



Kanso Native Housing Summit

# Emerging Issues re. HUD

Discussion about Emerging HUD Issues & Technology Roundtable

July 31st, 2024, at 1:00 pm

Main Room



# Facilitators



## ■ Sylvia Wirba

Partner, Wagenlander & Heisterkamp

Unfortunately, Sylvia will not be able to participate today as she needed to attend to a client.

## ■ James Gutierrez

IHA Account Manager and former ED

# Emerging HUD & Housing Issues

What emerging issues, opportunities, & possibilities should you be tracking.

HOTMA

NSPIRE

Continuum of Care (COC)

Buy American, Build American (BABA)

2025 Funding Levels

HUD Housing Counseling Certification

Emerging Issue:

# HOTMA

HOTMA is a proposed change to the HUD Section 8 Income calculation.

Why it matters: Many Tribes utilize the Section 8 method of calculating income for program eligibility and/or rent charges. For these Tribes, a change to the law would change their procedures.

Potential Implementation Date: 1/1/2025

The Kanso has been tracking the HOTMA requirements and can implement the HUD proposed changes today.

Emerging Issue:

# NSPIRE

NSPIRE is a proposed change to the HUD Public Housing Inspection tool and process.

Why it matters: Under NAHASDA, grantees (Tribes) are required to complete annual inspections of units to keep them in “Standard Condition”. While Tribes control their inspection process, here is an opportunity to learn about what HUD is requiring, get training & amend your Policies if it makes sense for your community.

Potential Implementation Date: 1/1/2025 for PHA

The Kanso has the NSPIRE Inspection Template already.

Emerging Issue:

# Continuum of Care (COC)

Each HUD HOME jurisdiction has a local COC aimed at combating homelessness.

Why it matters: Tribes are eligible to participate in the local COC. The COC can plan and distribute funds to housing and service providers.

Unfortunately, most COC funds were committed years ago when Tribes could not participate.

Tribes have had varying degrees of success joining their local COC.

Potential Implementation Date: NOW!

Kanso can administer all types of housing programs. We work with several PSH agencies.

Emerging Issue:

# Buy American, Build American (BABA)

BABA is a new law intended to jumpstart manufacturing in the United States by requiring Federal Funds, like NAHASDA, used for construction purposes purchase building supplies & components manufactured in the United States.

Why it matters: Most construction supplies and components are built in foreign countries. Sourcing only BABA compliant items will be difficult and will tremendously increase construction costs.

**Implementation Date: 9/30/2024 IHBG funds disbursed after this date will be subject to BABA**

We can use several current tools in Kansa to track BABA compliance.



Emerging Issue:

## FY 2025 Funding

In 2024 NAHASDA was funded at roughly 1.1 billion. Including ICDBG, total funding was about 1.3 billion. Until NAHASDA is reauthorized, funding levels will be annual and could fluctuate.

Why it matters: Tribes were funded at the inflation adjusted 1996 level in FY2024. This was a big increase from previous years. This current funding has opened up new possibilities for many grantees to serve their communities and develop transformative housing and programs.

We strongly urge you to participate in the efforts of NAIHC, regional association, & Tribal efforts to keep or increase the 2024 funding levels.



Emerging Issue:

# HUD Housing Counseling Certification

Tribes and TDHEs will be required to have certified housing counselors on their staff if they provide any activities that fall into HUD's definition of housing counseling.

Why it matters: If your agency has a homeownership program, you will need to ensure that your counselors are HUD certified.

Potential Implementation Date: TBD

Start the certification process soon to ensure that your program is compliant when the rule becomes effective.

## **Native Housing Summit Leadership Roundtable**

Our esteemed panel will discuss concerns, challenges, issues and possibilities for the use of technology in our daily Housing operations.

All participants are welcome to share their stories about how they are reviewing and using technology tools to provide better housing and services to their communities.

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## Summit Agenda for Remainder of Day

- Using Portals to Connect Your Community - 2:45 pm
- Summit Closing - 4:00 pm

Evening Reception at the ART Hotel