

Introduction to Advisory Group Member Survey

The Assessment of the Housing Needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians in Washington State project is a year-long study being funded by the Washington State Department of Commerce and coordinated by Big Water Consulting in partnership with Akana and Nancy Pindus of the Urban Institute. In 2019, King County-based Native organizations and service providers requested that Washington State fund this effort to provide critical, comprehensive housing needs data concerning Native communities in Washington State, which had not been included in the previously conducted statewide 2015 Housing Needs Assessment for Washington State (updated in 2018). In addition to assessing Native housing needs, a core goal of this project is to identify the barriers to the management, development and rehabilitation of Native housing in Washington State and to provide recommendations for reducing or eliminating those barriers.

This survey is designed to gather information, perspectives and opinions from individuals, organizations and agencies that provide services which support Native housing providers. In addition to this survey, a separate Housing Provider Survey will be administered to staff of organizations that provide housing to members of the Native community in Washington State.

The data collected via the following survey will be part of a larger, comprehensive data set that will include existing state, tribal and federal data; qualitative data from interviews and focus groups; and information extracted from other studies, plans and articles reviewed as part of the literature review process for this assessment. As you respond to certain survey questions, you may note that these questions ask for your perception, opinion or best estimates rather than seeking official data or statistics. We ask these questions this way because your perceptions are an important addition to the administrative and statistical data we are collecting. With this approach, we are trying to limit the data compilation burden on survey respondents. In some cases, your responses may be used to complement or compare with data from other sources. Please answer these questions to the best of your ability and consult with other staff members of your program or other programs if necessary.

Please respond to questions with pre-Covid-19 levels, needs, and capacities. There will be a separate survey addressing pandemic response and impacts. It is important that the data collected from this survey represents the ongoing state of Native housing needs rather than representing the unique issues and levels of need created by the current pandemic.

Not all questions will be relevant to all survey respondents, and, if you find that a particular question is not relevant to you or your organization or it would not be appropriate for you to answer the question (e.g., HUD ONAP staff members evaluating programs that they administer), please mark "N/A" to signify that the question is "Not Applicable."

This survey is part of a state-funded project and the results of this survey will be aggregated and made public, but project coordinators will carefully review all information submitted and reporting materials produced to ensure that any personally identifiable information is removed and legally-mandated data confidentiality is preserved.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Klingbeil at kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net and/or Rachel Kramer at Rachel@bigwaterconsulting.net.

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Respondents may need to consult with other staff members to answer all of the questions on this form. Please list the primary person responsible for completion of this form as the contact person for your entity in question #4 below.

Note: Some questions may not be directly applicable to your entity. For those questions, please either leave the question blank or mark "Not Applicable" where that answer choice is provided.

1. Name of Entity

2. Address of Entity (or best location description if no street address is available)

3. Tribal Affiliation (Write N/A if none)

4. Contact Person (Name, Title, Email and Phone)

5. Type of Entity (select all that apply)

- Supportive Services Provider (please specify)
 - Housing Case Management
 - Counseling/Cultural Healing/Healing Circles
 - Healthcare/Screenings
 - Meals/Food
 - Hygiene/Showers
 - Clothing/Laundry

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Treatment/Recovery

Mental Healthcare / Behavioral Health / Wellness Services

Domestic Violence Services

Peer Navigator/ Peer Specialist

Other (please specify):

Financial Services (e.g., Investor/Lender to Individual Borrowers/Lender to Housing Providers/Syndicator/Financing Entity)

Management/Development Consultant (e.g., Organizational Capacity-Building, Homeownership Program Development, LIHTC application, etc.)

Architecture, Engineering, Planning or Construction Services

Government Agency (e.g., Regulatory Oversight and Enforcement, Grants Management, Housing Development Partner)

6. Briefly describe how your entity specifically serves or supports the development, maintenance, or operation of housing for Native residents (e.g., subject matter of consulting, particular types of housing financing, purview and authority of government agency)

7. Number of employees serving, supporting or working with providers of housing for Native residents and/or Native Communities in Washington State

8. Please describe the geography of your work with Tribes and/or providers of housing for Native residents (e.g., _____ Reservation(s), _____ Tribe(s), King County, State of Washington, Pacific Northwest, Nationwide)

9. Approximately how many different Native residential housing providers did you serve or work with in Washington State in the past 3 years (estimate if exact number is not readily available)?

10. Estimate the total value in dollars of your contribution to Washington State Native housing projects in the past 3 years by calculating the percentage of salaries and the market value of goods, supplies, etc., and combining for total value. (Skip sections that do not apply)

Invested by Your Entity

Services Provided

Goods or Supplies Provided

Funding or Investment Attracted

In-Kind Donations of Services/Resources

11. For Supportive Services Providers:

a. What was your operating budget for FY 2019? (numeric response)

b. If your organization had more resources, how would it improve existing services, or add new ones? (open response)

12. For Investors/Lenders/Syndicators/Financing Entities:

a. Does your entity provide loans or financing for the development of new housing for Native residents in the state of Washington?

Yes

No

b. Does your entity provide loans or financing for the rehabilitation or upkeep of existing housing for Native residents in the state of Washington?

- Yes
- No

13. Partnership with Tribes, TDHEs or Providers of Housing for Native Residents

List the projects and the partnerships (Tribal and non-Tribal) that you or your entity has worked on to develop or support the operation of housing for Native Communities in Washington State within the past 5 years. Briefly explain the nature of the partnership and the years that the project or program was, or has been, active.

Name of Related Program/Project	Name of Partner(s)	Nature/Type of Partnership	Years Program or Project was/has been Active

14. Based on your experience, what are the most significant barriers to the development or rehabilitation of housing for Native residents? (select top 3)

- Regulatory/Administrative (tribal)
- Regulatory/Administrative (non-tribal; local/state/federal)
- Political (tribal)
- Organizational Capacity (including lack of knowledge/understanding of housing development or rehab)
- Service Dollars (Supportive Housing)
- Operational Subsidies
- Service Costs
- Mortgage Lending Practices
- Federal Housing Grant Funding Amounts/Levels/Consistency
- Tribal or Other Native Housing Provider Ineligibility for Other State and Federal Funding Sources
- Land Ownership Status (e.g., Trust Land vs. Fee Land)
- Infrastructure Costs (incl. individual unit hookup and expansion of larger

- community lines/systems)
- Socioeconomic (e.g., unemployment, household incomes and lack of inter-generational homeownership models or experience with unsubsidized housing)
- Other: _____
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

15. Describe unique housing-related challenges faced by your organization, partners, and the Native Communities served. The nature of these challenges might be geographical, financial, political, regulatory, environmental, or might relate to the availability of buildable land, etc. (open response)

16. What specific barriers, if any, prevent other entities in your field from working with those who provide housing for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians in Washington? (open response)

17. Describe any housing-related success stories (or lessons learned) from your involvement with the providers of housing for Native residents. Please share your experiences that could serve as positive models for other tribes or Native housing providers. (open response)

18. Evaluation of your experience with specific housing programs and recommended changes to these programs (Note: Agency staff members are not required to evaluate the programs that their agency administers)

Program	Rating	Recommended Changes or Improvements
Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Indian Community Development Block Grant/Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair	

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Development Block Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Title VI Loan Guarantee Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
USDA Section 502 Direct Loan Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Veterans Affairs (VA) Native Direct Home Loan Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Federal Home Loan Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
State Housing Trust Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Tribal Funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Private (Non-Government) Funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Other (Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	

Washington State-Specific Programs:

Program	Rating	Recommended Changes or Improvements
Home Advantage	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Home Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
House Key Opportunity Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
EnergySpark Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
9% Housing Tax Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Bond/Tax Credit Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
501(c)(3) Nonprofit Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
80/20 Housing Bonds	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Land Acquisition Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
CapitalPlus	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	
Other (Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> No Experience	

19. Based on your specific experience and observations, which programs, funding sources, partners or other circumstances provide the greatest opportunities for development or rehabilitation of housing for Native Communities (open response)

20. Based on your specific experience and observations, which types of housing are most needed in the Native Communities that you have worked in or served (select top three):

Unit Type	Place a 1, 2 or 3 Next to the Top 3 (1=Greatest Need)
Supportive Housing	
Transitional Housing	
Emergency Shelter	
Drug and Alcohol Recovery Housing	
Domestic Violence Shelter	
Senior Housing	
Nursing Home	
Workforce Housing	
Farmworker Housing	
Other (Write-In)	

21. Recommendations for new local/state/federal housing programs or sources of funding to support the management, development or rehabilitation of housing for Native residents (open response)

22. Recommendations for new homeownership programs or sources of funding (for example, to facilitate or support housing counseling, post-purchase education, down payment assistance, TBRA).

23. Based on your experience, please choose up to 4 features that you feel need to be prioritized in the development of housing for Native communities in Washington:

- Culturally-responsive planning and design
- Culturally-responsive programs and services
- Multi-generational housing
- Environmentally sustainable building materials
- Energy-efficiency
- ADA accessibility
- Digital accessibility (internet connectivity and cell phone coverage)
- Walkability to amenities or access to public transportation (i.e., no need for car)

- Access to nature/naturalized areas
- Long-term cost-effectiveness
- Short-term cost-effectiveness
- Other (write-in):