



SOUTH DAKOTA
**Native Homeownership
Coalition**

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HOUSING NEEDS STUDIES

Overview

With support from the South Dakota Governor's Office and the South Dakota Housing Development Authority, the South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition (Coalition) will be facilitating housing needs studies (Studies) in two small tribal communities in South Dakota. Under the program guidelines, eligible tribal communities must have a population of 10,000 or less. The size of the community/reservation will determine whether one specific community or the broader reservation is assessed. Work to conduct these Studies will start by January 1, 2018, and Studies will be completed by June 30, 2018.

These Studies will play an important role in effective planning for future housing efforts. The study for each community will include the following data elements: existing housing stock, housing issues, homeownership information, information on housing providers and programs, potential barriers to homeownership, demographics, economics, and recommendations.

In facilitating these housing needs studies, the Coalition will identify two tribal communities to be assessed (through the attached application). The Coalition will contract with Big Water Consulting, an experienced firm which has conducted prior studies, to carry out the assessments. Big Water Consulting will work closely with the communities to be assessed, and the sponsoring tribal organization must designate at least one staff member to assist the firm in conducting the assessment. It is critical that the sponsoring community dedicate sufficient time and attention to working with Big Water Consulting.

The total budget for each Study will not exceed \$20,000 per study. Support from the Coalition (provided by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority) will cover 50% of the cost of each study, for a maximum of \$10,000 per study. Each selected community will be required to pay a cash match to cover the other half of the cost of its study (up to \$10,000). There are no restrictions on the source of match funds; however, match funds must be provided in cash by January 1, 2018. Applicants will be asked to indicate potential sources of match as part of the application process.

Submitting Applications

To apply to participate in the housing needs study, interested communities should complete the following application. Applicants will be evaluated based on current homeownership efforts, involvement in the Coalition, plans to use information collected through the assessment, and ability to provide matching funds.

The application package should contain:

- Completed application form (signed)
- Scanned copy of governing body minutes or resolution authorizing application

Applications should be submitted by **November 30, 2017** by email to Leslie Newman at lesliefnewman@gmail.com.

Questions

Questions regarding the application may also be directed to Leslie Newman by email at lesliefnewman@gmail.com or by telephone at (510) 682-3732.



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HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

This completed application and a copy of governing body minutes or resolution authorizing application must be emailed to Leslie Newman at lesliefnewman@gmail.com by **November 30, 2017**.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The sponsoring organization is the organization requesting the housing needs assessment.

Organization Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Main Contact Person			
Telephone		Email	

TRIBAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The tribal community is the area that will be assessed.

Tribal Community (specify area to be assessed)	Has a housing assessment been conducted on this community in the past? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Estimated Population	Geographic Size (square miles)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please describe your organization's involvement in the South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition.
Please describe your organization's current homeownership efforts.
Please describe how you will use the information collected through the housing needs assessment.



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Do you have a person on staff that will be able to dedicate sufficient time and attention to work with the firm selected to assist in carrying out the assessment?		If yes, please provide the name and title of this staff person.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is your organization able to provide the required match funds (up to \$10,000) to cover half of the cost of the study?		If yes, please identify your potential source of match funds.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Please address why your community should be selected for the housing needs assessment.		
Please provide any additional information that you believe would be valuable in evaluating your request.		

Signature of Authorized Representative of Sponsoring Organization

Date

Name

Position/Title