

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSING

Name of Committee

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
2014 Winter Convention

Silver Reef Hotel Spa Resort
Ferndale, WA

DISCUSSION

1. Pacifica Tinaax presented information pertaining to housing development for tribal members living off reservation and the need to secure resources. A letter of request was prepared and by approval of committee the letter will be signed and forwarded to HUD/NWONAP offices to request Technical Training & Assistance to secure guidance and potential funding for development.
2. Mr. Ken Bowring, Administrator, NWONAP, provided information on training, PIH Guidance bulletins recently issued, a Northwest “pipeline” report, funding availability; most recent Income Limits under NAHASDA & upcoming HUD training & conferences
3. Big Water Consulting described data collection, data collection project design, conducting a survey, assessing and minimizing project costs, staffing selection and management concerns, data quality and security. Flawed data produces inequitable funding allocations and misrepresents the scope and degree of the needs addressed by tribes.
4. A report given regarding current status of the NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking process: Needs Workgroup, Formula Current Assisted Stock (FCAS) Workgroup. The next Neg-Reg is scheduled for April 23-25, 2014 at D.C.
5. A packet of information was distributed from the January 2014 NWIHA Quarterly meeting, including the training materials.
 - a. Legislative update: NAHASDA reauthorization was due in 2013 but didn’t happen. Senator Maria Cantwell introduced S. 1352; the House has not released their draft. An action item!
 - b. Section 703 of NAHASDA T&TA authorization for a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing T&TA assistance to Indian housing authorities & TDHE. During negotiations NAIHC would have funding to provide T&TA to ensure capacity of tribal employees. Section 703 has not changed but budget report language made the funds available to national and regional organizations on a competitive basis.
 - c. Next Quarterly meeting is May 14-15, 2014 @ Emerald Queen, Fife, WA.

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution # & Title: “Support for Senate Bill 1352, the Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act; and Support for Section 401 of Senate Bill 1352, Implementing a Rental Assistance and Supportive Housing Demonstration Program”

Resolution # & Title: REQUEST HUD TO INITIATE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION TO UPDATE THE INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FORMULA ALLOCATION

COMMITTEE - TABLED

Resolution # & Title: None

Minutes/Report submitted by: _____
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