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ONAP works with tribal and other governments, Federal agencies, community organizations, and the private sector to provide a coordinated and comprehensive response to Indian Country’s housing and community development needs.

ONAP has five programs dedicated to Native American communities and two programs dedicated to Native Hawaiians.
OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS (ONAP)

ONAP serves almost 580 Tribes and organizations

**Headquarters:** Washington, D.C.

**Area Offices:**
- Anchorage, Alaska
- Chicago, Illinois
- Denver, Colorado
- Honolulu, Hawaii
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Seattle, Washington
### OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS (ONAP)

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WHY IS BROADBAND IMPORTANT?

• It can enhance the lives of tribal members
• It can enhance the delivery of services, such as:
  • Telemedicine
  • Online banking
  • Education

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH BROADBAND?

• Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)
• Title VI
• Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
• ConnectHome USA
BROADBAND AND ONAP

ONAP Program Guidance 2016-01 (R) issued on February 24, 2016

- Pinpoints HUD opportunities to fund broadband development
- Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)/Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)
- Title VI of NAHASDA
- Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

Identifies other broadband resources
NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 1996 (NAHASDA)

PRESENTED BY:
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NAHASDA

➕Formula funded program

➕Eligible activities under Section 202 of the Act
  ➕Develop, operate, maintain and support affordable housing for rental or homeownership
  ➕Provide housing services with respect to affordable housing
NAHASDA ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR BROADBAND

- Development or acquisition of new housing
  - Include the infrastructure during the construction process
- Rehabilitation or modernization of affordable housing
  - Connect to a fiber network or network wiring in units
- Infrastructure to support new housing
  - Include installation of fiber or network cable in development of site
  - Installation of permanent dishes to develop a point-to-point system in development
NAHASDA ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR BROADBAND

- Housing Services/Assistance
  - Development and delivery of training courses
    - Self-sufficiency
    - Financial education
    - Job placement/Training
  - Self-sufficiency Initiatives
- Utility Assistance
TITLE VI OF NAHASDA
WHAT IS TITLE VI

- 95% Loan Guarantee for Lenders financing eligible activities under Indian Housing Block Grant for IHBG recipients
- Maximum loan limit of 5x adjusted need portion of IHBG award
- Loan terms negotiated with IHBG recipient and bank
- Up to 20 year payback
# Determining Maximum Commitment Amount

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<td>Max Title VI Loan:</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
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<td>Less Other Title VI Loans</td>
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## Summary

- **Total Need**: $400,000
- **Max Title VI Loan**: $2,000,000
- **Maximum Commitment Amount (MCA)**: $2,000,000
INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)
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Purpose: Develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities for persons with low and moderate income.
INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)

- Competitive application
- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Publication
- Regional competition
- Single purpose grants
- Grant amount thresholds vary between ONAP Region
ICDBG – ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Infrastructure project

Acquisition, development or rehabilitation/modernization of housing for Low-Moderate Income families

Public Service Projects

New or additional services

Up to 15% of grant

Only funded if main project is funded
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What is ConnectHomeUSA?

- Platform for public-private collaboration to bridge the digital divide
- Locally-tailored solutions for narrowing the digital divide
- 28 original pilots; 56 active communities
- 100 communities by 2021

Offers HUD-assisted residents:

- Low-cost, high-speed Internet access
- Digital literacy
- Devices
A national nonprofit that believes everyone deserves the Internet and the opportunity it brings.
HOW CONNECTHOME USA WORKS

HUD & EveryoneOn
National Platform & Technical Assistance

Stakeholders
Free or Low-Cost Services & Resources

PHAs, Tribes & Cities
Community Leadership, Leveraging Existing Programs, & Resident Engagement

HUD-Assisted Families
Higher Broadband Adoption & Outcomes
CONNECTHOME USA’S IMPACT

- **Connections:** 52,000+
  - Estimated value (for one year): $6.2 million

- **Devices Distributed:** 10,700+
  - Estimated total value: $1.6 million

- **Residents trained:** 2,500+
  - Probably undercount

- **Outcomes**
  - Pilot study underway to measure impact of connectivity on residents' education, employment, and health.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CHOCTAW NATION OF
OKLAHOMA

PRESENTED BY:
OLEN COX
IT PROJECT COORDINATOR
CONNECTHOME
DEFINING PROJECT

- Choctaw Nation is over 11,000 square miles in area
  - Approximately the area of the state of Maryland
- Focused on designated sites
- Originally 8 Affordable Rental Housing Sites and 12 Independent Elder sites
- Expanded to 146 Affordable Rental Housing Units, 87 Section 202 Units, 169 Independent Elder Units, 10 Low-Rent Units and 200 LEAP Homeownership units
- TOTAL
  - 402 Rental Units
  - 200 Homeownership Units
PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Stakeholders

- USDA: $50,000
- GitHub: 133 Tablets
- EveryoneOn: Technical Assistance
- BestBuy: Training
- Oklahoma Libraries: Training
- Oklahoma Education Television Authority: Training
WHY?

- Improve opportunities for Choctaw Nation Youth
- Even the playing field
- Healthcare
- Connectivity to community
- Employment
PARTNERSHIP WITH CHOCTAW NATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

**Intent**
- Assist in training programs
- YAB students could earn their own tablet
- Provide more one-on-one assistance to elders and ConnectHome participants

**Surprising Outcome**
- Bonding between YAB students and Elders
- Sharing of Tribal history
- Game/Movie nights

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CONNECTING TO THE CHOCTAW NATION

- Choctaw Nation Website
  - Social Services
  - Applications for other services

- Choctaw Nation Facebook

- MyCNHSA – My Choctaw Nation Health Service Authority
  - Pharmacy Refill Program
  - Appointment Scheduling
CHOCTAW YOUTH LEARNING

- Enhancing the learning
  - ABCmouse.com® Early Learning Academy
  - MobyMax (Elementary – 9th Grade)
    - Math
    - Social Studies
    - Reading
  - CollegeBoard – ACT & SAT Prep Courses
Classes being conducted throughout the Choctaw Nation jurisdiction

Class consist of 25 Students

Learn to build KANO Computer/Screen

Learn basic coding

Incentives: Free computer, lunch provided and networking with peers.
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TOUCHING TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVES

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