

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Notice of Intent to Apply for Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant Funds (ICDBG)

This notice is to serve as the required Community Development Statement Request for tribal member input

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Tribal Council has authorized the preparation of an application for funding under Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Block Grant program (ICDBG). The following is a list of eligible activities, threshold requirements, and rating factors.

Eligible Activities

- Improve housing stock
- Provide community facilities
- Improve infrastructure
- Economic development

Possibilities

- Remodel of closed buildings for public program use (not government)
- Remodel of building for elder assisted living group home for low- to moderate-income elders
- Housing Department community/office
- Clinic expansion

- Water and sewer infrastructure for housing subdivision
- Real property acquisition
- USDA/Support Services Center building on Dundas property

Deadline for submission:
Dec. 13, 2004

Estimated award date:
May 20, 2005

Ceiling amount: \$500,000

Caps: 15% cap on amount of grant funds that can be used for public services
20% cap on planning and administration
10% cap on technical assistance for development of capacity to undertake project

Thresholds

Thresholds: Minimum 70% of grant to be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons

and be in an activity which, if it benefits all residents, at least 51% must be low- and moderate-incomes.
Program-related threshold requirements: Assurance that the tribe has no outstanding ICDBG obligations.

Project-specific threshold requirements:

- Under public facilities and improvements, there are no project specific thresholds.
- Under public service projects, there is a 15% cap on the amount of grant funds to be used for this component.

Rating Factors

Rating Factor #1: Capacity of applicant requires a minimum of 15 points.

- Management of project
- Technical staff experience
- Project implementation
- Financial management
- Past performance
- Procurement and contract management experience

Rating Factor #2: Need or extent of problem

Rating Factor #3: Soundness of approach

- Project description
- Budget and costs
- Sustainability

Rating Factor #4: Leveraging of resources

Rating Factor #5: Comprehensiveness and coordination

The results of this request for community input will be evaluated in conjunction with the results of the community meetings held in September 2004 and the cumulative results of the tribal-wide survey.

With Tribal Council approval, the initial planning for submission of an application for construction of a USDA Food Distribution Service Facility on the Dundas property is being performed by the Planning staff.

Tribal Housing Vouchers Program

by Angela Martin, Housing Vouchers Coordinator

What is a voucher? It's a document that the Siletz Tribal Housing Authority issues to an applicant that allows him/her to search for a home up to 60 days. This document is used as proof that the applicant is eligible for the Tribal Housing Vouchers Program.

What are the eligibilities? The applicant cannot have engaged in any criminally violent or drug-related activity two years of the date of issuance, owe any money to a housing authority (including the Siletz Tribal Housing Department), and must have required documents in file (fully complete application, proof of income, and Social Security cards for each household member).

Are there income limits? Yes, the income guideline is based on NAHASDA's income limits. There are times when an applicant will be under the income limits and based on the

household size and income, may not qualify for housing assistance through the Tribal Housing Vouchers Program.

Why would an applicant be under the income limit and not qualify to participate in the Tribal Housing Vouchers Program? Because the program is based on income (10 percent of annual income for elders and disabled persons, and 30 percent of adjusted annual income for all others), if the applicant's percentage is over the fair market rent (FMR) published by

HUD, he/she will be responsible for the full rent.

For example, according to NAHASDA's income limits, the limit for a household of four is \$46,000. Let's say the applicant's household consists of two adults and two minor children (under age 18) and the total household income is \$37,000, minus the dependent deduction of \$960 (\$480 per minor). This equals \$36,040, divided by

12 months equals \$3,003, times 30 percent equals \$901. If the family resides in Lincoln County, the

FMR is \$898. Since 30 percent of its income is \$901, the family will not qualify for any housing assistance through the vouchers program.

At this time, we do not have any vouchers available to issue. If you are interested in participating in our vouchers program, please keep in mind that our tribal elders take preference and automatically go to the top of the waiting list. This may make your wait on the active waiting list longer given that you are keeping us up to date during our updating period.

It's your responsibility to submit required documentation to complete your application and keep us informed of any changes (especially mailing addresses). Contact us at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1314, or 541-444-8314; or via e-mail at angelam@ctsi.nsn.us or marcis@ctsi.nsn.us.

