



## **Assessment of the Housing Needs of American Indians, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians in Washington State**

### **Summary of Next Steps**

**Background:** The partnership of Big Water Consulting, Nancy Pindus of Urban Institute and Akana is conducting an assessment of the housing needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians in Washington State to help stakeholders determine the statewide need for Native Housing in Washington. The project will extend from January 2020 until January 2021 and is being funded by the WA Department of Commerce's Community Services and Housing Division following consultation and coordination with several Native organizations, including the Seattle Indian Services Commission, United Indians of All Tribes Foundation and the Chief Seattle Club. The final report for this project will in part address state, federal, local and industry investments in rental and homeowner housing for Native Americans and provide policy recommendations to support the development of sufficient and safe housing for Native Americans on and outside of tribal areas and address other systemic barriers that prevent or impede access to safe and sufficient housing by Native Americans.

### **Initial Conference Call with Stakeholders and Advisory Group Members**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, March 12, 2020; 10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PT

**Call-In:** 302-202-1110

**Access Code:** 167644

**Purpose:**

1. Discuss development of stakeholder and advisory groups and selection of group chairs
2. Summarize next steps and requested participation from tribes
3. Receive feedback from stakeholders and advisory group members regarding the proposed process and schedule

### **Upcoming Stages:**

#### **January-March 2020**

#### **Phase One: Initial Stakeholder Outreach, Literature Review, Initial Data Collection**

- Briefing sheet and introductory presentation provided to stakeholders
- Review of relevant local, state, regional and national tribal housing studies, policies and data
- Invitation sent to stakeholders and advisory group members, including request for recommendations regarding those who should be included in the process; Request



nominations for chairs of stakeholder and advisory groups and conduct voting process

- Development and distribution of online form for collection of primary information from stakeholders and advisory group members

### **April-May 2020**

#### **Phase Two: Initial Focus Groups, Surveys, and Continued Data Collection and Compilation**

- Schedule focus groups with community members scheduled in 3 regions of state (coast, Puget Sound corridor, eastern Washington/Columbia River) in conjunction with NWIHA spring meeting---selection and invitation of focus group participants completed in coordination with stakeholder and advisory group chairs
- Draft survey instruments distributed to stakeholder and advisory group chairs for review and comment
- Distribution of invitation and link to online survey instruments to 1) housing providers, and 2) agencies, lenders, developers, supportive service providers and other facilitators of housing development

### **May-June 2020**

#### **Phase Three: Focus Groups with Housing Leaders and Key Informant Interviews**

- Compile, clean and analyze collected survey data
- Conduct 4-hour convening session with stakeholders and advisory group members (partial overlap) in conjunction with NAIHC Annual Convention

Select and schedule individual interviews with selected housing providers, elected officials, regulators and facilitators of housing development (in coordination with stakeholder and advisory group chairs)

#### **Following Stages:**

### **July-September 2020**

#### **Phase Four: Develop and Share Policy Recommendations**

### **October 2020-January 2021**

#### **Phase Five: Conduct Additional Research and Report Study Findings**