



## *Legislative Alert*

### **Final FY 2018 Spending Bill Passed, Includes Additional \$100 million for Tribal Housing**

This week Congress finally passed its full year FY 2018 appropriations.

The Omnibus spending bill includes an additional \$100 million for tribal housing, however the bill requires the additional funds to be allocated among eligible NAHASDA recipients through a competitive grant process. NAIHC will work with our members and the HUD Office of Native American Programs to understand how the new funding will be made available.

The bill also provides additional funds for Training and Technical Assistance and for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). Funding for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program was also increased. Conversely, HUD-VASH funding has been decreased to only \$5 million for FY 2018 and the bill did not include any provisions that would address the eligibility of tribal FCAS units in the program.

Below is a chart comparing how the various tribal housing programs are funded under the omnibus spending bill compared to last year:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018 Omnibus</b>
<i>HUD Indian Housing Block Grant</i>	<i>\$654 million</i>	<i>\$755 million (\$100 million competitive)</i>
<i>Training and Technical Assistance</i>	<i>\$3.5 million</i>	<i>\$7 million</i>
<i>Indian Community Development Block Grant</i>	<i>\$60 million</i>	<i>\$65 million</i>
<i>Title VI</i>	<i>\$2 million</i>	<i>\$2 million</i>
<i>Section 184 Loan Guarantee</i>	<i>\$7.2 million</i>	<i>\$1 million</i>
<i>Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant</i>	<i>\$2 million</i>	<i>\$2 million</i>
<i>Tribal HUD-VASH</i>	<i>\$7 million</i>	<i>\$5 million</i>
<i>BIA Housing Improvement Program</i>	<i>\$9.7 million</i>	<i>\$9.7 million</i>
<i>USDA Rural Development 502 Single Family Direct Loan</i>	<i>\$1 billion *general program, not tribe specific</i>	<i>\$1.1 billion *directive to USDA to be "innovative" to improve the program in tribal communities</i>

NAIHC will pass along more information about FY 2018 funding and the timing of funds becoming available to tribes as that information is released.

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