

entities by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 9, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edward Fagan, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4126, Washington DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 401-7914. (This is not a toll-free number.) For those needing assistance, this number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program provides funding to Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies, state community and/or economic development agencies, local rural nonprofits, and community development corporations to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. The program is authorized in annual HUD appropriations acts and was originally authorized in the Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 HUD Appropriation Act (Pub. L. 105-65, 111 Stat. 1344, 1357, approved Oct. 27, 1997). The RHED program is administered by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Because the Office of Native American Programs is in the Office of Public and Indian Housing, the authority for management of RHED grants awarded to Indian tribes and tribal entities by the Office of Community Planning and Development is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing as follows:

**Section A. Authority Delegated**

The Secretary of HUD delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing the authority to administer RHED grants awarded to Indian tribes and tribal entities.

**Section B. Authority Excepted**

The authority delegated under Section A does not include the authority to sue and be sued, or the authority to issue or waive regulations for the RHED program.

**Section C. Authority to Redelegate**

The authority delegated under Section A may be further redelegated to employees of the Department through written redelegations of authority.

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: July 9, 2003.

**Mel Martinez,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-14]

**Delegation of Authority for Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of delegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing the authority to administer the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sherone Ivey, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4126, Washington DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 401-7914. (This is not a toll-free number.) For those needing assistance, this number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program was created by section 203 of Title II of the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act (Public Law 106-568, 114 Stat. 2876, approved December 27, 2000) and section 513 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-569, 114 Stat. 2969, approved December 27, 2000), which amended the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) by adding a new Title VIII. The objective of the NHHBG program is to provide housing block grants to fund affordable housing activities for native Hawaiians.

This notice delegates the authority to administer the NHHBG program to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

**Section A. Authority Delegated**

The Secretary of HUD delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing the authority to administer the NHHBG program, including the authority to issue and waive regulations.

**Section B. Authority Excepted**

The authority delegated in Section A does not include the authority to sue and be sued.

**Section C. Authority to Redelegate**

The authority delegated in Section A may be redelegated to employees of the Department through written redelegations of authority, except for the authority to issue and waive regulations.

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: July 7, 2003.

**Mel Martinez,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-15]

**Delegation of Authority for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of delegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Secretary delegates the authority to administer the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee program to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edward Fagan, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4126, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 401-7914. (This is not a toll-free number.) For those needing assistance, this number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee program is authorized by Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a). The purpose of this program is to provide Indian families, Indian housing authorities, and Indian tribes with access to sources of private financing.

This notice delegates the authority to administer the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee program to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.