Enhancing and Implementing
Homeownership Programs in Native Communities

Enterprise Community Partners, Rural and Native American Initiative
The Native Homeownership Learning Communities Cohort Call for Applications

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Call for Applications Issue Date:	**May 1, 2019**
Informational Webinar on the Application Process:	**May 13, 2019, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT**
Submission Deadline for Applications:	**May 23, 2019, 11:59 p.m. EDT**

SUMMARY	This Call for Applications seeks to build the capacity of organizations to enhance or implement homeownership programs for Native communities through training, technical assistance, coaching, and grant funding.
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Organizations serving Native American communities with a defined mission that includes affordable housing such as Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), Tribal Housing Authorities (THAs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), and Community Development Corporations (CDCs).

Overview

Enterprise Community Partners' (Enterprise) mission is to create opportunity for low- and moderate- income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities. At Enterprise, we believe that opportunity begins when people have a safe, healthy and affordable place to call home. One of America's original social enterprises, we bring together the people and resources to create affordable housing in communities of opportunity. Since 1997, our Rural and Native American Initiative (RNAI) has sought to support safe, decent, and culturally appropriate housing on tribal lands. We develop tools and resources for our partners delivering housing on the ground to build their capacity and amplify their impact.

Program Overview

In summer 2018, to begin to address the obstacles that low-income Native Americans face on their path to homeownership, and in partnership with the Center for Indian Country Development we released the *Tribal Leaders Handbook on Homeownership*. In connection with the release of that manual, Enterprise has partnered with Freddie Mac to develop *Enhancing and Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities*, a resource for THAs, THDEs and tribes to expand homeownership opportunities in the communities they serve.

We are excited to announce the next phase of this work through this Call for Applications for *Native Homeownership Learning Communities Cohort (Cohort)*. This application is for organizations who are seeking to enhance or implement their homeownership programs. In addition to the curriculum training, Cohort participants will receive additional training and technical assistance to advance their tribal homeownership program and help them move their work forward.

Set to launch in fall 2019, Enterprise anticipates that the Cohort will consist of representatives from up to ten tribal housing organizations over a 12-month period, using a format that includes both in-person convenings (2-3 over the course of 12 months) and monthly virtual classroom/webinar sessions. It is expected that each team participating in the cohort will include a homeownership practitioner, the tribe's lead housing staff person, and a member of the Tribal Government (the latter two of whom will participate in some, but not all sessions). Participants will be expected to undertake activities between sessions that reinforce the curriculum and address the individualized needs and challenges they are facing.

The Cohort will kick-off with participants coming together in person to participate in the curriculum debut. This initial, in-person convening will allow participants to get to know one another and increase their comfort level with the trainers—ultimately leading to more productive technical assistance, peer learning, and online participation. After this initial session, the cohort will come together online in a virtual classroom approximately every four weeks. These monthly sessions will build off of the *Curriculum,* providing coaching and workshopping to participants to implement the materials presented in the curriculum, from engaging Tribal Government and building Tribal Leadership support for homeownership to conducting a housing needs assessment to developing a strategy to support the operations of the homeownership program.

Each participating organization will receive an average grant award of $30,000 to support their homeownership. These funds will be available to support individual organizational needs, and could include, for example, supporting homeownership practitioner staff time or a housing needs assessment. In addition to the peer to peer learning and monthly workshopping sessions, cohort participants will receive individualized technical assistance to further their programs. Travel costs for in person sessions will also be provided.

Cohort participant expectations:

- Participate in the Cohort beginning with one in-person kick-off session, monthly online sessions over the course of a year, and 1-2 additional in-persons session during the first year of the program.
- Participate in activities between online sessions that reinforce the curriculum and address individual organizational challenges.
- Participate in a final evaluation at the end of the learning cohort to measure the impact of the program on each organization as well as collect lessons learned for future work.

Participant benefits:

The vision of this program is to help organizations have significant impact in the operations or implementation their homeownership program. Through this pilot cohort participants will receive:

- Completion of the Enhancing and Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities Curriculum Training
- Monthly coaching and workshopping sessions to support the implementation of learning from the curriculum
- Individualized technical assistance
- Up to $30,000 in grant funding to support staff time and/or activities related to operating a homeownership program (expenses must be eligible under HUD's Section 4 capacity building program)[*]
- Peer to Peer networking and learning
- Covered travel costs for in person sessions

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[*] Organizations receiving grants funded with Section 4 federal funds must be a certified CHDO or meet the CDC criteria listed in the Federal Grant Requirements document.

How to Apply

Eligible organizations must apply through SlideRoom, the application system being used for this Call for Applications. Applicants must create an account in SlideRoom prior to submitting the application. Register here: https://enterprise.slideroom.com/#/Login

Once registered, applicants must answer all questions and upload the required documents to successfully apply. **The deadline to submit applications through SlideRoom is May 23, 11:59 p.m. EDT.** Applications received outside of SlideRoom or after the deadline will not be accepted without prior approval.

IMPORTANT: SlideRoom automatically saves your work as you go. That means that even if you lose your internet connection or have computer problems, your work will be saved. You can log in and out as many times as you need to complete your application. However, **once you submit your application you cannot go back to make any edits.**

Applicants are encouraged to read the entire RFP and register for an account in SlideRoom early in the process to understand requirements and submission details. Technical problems with SlideRoom may be directed to https://support.slideroom.com/customer/portal/emails/new.

DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Thursday, May 23. Applications received outside of SlideRoom or after the deadline will not be accepted without prior approval.

Additional Information and Questions

Enterprise will host a web-based Applicant question and answer session on the date shown below. During this session, Enterprise staff will review the requirements for this Call for Applications. The session will be recorded and posted on Enterprise's Funding Opportunities website for those unable to participate.

RURAL AND NATIVE AMERICAN RFP WEBINAR	REGISTRATION LINK
May 13, 2019 EDT; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT	To register, sign up here.

Submission Requirements

Applicants must address each of the following areas via SlideRoom:

Organization Information
- Organization Name
- Primary Contact Name
- Primary Contact Title
- Mailing Address (mailing and physical location, if different)
- County where located
- Number of Congressional district where applicant is located
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone
- Organization Tax ID
- DUNS # (if available)
- Briefly provide an overview of your organization's mission and history. (max. 150 words)

Attachments
- Narrative (see attachment)
- For Nonprofit applicants—provide a current valid letter confirming non-profit status from the Secretary of the State of incorporation, a current good standing certification from the Secretary of the State of incorporation, or other valid documentation of current nonprofit status of the organization.
- For Federally recognized tribe applicants— provide the page listing the tribe's name from the Federal Register list of tribal entities published most recently by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The 2018 list is available at 83 FR 34863 pages 34863–34868 and https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-23/pdf/2018-15679.pdf. For Tribes that received federal recognition after the most recent publication, statutory citations and additional documentation may suffice.
- Form RD 400–4, Assurance Agreement

Scoring Criteria

Applications will be scored on the following factors:
- Demonstrated interest in and capacity to participate in the cohort for the duration
- Potential for the Cohort to meaningfully further the enhancement or implementation of the organization's homeownership program such as:
  - Potential to build Tribal Government support for homeownership opportunities
  - Potential to establish or improve a supportive environment for mortgage lending including working on/implementing the following as examples, mortgage ordinance, foreclosure prevention and protocols; building codes, leasehold process.
  - Potential to establish or strengthen partnerships to help support a homeownership program including partners that can help provide (as examples) Individual Development Accounts, down payment assistance, financial literacy courses, homeownership education, etc.
- The organization's commitment to homeownership

Funding Overview

This Call for Applications is in part funded by federal dollars received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 4 program. The purpose of the Section 4 program is to enhance the technical and administrative capacity of community development corporations (CDCs) and community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to carry out community development and affordable housing activities. Grant funding is subject to federal requirements as described in the Federal Grant Requirements document. All grant awards are subject to compliance with applicable federal regulations.

The launch of the Native Homeownership Learning Community Cohort and grant awards are contingent upon Enterprise's receipt of federal funds from HUD and other federal and private funding sources.

Questions

Programmatic questions may be directed to Susan Anderson, at susananderson@enterprisecommunity.org. General questions on application process or federal requirements may be submitted to storsell@enterprisecommunity.org and technical questions regarding the LOI submission in SlideRoom may be submitted to https://support.slideroom.com/customer/portal/emails/new.