioners to share geographically unique and shared concerns of Tribes across the country and encourage dialogue and collaboration between HUD and Tribal leadership.

Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Under unprecedented circumstances posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD quickly responded to the urgent needs of Tribal communities by taking the following steps:

- HUD allowed Tribes to use their resources flexibly to address unanticipated challenges they faced during the pandemic.
- Established foreclosure and eviction moratoriums, and provided mortgage and rent relief, to keep Native homeowners and renters who were struggling with payments in their homes.
- Coordinated with the U.S. Department of Treasury to help Native American families access Advance Child Tax Credit funds through a series of webinars focused on Tribal communities and service providers working with families in need.

Historic Investments in Indian Country: HUD allocated historic levels of funding to Tribal communities in the President's American Rescue Plan, including:

- \$450 million in Indian Housing Block Grant funding to provide Tribes with affordable housing assistance for Native American families to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- An additional \$280 million in Indian Community Development Block Grant funding to support critical public facilities and infrastructure, housing, public services, economic development assistance, and more to help Tribes mitigate the impact of COVID-19.
- \$5 million in Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant funding to provide rental assistance to low-income Native Hawaiian families both on and off the Hawaiian Homelands.

- \$5 million to expand access to housing and support services for homeless Native American Veterans.
- Over \$600 million dollars in mortgage capital through 3,000 issued mortgage loan guarantees to support Native American and Native Hawaiian Homeownership.
- \$652 million in Indian Housing Block Grant funds to address housing needs of low-income Native American families in nearly 600 Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities.
- \$95 million in Competitive Indian Housing Block Grant funding designed to finance the construction of new affordable housing.
- \$76 million in additional annual Indian Community Development Block Grant funding to support Tribal infrastructure projects, housing, public services, economic development, and more.