



2018 Spring CSBG Tribal Network Update

- Session Summary -

The CSBG Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program and the Office of Community Services (OCS) held our second quarterly CSBG Tribal Network Update Session of 2018 on April 18, 2018.

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

Federal Updates:

- [HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee \(STAC\) Meeting](#)

The meeting will take place on May 9 - 10, 2018 at the Humphrey's Building in Washington, DC. Tentative items to be included in the agenda are:

- STAC Briefing to include program office updates on efforts in working with tribes
- New policies, regulations
- Internal Hot Topics

- [Third Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition](#)

The conference will take place at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota, October 2 - 5, 2018. Registration opens in late April.

The conference brings together Tribal officials, researchers, practitioners, and others to discuss the current state of indigenous and academic, scientific knowledge about Native nutrition and food science.

Session topics for this year's conference will include:

- Nutrition across the life cycle
- Intergenerational learning about food and nutrition
- Learning from indigenous communities around the world
- Linking agriculture to nutrition
- Recovering from historical trauma

- [National Congress of American Indians](#)

HUD Secretary Ben Carson addressed the National Congress of American Indians at the Executives Winter Session in Washington, DC, where [his remarks](#) touched upon the Department's commitment to address the housing needs of American Indians and

Alaska Natives, combating America's opioid epidemic, and promoting economic growth and self-sufficiency opportunities.

- He discussed efforts to permanently authorize the [Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Demonstration Program](#) and announced upcoming consultation in the form of listening sessions to solicit input in the drafting of improved Section 184 regulations.
- [Improved Section 184 Regulations](#)

Congress established the Section 184 program in 1992 to facilitate home ownership and increase access to capital in Native American communities. The program is a home mortgage product specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska villages, tribes, or tribally designated housing entities.

 - HUD is seeking Tribal Consultation on Section 184 Loan Guarantee program regulations by emailing comments to 184consultation@hud.gov.

OCS News:

- [ACF Tribal Advisory Committee Nominations](#)

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is seeking nominations for its Tribal Advisory Committee (ACF/TAC) area vacancies.

The purpose of the ACF/TAC is to strengthen the government-to-government relationships and guide the Assistant Secretary for ACF and the principals of the programs and services to benefit American Indian and Alaska Natives. Discussions held by the ACF/TAC serve to increase understanding between the federal government and tribes on the myriad programs administered by ACF.

All National At-Large Tribal Member positions (NALMs) must either be elected Tribal officials, acting in their official capacity as elected officials of their Tribe, or be designated by an elected Tribal official, in that official's elected capacity, with authority to act on behalf of the Tribal official.

The names are submitted to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) in an official letter from the Tribe. The Tribal leader must sign the nomination letter. The Deputy Assistant Secretary/ANA Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary are responsible for selecting and finalizing the body of members.

There are currently four (4) positions to fill:

- Alaska, alternate representative (Federally recognized Tribes in Alaska)
- Albuquerque, alternate representative (Representing Federally recognized Tribes in New Mexico and Colorado)
- Phoenix, primary representative (Representing Federally recognized Tribes in Nevada, Arizona, Utah)

- Oklahoma, primary representative (Federally recognized Tribes in Kansas, Oklahoma, or Texas)

Nominations should be submitted by May 1, 2018, and sent to:

Ms. Stacey Ecoffey
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs
Administration for Native Americans
Administration for Children and Families
330 C Street SW, MS-4126
Washington, DC 20201
Email: ANACommissioner@CF.HHS.GOV

- ACF Meetings
 - [ACF Tribal Advisory Committee](#): The first full ACF Tribal Advisory Committee meeting with ACF Leadership will take place May 30 - 31, 2018. Additional information regarding this Committee meeting will be coming soon.
 - [ACF Native American Grantee Meeting](#): The meeting will take place November 28 - 30, 2018 at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City (VA). All ACF Native American grantees across all programs are invited.

CSBG Tribal Funding:

- FY18 Tribal Applications & Plans

A total of 61 Tribes and Tribal Organizations provided CSBG applications and plans for FY 2018. All applications and plans have been accepted following a thorough application review by OCS.

- 28 of the submitted plans and reports were two-year plans, and of this number, 15 will require new applications and plans in FY 2019.
- It is important that grantees be aware of whether their plan was a one or two-year plan. The requirements for the submission of the annual report are different for those who submitted a one-year plan and those who submitted a two-year plan.

- FY 2018 CSBG Allocations

On March 20, 2018 CSBG, grantees received a [Dear Colleague letter](#) with an attached allocation chart, that indicated the total allocation amounts through March 23, 2018 (it also included the first CR allocation issued December 8, 2017, as well as the second CR allocation issued on January 19, 2018).

- On February 7, 2018, the Office of Community Services (OCS) released a third Continuing Resolution (CR) allocation of CSBG funds to Tribes for funding from January 20, 2018, through February 8, 2018.

- On February 9, 2018, a fourth CR allocation was released for funding through March 23, 2018.
- [Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\)](#)

The SF-425 which is a financial form required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for tracking the status of financial data tied to a particular Federal grant award. Here are some helpful hints for financial reporting:

 1. Report Type
 - 1) For CSBG purposes, you will select either annual or final for the reporting period.
 - 2) Please submit timely Annual or Final financial reports.
 - 3) Final reports are due no later than 90 days after the close of the grant award period.
 2. While CSBG funds get distributed to grantees for a fiscal year, those funds are available for obligation during that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.
 3. All obligations for the grant award must be obligated by or before **September 30th** of the funding period.
 - The funding period for CSBG grants is two years. The grant period for FY 2018 is October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2019.
 - Activities for the FY 2018 grant period must get obligated on or before September 30, 2019.
 - FY 2018 program activities cannot get obligated after the September 30 date. Remember FY 2018 funds cannot be used for FY 2019 CSBG activities
 4. All grant awards must get liquidated or expended 90 days after the end of the grant-funding period. This means that all FY 2018 grant funds must be liquidated or expended by December 30, 2019, 90 days after the end of the grant.
 5. Please remember these critical dates, as any funds not liquidated or expended by December 30 must get returned to the federal government.

If you have questions about your CSBG funds, please free to contact us at tribalta@luxcg.com, and we will connect you with OCS.

New CSBG Tribal Resources & Upcoming Events:

- [CSBG Tribal Online Resource Center - Updated](#)

Earlier this month, we updated the CSBG Tribal Online Resource Center. We have reorganized our resources to make it easier for CSBG Tribal grantees to find what they need when they need it. Please note the site address has not changed. You can still find us at www.csbgtribalta.com. Our newest resources include:

 - [What's New Posts](#): This section is available at the bottom of the Resource Center homepage. The section highlights our most recent news posts such as the

release of the monthly newsletter, RSVP announcements for upcoming events, and other CSBG Tribal related news. You can view all our news posts in the [Latest News](#) page.

- [Community Building](#): This page offers valuable information on the importance of building partnerships and linkages with outside agencies and organizations to deliver quality CSBG Programs. The section goes into detail about choosing partners, working together, and links to our Networking resources, such as our [Tribal](#) and [Federal](#) Directories.
- [Grantee Spotlight](#): This page provides highlights of the amazing grantees who have volunteered to present their CSBG Tribal programs during our CSBG Tribal Network Update Sessions. In this section, you will have access to the grantees' presentation, as well as, a summary of their program.

- [How to Apply Webinar Series](#)

The CSBG Tribal T&TA team and the OCS Tribal team are preparing for the FY19 How to Apply Webinar Series. For those of you who may not be familiar with the series, it is a four-part webinar series created to assist prospective and current grantees with their Community Services Block Grant application.

Please keep the following dates in mind while preparing for your FY19 CSBG applications:

- Introduction to the Community Services Block Grant: is a pre-recorded session. Available in May 2018.
- A Guide to the OLDC System & CSBG Application Submission Process: is also a pre-recorded session. The webinar is led by OCS Senior Records Specialist/Project Lead Niki Frazier. Available in June 2018.
- How to Apply for the Fiscal Year 2019 Community Services Block Grant: is a live webinar hosted by OCS & CSBG Tribal T & TA team. Tentatively scheduled for this June.
- Reminders & Frequently Asked Questions: FY19 CSBG Application Submissions: is a live webinar hosted by OCS & CSBG Tribal T & TA team. Tentatively scheduled for this August.

If you need a review or are a new CSBG Administrator, please feel free to view last year's videos series on the [CSBG Tribal Online Resource Center](#).

- [2018 Schedule of CSBG Tribal Quarterly Update Sessions](#)

We have two more Update sessions for 2018. Look out for the Save the date!

- Summer Session: July 18
- Fall Session: October 17

CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight:

- A special thank you to Mercedes Old Person and her team at the Blackfeet Nation for being the second CSBG Tribal Grantee Spotlight presentation.
- Access the Blackfeet Nation'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:

CSBG Tribal Training & TA Team at tribalta@luxcg.com or call directly at 301-244-3557