

TRIBAL HOUSING EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

Accepting Applications

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is happy to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2022 - 2024 class of the Tribal Housing Excellence Academy (THE Academy). THE Academy is a three-year initiative to work with innovative native organizations in the rural west with a goal to increase housing built on native lands.

THE Academy brings together NAHASDA grantees, such as TDHEs, Housing Authorities, and housing departments to learn and apply best practices for managing the housing development process. We emphasize leveraging IHBG/NHHBG with other funding not yet widely accessed by native communities.

Applicants in rural AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, ND, SD, MN or WI are eligible.

The Academy combines training with technical assistance to apply lessons directly to your housing project. The Academy includes:

- ✦ Six multi-day trainings held over 18 months (in-person if possible, virtual if not)
- ✦ Case studies and activities that allow you to apply newly gained knowledge
- ✦ Shorter webinars on special topics
- ✦ Individualized technical assistance and coaching for three years from RCAC and our consultants, all of whom are experienced in housing development, housing finance and organizational management

Up to seven organizations will be selected to participate in this free program. You will commit to:

- ✦ Staff time for two staff to attend all trainings and webinars
- ✦ Travel costs for any in-person trainings. Partial scholarships may be available
- ✦ Staff time to work on your pre-identified housing project and apply THE Academy lessons, giving you real world experience with the development process

Please find information about the last offering of THE Academy here:

- ✦ <http://www.rcac.org/native-americans/academy/>
- ✦ <https://www.rcac.org/success-stories/second-tribal-housing-excellence-academy-cohort-graduates/>

If you would like to receive more information and an application, please email:

THEAcademy@rcac.org

Please send your name, organization, email address and phone number



"We greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Tribal Housing Excellence Academy. The diverse experience and commonality among the participants creates a great classroom setting to discuss a variety of challenges and barriers. The consultants and experts ease the way as we work through multiple layers of rules and regulations during this course."—Laurie Ann Cloud, Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority