



2018 Winter CSBG Tribal Network Update Session Summary

The CSBG Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program and the Office of Community Services (OCS) held our first quarterly CSBG Tribal Network Update Session of 2018 on January 31, 2018.

You can view the [presentation slides](#) and below is a summary of the updates shared in the session:

New Secretary of HHS:

- **Alex M. Azar II** was sworn in as [Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) on January 29, 2018.

New Law:

- [The Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Consolidation Act \(477\)](#) was signed into law by the President on December 18, 2017. The new law will enable Tribes to combine employment, education, and training related grants into a single plan, with a single budget and a single reporting period. This new law makes 477 permanent instead of a demonstration project.

Meetings:

- [The Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee \(STAC\)](#) met on January 17 and 18, 2018. The STAC meetings are quarterly all day meetings where elected tribal representatives from the 10 HHS regions meet with the Secretary, agency and program leaders to discuss and explore general issues about policies and programs that impact Native American communities. During the January meeting the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) emphasized three priorities:
 1. How ACF can support partners in obtaining work, and the development of resources, working with States and Tribes
 2. Moving resources
 3. Early Childhood Development
- [The ACF Tribal Advisory Committee \(TAC\)](#) consultation was scheduled for January 22 and 23, 2018. The consultation was canceled due to the Federal furlough on January 22nd. The meeting will be rescheduled for a later date and time.

ANA Regional Trainings:

- ANA is expecting changes to the Funding Opportunity Announcements this fiscal year. To assist grantees with preparing for these changes, each of the ANA regional offices is hosting multiple, free, in-person training events for all applicants. It is highly recommended that anyone who plans to apply should attend one of the in-person regional training events.
- The trainings are designed to provide prospective applicants with detailed information on the federal application process and the ANA Funding Opportunity Announcements for all ANA grant types. While these events are free, attendees are responsible for their travel and per diem costs associated with attendance.
- Register for ANA regional training events:
 - [ANA Western](#)
 - [ANA Eastern](#)
 - [ANA Pacific](#)
 - [ANA Alaska](#)
- **The Western Regional WIOA/47 Training** will be held at the Casino Del Sol Resort in Tucson, Arizona from February 26 - March 2, 2018. The training will provide an opportunity to gain knowledge about the Workforce Investment Opportunities Act as well as the processes that have been implemented and that are important in getting people back to work in Indian Country. [Register here](#).

NINAETC:

- The National Indian and Native American Employment Training Conference/477 (NINAETC) will be held April 8-13, 2018 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, Louisiana.
- The training provides networking opportunities that help Tribes leverage resources and build capacity; enhance skills that will enable Tribes to effectively deliver quality services to its communities. The organization was established in 1979 and is the largest and most representative national Indian and Native American employment and training association. [Register here](#).

Native Language Immersion Initiative (NLII):

- ANA's Western Partner, [First Nation Development Institute](#), launched a request for proposals (RFP) for its newest effort, the Native Language Immersion Initiative (NLII).
- Approximately 12 grants, up to \$90,000 each, Will be awarded to build the capacity of and directly support of Native language immersion and culture-retention programs.

These grants can support curriculum development, technology access and recruitment and training of teachers

- The application period is now open, and the deadline is March 23, 2018, 5:00 pm Mountain Time. [View the full RFP here.](#)

OCS FY 2018 Budget:

- There is no updated information on the full OCS FY 2018 budget. We are currently operating under a Continuing Resolution which will expire on February 8, 2018.
- Under the Continuing Resolution, CSBG grantees will continue to be funded under the FY 2017 spending budget.

CSBG Application & Annual Report Tools:

- Six new tools have been included in the CSBG Tribal Resource Center. It is strongly encouraged that all grantees take advantage of these tools as they can be useful in the appropriate planning and development of your CSBG application and plan for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Application & Annual Report Tools:
 - [Instructions for late CSBG application and plan submissions with sample State Office CSBG Concurrence Letter](#)
 - [CSBG P.L. 102-477 Key Points](#)
 - [CSBG Funding - "Are You Missing Out?"](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(about CSBG\)](#)
 - [CSBG Annual Report checklist](#)
 - [CSBG Tribal Funding FY 2017 Overview](#)

New CSBG Tribal Grantee:

- Kaw Nation in Oklahoma

New Tribes with Federal Recognition:

- Six Virginia Tribes received Federal recognition in January 2018 through the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017. The Tribes include:
 - The Chickahominy
 - The Eastern Chickahominy
 - The Upper Mattaponi
 - The Rappahannock
 - The Monacan
 - The Nansemond

CSBG FY18 Tribal Applications:

- The CSBG FY18 applications and plans, along with the FY17 Annual Reports were due on September 1st.
- Pursuant to SECTION 676(b) of the CSBG Act, “The plan shall be submitted not later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the first fiscal year covered by the plan.”
- In order to meet the submission date requirement for FY 2019, Tribes and Tribal Organizations should begin the application process as soon as the OLDC system is open to accept FY 2019 CSBG applications and plans.

CSBG FY 2017 Tribal Funding:

- 65 Tribes and Tribal organizations were funded through CSBG in FY17.
- These Tribes and Tribal organizations received a combined funding amount of \$6,278,251

CSBG FY18 Tribal Funding

- Funding award allocation letters have been issued to those Tribes and Tribal Organizations that have submitted CSBG FY 2018 or FY 2018 and 2019 applications and plans that have been reviewed and accepted.
- The OCS team will continue to review Tribal applications and plans. Award letters will be issued to all CSBG Tribal grantees whose plans have been accepted.
- **Please be advised** that Tribes who have received award letters will notice that funding amounts listed ONLY represent a partial funding amount and not the total funding amount for FY 2018. This is due to Federal budget and the Continuing Resolution.
- **Please note** that upon review of the award letters it was found that the latest award letters contained an amount that was over the award amount for that period. This was due to the transitioning of two different grants management system. The issue is now being corrected, and adjustments are being made. The third award letter will contain an explanation, and the fourth award letter should have the correct amount.

Additional Tribal Resources:

- The United States Department of Agriculture (or USDA) is accepting applications for the 1994 Tribal Scholars Program. The scholar's program is an employment program that offers a combination of work experience and academic study leading to career positions

within USDA. The program is designed to integrate classroom study with paid work experience. The deadline to apply is February 9, 2018. [Learn more](#).

- HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is seeking comments from Tribal leaders and Indian housing officials regarding the implementation of Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC). Comments are due no later than March 1st, 2018. [Learn More](#).

Upcoming TA Tools:

- The CSBG Tribal T&TA team & OCS is currently working on a CSBG Application and Annual Report templates for Tribal grantees to use as a tool for compiling and submitting a complete CSBG application and Annual Report.
- Please contact the CSBG Tribal Training & TA Team at tribalta@luxcg.com if you're Tribe or Tribal Organization would like to volunteer to use these templates when submitting their FY19 applications.

2018 Schedule of CSBG Tribal Quarterly Update Sessions.:

- Spring Session: April 11
- Summer Session: June 20
- Fall Session: September 26
- Winter Session: November 28

CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight:

- A special thank you to Ardell Blueshield and her team at the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe for being the first CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight presentation.
- Access the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe's [presentation slides here](#).
- For our 2018 Update Sessions, we will continue to highlight the great work of our Tribal grantees. We will be contacting CSBG Tribal grantees to volunteer to make presentations about their CSBG Program. If you would like to volunteer to share your program, please contact Lizette Rivera, CSBG Tribal Training & TA Program Coordinator at Lizette.rivera@luxcg.com.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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