



AAHA Indian Housing Block Grant Funding Request

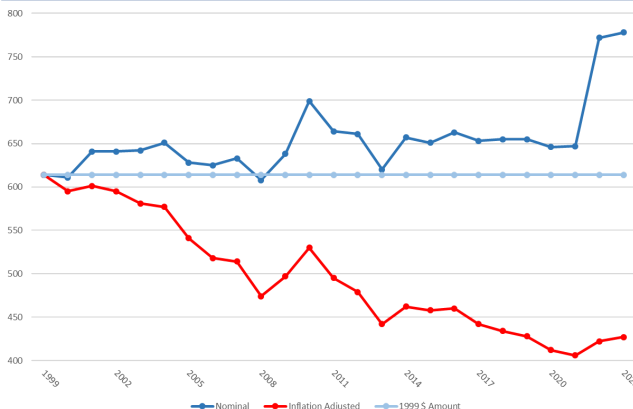


There continues to be a gross disparity of funding between the overall HUD budget (Public Housing) and Indian Housing Funding

2023 Appropriation= \$787MM
+\$213MM

\$1BB
Appropriation for Indian Housing Block Grant

	HUD Overall	IHBG
2001 Nominal	\$26 BB	\$646 MM
2001% of HUD Budget		2.5%
2023 Nominal	\$70.5 BB	\$787 MM
2023 % of HUD Budget		1.11%
% Change in Funding	171%	21.8%
Inflation-adjusted Change	+58%	-29%



Eroded IHBG Funding



Addressing Federal Bureaucracies



Issue: Department of Energy (DOE) regulations cap

DOE regulations cap the Weatherization program at \$8,009 per unit which is unreasonable for the cost of material and transportation in Alaska.

Solution: Increase the per unit cap for DOE funding for high cost areas, such as the state of Alaska and Rural Native Communities.

Issue: Environmental Review (ERR) Process

HUD has proposed adding Radon testing into the ERR process which is completed before any federal funding can be expensed. It is impossible to detect Radon prior to breaking ground.

Solution: Radon tests can be completed and addressed with the one-year warranty period for new construction.

Issue: Administration of Federal Funds for Housing

New programs, outside of the IHBG are administratively burdensome and lack efficiency, often taking years to implement. They also create additional bureaucracies that are barriers to accessing and deploying funding.

Solution: Utilize existing mechanisms that allow Tribes to exercise self-determination and the ability to administer programs that fit the needs of their communities, such as the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program. The IHBG is formula based, efficient and all stakeholders understand the deployment mechanisms. Additional housing funding should be appropriated to the IHBG.