



Strategic Planning for Native American Communities & Housing Programs

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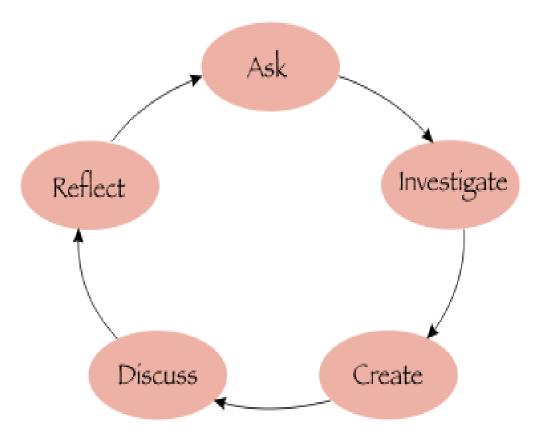


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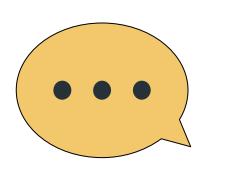
Introductions

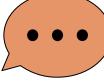
- Name and organization
- Length of time involved in Housing Programs
- Your role and responsibilities
- Experience with long term planning
- Most important thing I want to learn is...



Training Objectives

- Identify the advantages of creating a strategic plan for IHBG grantees
- Describe the step-by-step process in creating a strategic plan
- Explore sources and uses of data
- Provide essential elements for effective plan implementation
- Share case studies of successful housing efforts based on strategic plans in Tribal communities





Strategic Planning Case Studies

Lummi Nation Housing Authority

Penobscot Indian Housing Department

North Pacific Rim Housing Authority and Native Village of Nanwalek

Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

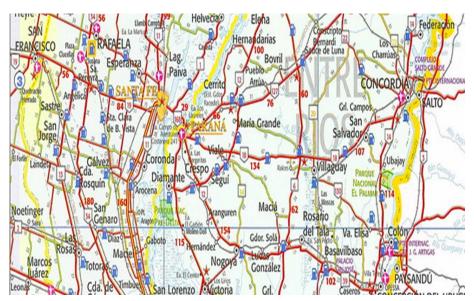
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Introduction to Strategic Planning

What is Strategic Planning?

- A formal roadmap describing how a long-term plan will be executed
- One destination with many ways to get there
- A structured process that helps organizations turn a vision into reality by:
 - Identifying the organization's goal(s) for a certain period of time (3-5 years)
 - Determining the operational and programmatic steps to get there
 - Aligning resources and staff to achieve goals in the community and/or in the organization



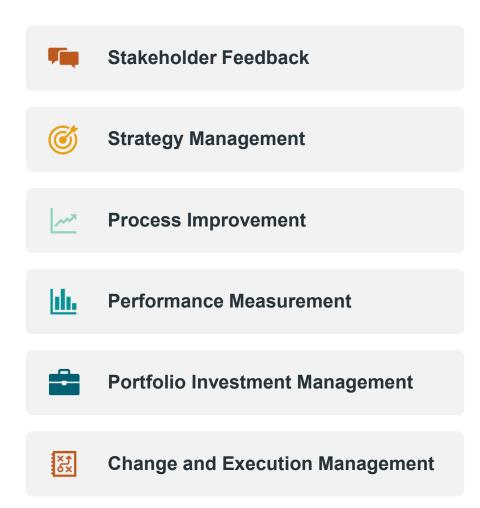
Why Strategic Planning?





- Identifies changes that are occurring in the community
- Identifies changes that are needed in the community
- Improves efficiency and effectiveness
- Coordinates with partners and residents
- Becomes proactive instead of reactive

Core Concepts of Strategic Planning



Examples of Strategic Plans







Strategic Planning vs. Project Planning

- Strategic planning focuses on long-term strategic planning focused on all initiatives, stakeholders, and projects
- Project planning focuses on a specific set of tasks for a defined project with limited stakeholders and typically for a shorter duration

How can Strategic Planning be Used?

Flexible planning approach to define and coordinate activities for example:

- Organizational development
- Housing program creation
- Community development planning
- Goal-focused planning
- Contingency planning

How can strategic planning be used?



In the community:

- Create a comprehensive community plan
- Identify infrastructure needs
- Identify the best use of land
- Target land use for housing, schools, employment, recreation, services, etc.
- Identify cultural and natural resources for protection

How can strategic planning be used?

For an organization including a Tribe or a housing entity to:

- Establish the mission and values of the organization
- Set goals and objectives for an organization
- Developing a plan to achieve these goals and objectives



Identify capacity and performance gaps



Analyze causes



Develop strategy to transform organization



Coordinate with leadership to obtain support for plan



Identify support services/resources needed to assist in implementation and develop steps for obtaining

Strategic planning for organizational capacity development

Strategic planning for organizational development



Example

 Staff turnover has resulted in poor performance and a lack of capacity

Strategic plan goals:

- Professional level staff are needed to properly operate the housing program and train staff
- Staff need to be supported with training and policy guidance
- Staff need to have career opportunities with competitive benefits and pay



Strategic Planning for Program Development

Strategic planning for increasing homeownership opportunities

Strategic Plan Data and Analysis:

- Tribe's economic development activities provides opportunities for higher income jobs
- Insufficient number of single-family homes available for purchase
- Savings of rental housing residents is insufficient to quality for the purchase of homes at market value
- Mortgage assistance program budget estimate:
 - \$25,000: Soft second mortgage required for each participant
 - \$65,000: Annual program cost to operate the program





- Understanding Needs
 - o Whose Needs?
 - Council
 - Residents
 - Organizations
 - O What Needs?
 - Culture
 - Financing
 - Land and Environment
 - Infrastructure



- Facilitating Financing
 - Leveraging resources
 - Leveraging existing funding
 - Partnering with financial entities



- Developing Partnerships
 - Tribal Council
 - Local and County government agencies
 - Other Tribes
 - Vendors
 - Service providers
 - Community members



- Assessing Capacity
 - An understanding of the desired capacity of a resource vs. the existing capacity
 - An understanding of capacity assets and needs



- Setting Priorities
 - Identifying priorities leads to proper allocation of resources and finances
 - Also shows where you should be dedicating the most time



- Establishing Goals
 - Important to staying in line with the overall vision of the organization
 - Provide measurable objectives to keep track of progress



- Identifying Desired Outcomes
 - Is a combination of achieving your goal and reaching it in an acceptable way
 - Identifying desired outcomes will help you determine how you want to achieve your goal



Allocating resources



- Obtaining Public Support
 - Similar to Desired Outcomes
 - Public is going to care about achieving outcomes



- Establishing a Management Strategy
 - Use goals, priorities, and resources to come up with a plan
 - A plan will consist of multiple strategies that will take you to your overall goal



- Identifying values, mission, purpose
 - Important for an organization to stay true to its character
 - Establish a mission by thinking of long-term goals
 - Purpose and values define what your organization stands for

Historical perspective of federal Indian housing program

- Housing Act of 1937
 - Limited participation to Housing Authorities
 - Funding was restricted to Federal Housing Programs
 - Operations of housing was federally prescribed
 - Funding for new development was competitive
 - Funding for operations increased with units

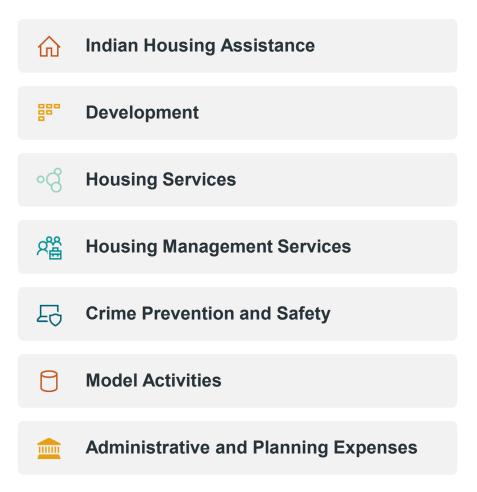
Historical perspective of federal Indian housing program

- Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996
 - Funds are allocated annually as an Indian Housing Block (IHBG) to each Tribe based on a formula
 - Tribes determine how the funds will be used for affordable housing for low-income Alaska Native/American Indian (AI/AN) persons
 - Leveraging of the IHBG funds are encouraged
 - Tribes are provided maximum flexibility in decision making regarding their housing program

NAHASDA Objectives (Section 201)

- a) To assist and promote affordable housing activities to develop, maintain and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas for occupancy by lowincome Indian families
- b) To ensure better access to private mortgage markets for Indian Tribes and their members and to promote self-sufficiency of Indian Tribes and their members
- c) To coordinate activities to provide housing for Indian Tribes and their members with Federal, State and local activities to further economic and community development for Indian Tribes and their members
- d) To plan for and integrate infrastructure resources for Indian Tribes with housing development for Tribes
- e) To promote the development of private capital markets in Indian country and to allow such markets to operate and grow, thereby benefiting Indian communities

Types of Eligible Activities



Eligible Activities

Housing includes:

- Rental housing (Examples: multifamily units, single room occupancy, single-family housing, college student housing)
- Group homes for special needs
- Homeownership housing
- Halfway housing
- Congregate housing
- Domestic violence shelters
- Transitional housing
- Homeless emergency shelters

Reference: Program Guidance 2023-30

Indian housing assistance (for 1937 act housing only)



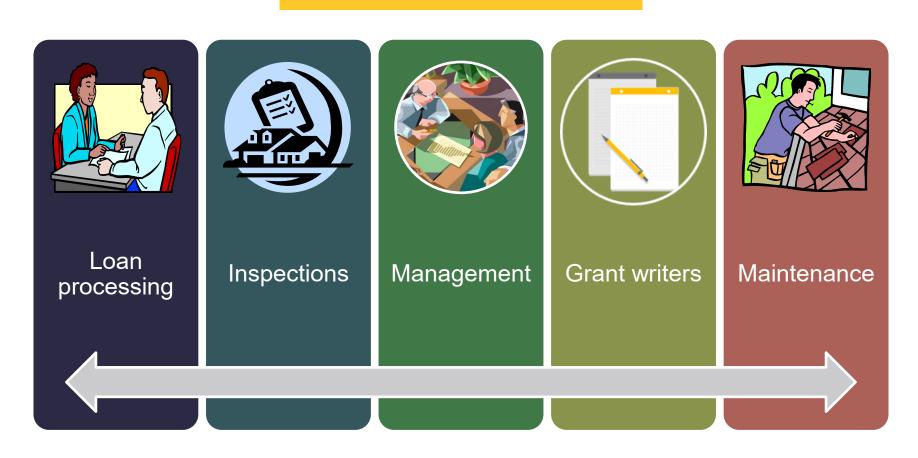
DEVELOPMENT



HOUSING SERVICES



HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICES



CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY



Other eligible affordable housing activities

- Community Developing Demonstration Project:
 - Feasibility study in which IHBG funds are expended to design implement, and operate community development demonstration projects
- Self-Determination Act Demonstration Project:
 - Feasibility study for demonstration project which maximizes Tribal authority and decision making in the design and implementation of Federal housing and related activity

Other eligible affordable housing activities

- Reserve Accounts (Program Guidance 2014-10)
- Authorizes establishing a reserve account for IHBG administration and planning costs

Impact of program transition

Federal Mandates

Tribal Self
Determination

Federal Programs

Tribal Programs

Tribal Programs

Formula Allocation

Strategic Planning -> NAHASDA Success

- Tribe determines the best of use of funds based on their needs, values, priorities, and strategic goals
- IHBG provides an annual & flexible funding source which:
 - Maximizes leveraging opportunities
 - Supports long-term community planning

New opportunities New Responsibilities

- Long-term strategic planning is needed to
 - Realize the most efficient and effective use of IHBG funds and to facilitate leveraging
 - Identify strategies which will be utilized for affordable housing and to facilitate self-sufficiency of your members

New opportunities New Responsibilities

- Establish administrative standards to ensure performance and accountability
- Monitor the changing needs of your community to determine appropriate revisions to your plan and programs
- Design housing programs to address needs of specific housing markets

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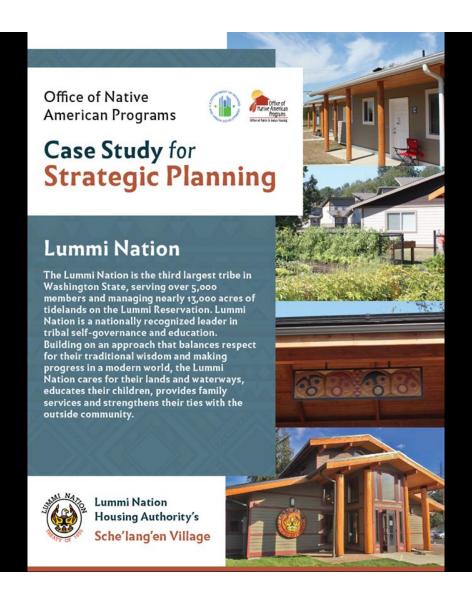
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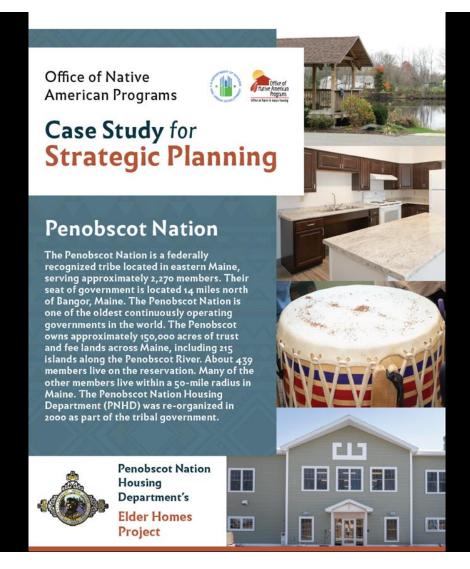
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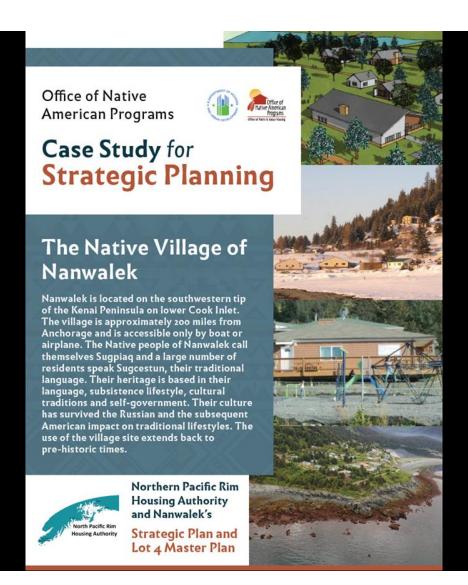
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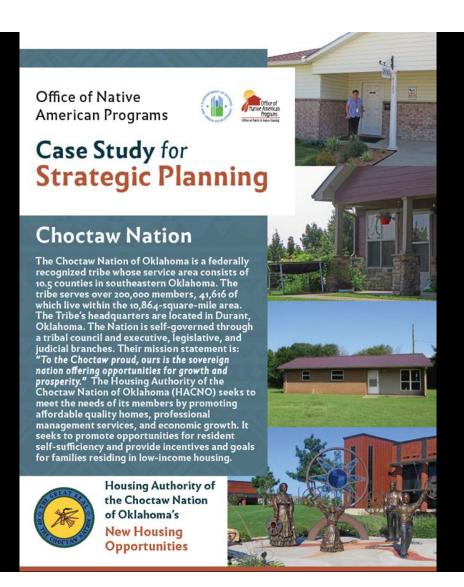
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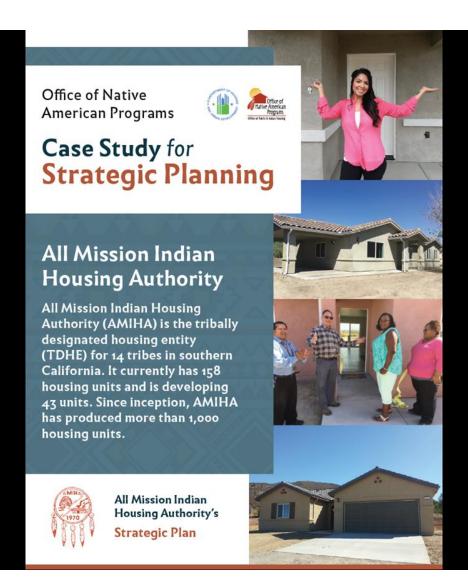
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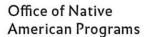
















Case Study for Strategic Planning

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is based in southwestern Michigan and northeastern Indiana. The Band serves approximately 5,660 members and has reservation lands in a total of ten counties. Its government headquarters are located in Dowagiac, Michigan. The citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi are historic dwellers of the greater St. Joseph River Valley and have maintained an ongoing community and government prior to and throughout European contact, and to the present day. The tribal council consists of 11 members elected to staggered 3-year terms by Band members.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Strategic Plan







Planning Phases



Getting Organized

- Plan to plan
- The P's of planning
 - o People Who will be involved and how?
 - o Process How will the plan be developed?
 - o Policy How will the activity operate?
 - o Product What will the plan look like at the end of planning?

People:

Who will lead?

Who needs to be at the table for input?

Who needs to approve the plan?

Who will provide support?

People

<u>Planning team members:</u>

- Staff members should be aligned with the organization's goals
- Variety of thought is important. Look for a team that varies in power, personality, and point of view
- Staff members should embrace a new direction. Strategic planning generally brings many changes and the staff needs to be always interested in improvement



People

The Right People might include:

- The board that shapes the initial mission, vision, and values
- A planning group (committee or task force of staff, board, and other stakeholders and experts) to analyze strategic issues and develop the plan
- Stakeholders to provide input and information
- A facilitator/consultant to provide experts guidance
- A writer/editor to ensure the plan is polished

Process

- How and when will the plan be developed?
- Where will planning take place?
- How often will the planning team meet?
- How will decisions be made?
- How will we know if the plan is feasible?
- How will the plan be implemented?
- How will the community be involved?



Process

- How will we determine if there is support from stakeholders?
- Customers, employees, board members, and community members
- Generally, anyone who affects the decisions that are made

















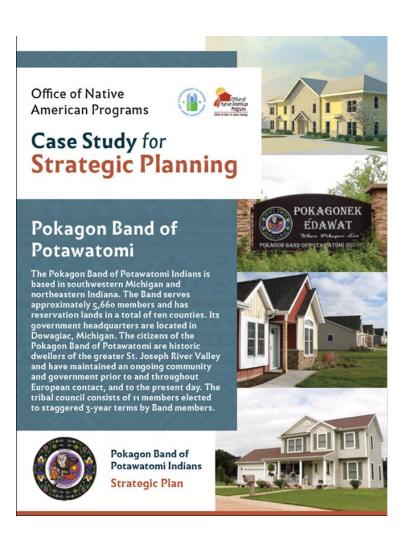
Process

Communicating by support buy-in:

- Including stakeholders in the decision-making process increases personal support for plans and goals
- Helps the organization reach a broader consensus on the goals for the future



Best Practice



Products

- The Right Products include:
 - The format [shorter is better] and components of the final planning document
 - Mechanisms for communicating the plan to stakeholders
 - Reports that monitor and track plan progress

Policy



Policy:

- How will the activity be administered?
- What are the eligibility requirements?
- What will be the responsibility of participants?
- How will compliance issues be addressed?
- How are partners involved?

Procurement Methods

IHBG						
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Purchases	Purchases	Purchases	Bidding	Proposals	Competitive	
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apply.	 Cost must be reasonabl e Indian Preferenc e is required 	lowest responsive and responsible bidder Minimum 2 quotes	and responsible bidder Minimum 2 quotes		· Lack of competition	

Planning Phases



#2 Creating a Vision for the Future

Establishing a vision for the future requires development or review of the following:

- 1) Mission Statement
- 2) Vision Statement
- 3) Organizational Values

Mission, Vision, Values, and Core Functions

- A clear understanding of the organization's mission, vision, values, and functions provides the basis for analyzing the organization's:
 - Strengths
 - Weaknesses
 - Opportunities
 - Threats
- This is referred to as a SWOT Analysis.

Organization's Mission

- The mission communicates values, purpose, and direction to employees, customers, and other stakeholders.
- It answers the questions:
 - o What is your organization's purpose?
 - o Why does your organization exist?
- All members of the organization should be able to express the mission.

Mission

Define your Purpose or Mission:

 Mission statement identifies purpose and primary, measurable objectives and values of the organization

What we do for whom:

 A mission statement may need to be revised if an organization goes through major changes



Sample Mission Statements

- **HUD**: The mission of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is to foster strong communities by supporting access to quality, affordable housing, expanding the housing supply, and unlocking homeownership opportunities for the American people. The Department is committed to furthering the promise of self-sufficiency in every American while promoting economic development to revitalize rural, Tribal, and urban communities across the country.
- AMIHA: To provide safe, affordable, and decent housing for Indian people residing on the reservations that incorporates traditional concepts and values. To seek out and effectively administer innovative programs to maintain the existing housing stock and to create new housing opportunities for the residents we serve.

The Vision Statement

- Is inspirational and aspirational
- Presents an image of the ideal state the organization wishes to achieve
- Stretches the organization's capabilities and image of itself
- Gives shape and direction to the organization's future
- Answers the questions:
 - o What do you hope for your customers?
 - o Where is the organization headed?
 - If all strategic goals are achieved, what will the organization look like in the future?

Vision Statement



A strategic destination statement is more helpful for execution.

Sample Vision Statements

Osage: We will be a strong, proud, resilient, and enduring sovereign nation.

Values

Like mission and vision statements, organizational values should be:

- Intentional
- Thoughtful
- Unique to the organization
- Genuine

Creating your Vision for the Future

Identifying Core Values:

- Beliefs or principles that never change
- Ethical foundation
- Priorities
- All decisions that are made must agree with these values



Organizational Values

- Help the organization determine what is right, wrong, and important
- Make clear how the organization will value its customers, staff, board members, and other stakeholders
- Determine how an organization will pursue its purpose
- Guide the behavior of the organization's members

Organizational Values

Will appear within:

- The mission and vision statements
- The goals
- Policies and operational areas
- They will guide priorities, decisions, and actions.

Take Care!

Values that are not clear or consistently applied set the stage for:

- Sets of potentially competing values
- Unclear and assumed expectations
- Damaged credibility of managers who do not reflect or enforce the values

Sample Core values

Osage: Spiritual strength, pride for our heritage, justice, fairness, compassion, and respect for and protection of child, elder, all fellow beings, and self

Identify the Core Functions

Organizations should periodically review and update core functions to ensure they are:

- Current and include what the organization does and excludes what the organization no longer does
- Competitive and consistent with changes in the market, technology, and political and regulatory environments

Core Functions collectively:

- Represent the full range of services, products, and resources that an organization provides to its customers
- Reflect mission, vision, and values in action

Identify the Core Functions

Defining the organization's core functions, answers these questions:

- What line of business is the organization in?
- What categories of services does it provide and to whom?

Organization mission, size, and complexity will influence:

- The number and type of core functions
- Whether the functions are broken down by discrete program areas or encompass functions across larger areas of the organization

Identify the Core Functions

Core functions should provide three strategic advantages:

- Bring the potential for accessing its ideal market
- 2) Add a distinguishable customer benefit/value
- 3) Be difficult/costly for a competitor to imitate

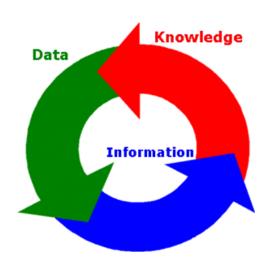
The core functions of a housing entity or housing department will likely be tied very closely to NAHASDA and the allowable activities.

Identify key actions to achieve mission objectives.

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#3 Data Gathering & Analysis

- Develop a greater understanding of your vision
- Understand strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to your vision
- Look ahead for opportunities and new challenges
- Evaluate the feasibility of realizing the vision
- Identify competing ideas and priorities
- Develop initial list of resources and partners



Data Gathering And analysis

 Without data, it's easy to fudge your reality. Data keeps your planning process grounded in reality.



Types of Data



Quantitative



Qualitative

Quantitative

- Programmatic Outcomes
- Financial Performance
- Fund Development Metrics
- Tenant Wait Lists
- Resident Incomes
- Operating Subsidies

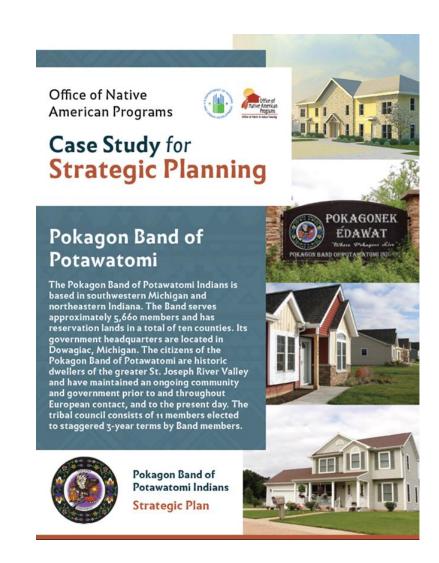


Qualitative

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Survey Results
- Charette Feedback
- SWOT
- PESTEL
- Gap Analysis



Best Practice



Data Gathering and Analysis

Begin by identifying the data needed to:

- Inform decision making
- Gain insight about the population you wish to serve
- Learn about the programs you are considering

Sources of Data – Internal:

Any data taken from within the organization

Internal Sources – Housing Data

Your housing program is great source of data for develop housing plans:

- Who are you serving?
- What does it cost to serve them?
- What do families pay to participate in your programs?
- What is the demographic and income data for participating families?
- What are the demographic and income data trends for participating families?
- What are the changes you are seeing in your service area?

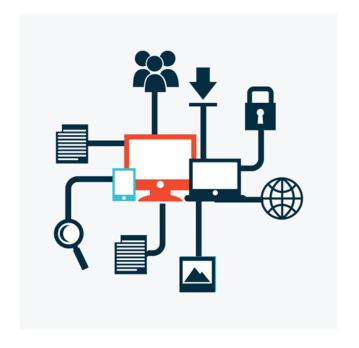
Housing Data for Decision Making

- What are the changes you are seeing in your service area?
- Who are you not serving that need housing assistance?
- What type of assistance do they need?
- What is the availability of various housing types?
- What are the local job and economic trends?
- Identify blighted and hazardous areas?
- Identify desirable areas for housing development due to availability, infrastructure, and location.

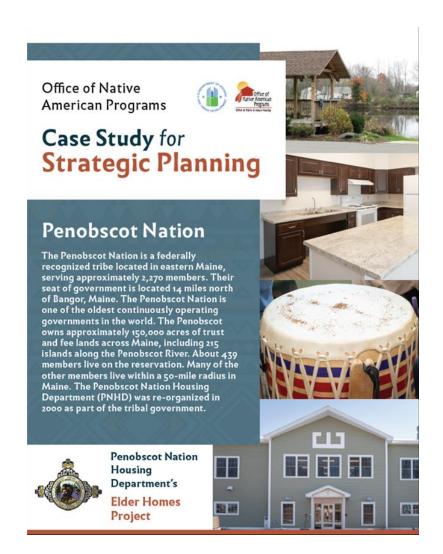
External Sources of Data

- Census Bureau
- https://www.census.gov/abo ut/partners/cic/resources/da ta-links/aian.html
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Best Practice



Sources of Data – Market Study

- Analyzes market demand for a product/services
- Analyzes location, demand, and competition
- Usually conducted by a third party



Sources of Data – Surveys

- Goal to solicit feedback from interested parties
- Data collected from participants taking a survey
- Usually there is a target audience
- Can be distributed online, by phone, or faceto-face. Online lets you reach a larger audience but face-to-face provides more honest results
- Survey can be conducted in-house or through a third party





Data Gathering and Analysis

Sources of Data:

- Consider options for creating data if existing sources are insufficient
- If additional resources are needed, consider contracting for data collection services through RFP process.

Data Source Selection:

- Available
- Value-Added
- Customizable
- Understandable
- Obtainable

Gap Analysis

<u>Gap Analysis</u> is an objective assessment of what resources and capacity is needed to successfully complete a project compared to the resources and capacity currently available.

When Gaps are identified, planning for how the Gaps will be filled is necessary to ensure the success of the project.

Typical GAPS

- Finances
- Technical Resources
- Management Controls
- Land
- Infrastructure
- Staff Resources
- Policies
- Procedures
- Essential Partnerships
- Operating Funds

Best Practices

- BEFORE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU ARE GOING YOU NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE
- Identifying capacity gaps is a critical component of planning
- Only when capacity gaps are identified can they be filled
- TIP! Capacity gaps can be filled through hiring, training, and contracting



Feasibility Assessment

 Feasibility assessment is an ongoing process to evaluate the likelihood of the success of an endeavor

 Feasibility is dynamic. Internal and external conditions changes may impact feasibility

Feasibility Assessment

- Identify critical feasibility factors as part of the planning process to ensure they are addressed
- Verify the activity is feasible prior to making commitments

Planned activities may need to be suspended until critical feasibility factors are resolved

Assessment Tools

- Assessment Tools are planning aids
- Assessment Tools assist planners in making a comprehensive evaluation of planned activities
- The SWOT and PESTEL Assessment Tools are commonly used to assess different factors which will impact a planned activity

PESTEL Analysis

Political	Economic	Social	Technological	Environmental	L Legal
Government policy Political stability or instability overseas Foreign trade policy Tax policy Labor laws Terrorism and military considerations Environmental laws Funding grants and initiatives Trade restrictions Fiscal policy	Economic Growth Interest Rates Exchange rates Inflation Disposable income of consumers Disposable income of businesses Taxation Interstate taxes Wages rates Financing capabilities	Population growth Age distribution Health consciousness Career attitudes Customer buying trends Cultural trends Demographics Industrial reviews and consumer confidence Organizational image	Producing goods and services Emerging technologies Technological maturity Distributing goods and services Target Market Communication Potential Copyright infringements Increased training to use innovation Potential Return on Investment (ROI)	The decline of raw materials Pollution and green house gas emissions Promoting positive business ethics and sustainability Reduction of their carbon foot print. Climate and weather Environmental Legislation Geographical location (and accessibility)	Health & Safety Equal Opportunities Advertising Standards Consumer Rights and laws Product Labeling Product Safety Safety Standards Labor Laws Future Legislation Competitive Legislation

SWOT Analysis

SWOT Analysis is an objective identification of:



If the Data Says <u>NO</u>

- Costs increase as planning progresses
- If the strategic vision does not appear viable at the current time, move on. You can always come back to it in the future



- Barriers
- Lack of support
- Higher priorities
- Capacity issues

If the Data Says <u>YES</u>

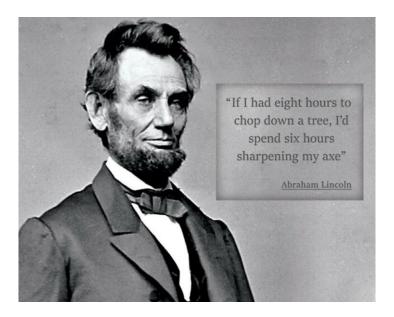
- Costs increase as planning progresses
- If the strategic vision appears viable and has sufficient support of the leadership, partners and the public it is time to begin work on Planning Phase 4 PLAN DEVELOPMENT.



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Determining the path to realizing the Strategic
 Vision in the most efficient and effective a

manner



Who Develops the plan

In developing the written plan, the group might:

- Draft each section (mission, SWOT, strategies) as it is completed
- Use a writer to polish the draft and write the executive and organizational summaries
- Enlist others to edit and format the document
- Set aside time and identify the process for reviewing, commenting on, and approving
- Work with the writer to incorporate comments and edits and finalize the plan

Elements of a Plan

- Background: Mission, Vision, Data, SWOT
- Goals
- Strategies and Tactics
- Timetables
- Responsible Parties/Leads
- Measures

Critical Issues

Critical issues are ultimately the most important issues to address during the planning process:

- SWOT might yield several issues an organization might consider for the planning process
- Critical issues analysis helps the planning group whittle the list down to a manageable number of issues
- The group might consider two or more rounds of review to reduce the list

Sample SWOT Analysis

SWOT Highlights

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- Talented and motivated staff
- Great database application talent
- Realignment impact of reducing silos of data collection

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- Challenged to address few problematic FTEs driving poor customer service
- Lack of admin support
- · Internal silos cause customer confusion
- Reliance on contractors in high value positions
- · Lack of advanced tech skills in FTE.
- No priorities; legacy of saying yes to all customers/all requests.

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- Strategic planning providing management focus and goals.
- Continue winning competitive grants to fund tech programs.
- Leverage inter-state commissions to manage data and reporting to public
- Identify new technology for data collection
- Integrate SFD and FSD on data-limited assessment changes

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- Realignment preceding strategy
- Customer perception mismatch of what SC can provide/deliver
- Compounding affect of Councils driving more complexity and wanting more assessments
- Misperception that new tech will save money vs. enriching data and throughput
- Uncooperative state commissions re: data dealings

Critical Issues

For *the First Cut of Critical Issues*, the group might ask the following of each issue:

- Is it high stake (i.e., the impact of not addressing the issue is too great to avoid)?
- Will it require intensive attention that routine activities cannot satisfy?
- Does it point to where the organization should be (or where it should be going)?
- Is it within your control to change (i.e., you have a reasonable chance to influence it)?
- Is there time, money, and expertise to address it?

Critical Issues

Of the remaining issues, the group might take *the* **Second Cut of Critical Issues** by determining three to five clusters of issues that involve the greatest potential for:

- Harm if not improved
- Risks if left unattended
- Benefits to the organization if addressed

What remains are the critical issues that the plan should address

Goals

Each Critical Issue on the plan includes one or more broad Goals that should be designed to produce one more of the following results:

- Improve performance (outcomes, quality, or efficiency)
- Reduce or eliminate problems or problem performance
- Increase or add organizational capacity

Establishing Goals/Objectives			
Short-term	 Looks at organization's characteristics in the present and how to improve them Examples: Employee skill sets and attitudes, the condition of production equipment, etc. All of these are short-term concerns and can be resolved in under a year 		
Mid-term	 Applies more permanent solutions to short-term problems The idea is to stop the same short-term problems from continuously reoccurring 		
Long-term	 Reactions to the competitive situation of the organization in its social, economic, and political environment Major capital expenditures such as purchasing equipment and facilities 		

Smart Goals

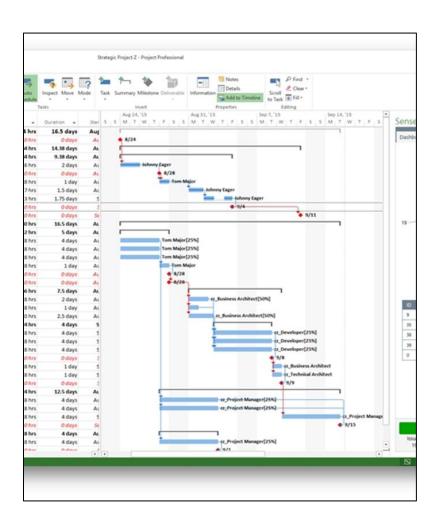
SMART Goals offer criteria that increase the likelihood of plan effectiveness:

- **Specific** goals are clear, detailed, and target specific areas for improvement
- **Measurable** goals are objective and tangible (you can tell when they are achieved)
- **Achievable** goals include enough time, money, expertise, and corporate buy-in for strategies to be successfully implemented
- **Relevant** goals are consistent with the organization's values and directly linked to helping achieve the mission and vision
- **Timebound** goals include a realistic time frame for completing each strategy of each the goal

Each goal is accompanied by the following specific elements intended to help the organizational achieve meaningful, cost-effective results in a reasonable time frame:

- Strategies and Tactics
- Timetables
- Responsible Parties/Leads
- Measures

Identify responsibilities and timelines



The Timeline for each strategy should be a realistic projection of how long it will take to complete the actions associated with the strategy such as:

- A certain number of weeks or months
- By a certain date
- Within a certain amount of time following completion of some other action

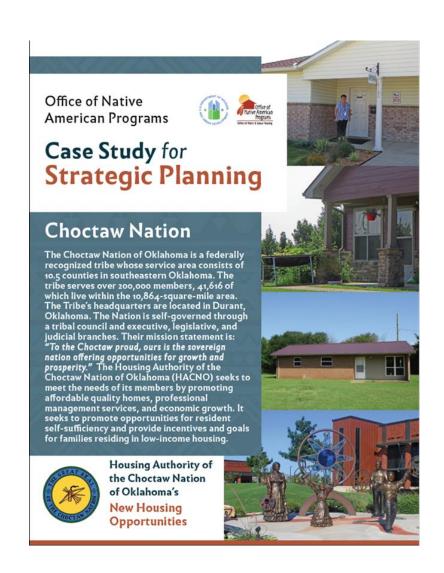
Across all plan strategies, it should be realistic to complete the actions within the time frame of the overall plan (i.e., 3-5 years).

Strategies are what the organization will do to achieve a particular goal and might be further broken down into Tactics:

- Strategies are the general plans the organization hopes to carry out
- Tactics are the specific actions or steps required to accomplish the strategy



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Responsible Party/Lead

Responsible Party/Lead is the individual who is responsible for implementing, managing, monitoring, and reporting on a specific strategy.

Responsible parties should have sufficient:

- Expertise regarding the topic
- Authority to carry out the strategy
- Time and resources to carry out the strategy successfully

Measures

Measures are the specific changes the organization would like to see as a result of implementing specific plan strategies:

- As a percent or numeric increase (i.e., in desirable performance) or decrease (i.e., in an undesirable condition)
- The amount of time, activity, or satisfaction associated with services or other activities
- The addition (e.g., of a new capacity) or the removal (e.g., of a problem)

Be sure to build in measures and processes to monitor and assess the extent to which the plan is:

- Implemented as designed
- On track
- Yielding the desired results

- Describe means for communication and reporting
- 2. Ensure that the plan has all needed components:
 - Review the goals and make sure the plan aligns
 - Double-check restrictions
 - Make sure the plan is in line with the vision statement, mission statement, and core values
- 3. Schedule periodic evaluation of the plan and progress





Ultimately, the planning group will produce a document that includes sections such as:

- An Executive Summary
- Mission, Vision, and Values
- Core Functions
- Organizational Summary (History, Structure and Staffing, Services and Clients, Budget)
- Internal and External Analysis (SWOT and other data sources)
- Prioritized Critical Issues with Corresponding Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Responsible Parties, Measures, and Timetables
- Financial Impact

Step 1

Define the Project

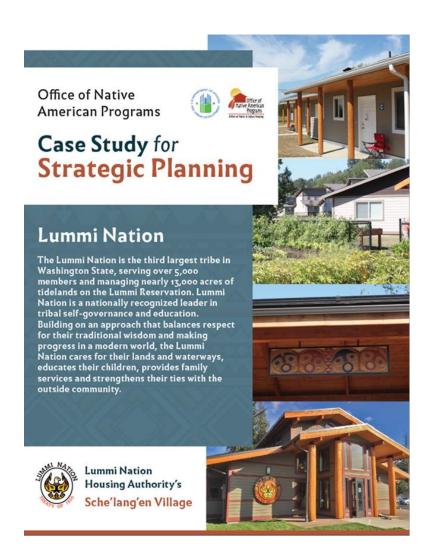
- Critical Issues
- Measurable Objectives
- Start and End Date
- Financing

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- Planning is needed for the occupancy and operation of a new project
- Prepare the people who will occupy the housing as you develop the housing for occupancy
- TIP! Through planning and coordination, occupancy of the new housing should begin immediately upon completion



Best Practice



Identify Tasks and How Work will be Accomplished

Step 2

- Environmental Review
- Land
- Procurement
- Construction
- Infrastructure
- Reporting
- Contracting

- Inspections
- Design
- Soil Testing
- Monitoring
- Coordination
- Occupancy

Step 2

Identify Tasks and How Occupancy will be Accomplished

- Policy
- Marketing
- Selection
- Participation Agreement
- Staff Training
- Move-in Inspection

- Procedures
- Eligibility
- Counseling
- Admission
- Monitoring
- Participant Training

Step 2

Additional Tasks for Homeownership Programs

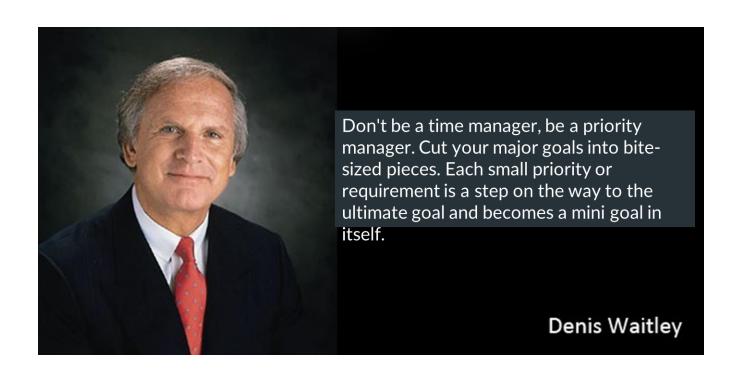
- Pre-qualification
- Individual Development Account
- Financial Literacy
- Lender Partnership
- Soft Second
- Credit Counseling

- Budgeting
- Down Payment
- Appraisal
- Loan Closing
- Insurance

Step 3

Assign Resources* to Tasks and Schedule
Start & End for Work

- Use Gantt chart of spreadsheet* to:
 - o List tasks
 - Assign Responsibility
 - Schedule Start Date and Completion Date

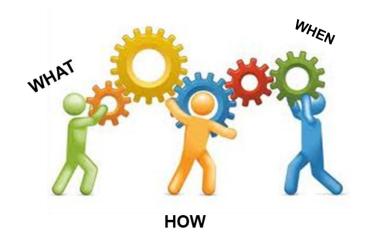


Step 4

Create Budget for all Tasks, Staffing, Contracts & Contingencies

How Do You Know When You are Prepared to Implement?

• When everyone knows what they are supposed to do!



The Five "P"s for success

- 1) Prior
- 2) Preparation
- 3) Prevents
- 4) Poor
- 5) Performance





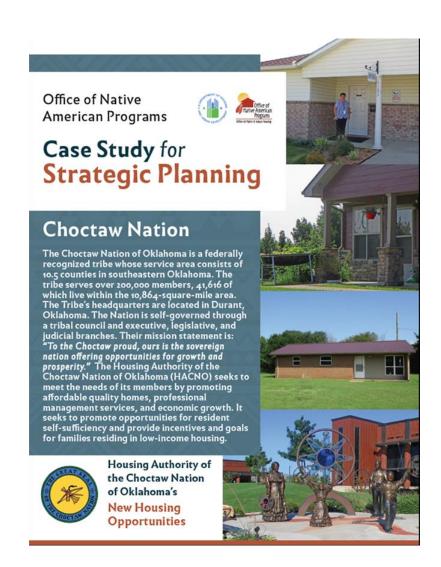
Planning Phases



#5 Plan Roll Out & Implementation

- 1) Tribal Council
- 2) Employees
- 3) Community
- 4) Other Stakeholders

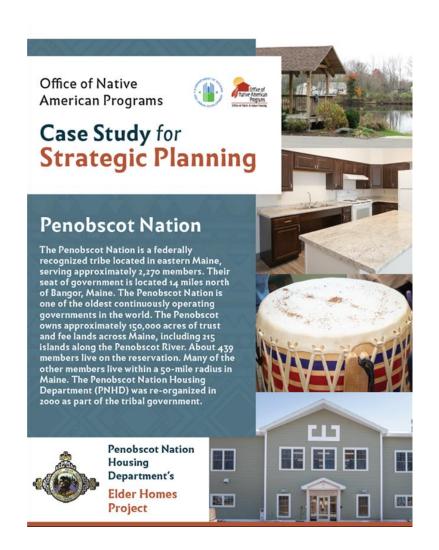
Best Practice



Pre-Implementation

- Review plan
 - Is it complete?
 - Is it feasible?
 - Does everyone know their responsibilities and time line?
 - Are there capacity issues that need to be filled?
 - Are partners committed and ready?
- Is financing in place?

Best Practice



Plan Roll Out

- Oversight Committee/Task Force to oversee the successful roll out of the plan
- Communication Strategy written plan to distribute and communicate plan goals, implementation, and impacts
- Management Plan change to ensure stakeholders have bought in to the plan and take ownership of goals and outcomes
- Feedback Loop establishes communication mechanism to provide continuous feedback to all stakeholders

Plan Roll Out

Housing can:

- Post mission statement, vision statement, values prominently on website, walls, and in materials
- Hold a "press conference" to present full plan. Let community know it is available to review
- Provide highlights to key stakeholders

The board can:

- Determine which strategic initiatives are directly related to governance rather than operations
- Tie governance initiatives to each board agenda
- Include a discussion about strategic direction in each board meeting
- Incorporate relevant strategies in board committee work

Implementation

Senior leadership can:

- Determine which strategic initiatives are directly related to operations and not governance
- Tie relevant strategic initiatives to management meeting agendas and employee performance reviews

In each year's operating budget, incorporate:

- Resources that will be needed to carry out plan initiatives for the year
- What it will take to obtain and use the resources

Planning Phases



#6 Evaluation & Monitoring

- Tasks
- Responsibilities
- Schedule
- Budget
- Oversight
- Risk Management

Monitoring

Your plan will identify critical milestones to monitor:

- Timing
- Quality control
- Budget issues
- Key staff and partners

Risk Management

- Risk management begins by making a risk assessment to identify and evaluate risks
- Risk can not be eliminated but Risk can be managed if identified
- To help understand risks ask "What if....?"
- Example:
 - OCopper Creek IHA is planning a new housing development using Force Account. They know a qualified construction manager is necessary for the success of the project. They have confidence in Max as the construction manager who is on staff and has a background as a successful contractor.
 - OWhat if Max wins the lottery and retires?

Risk Management

Risk Management Strategy for replacement of Construction Manager:

- Establish record keeping system with internal controls
- 2) Train foreman to be temporary acting construction manager
- 3) Discuss candidates for construction managers with the project architect to quickly fill the position with a qualified person if necessary

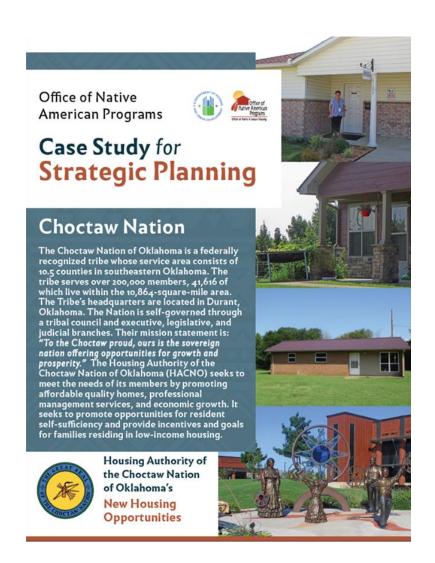
Evaluation and Monitoring

- Monitor progress
 - Implemented as designed?
 - On track?
 - Yielding the desired results?
- Adjust plan as necessary to ensure it is an effect management tool
- Identify how each change affects other components of the plan
- Hold people accountable
- Who is responsible for monitoring, compiling, and reporting?
- When does monitoring take place?
- How will adjustments be determined?

Evaluation and Monitoring

- If the goals are SMART, evaluation and monitoring progress should be straightforward because the following should be clear:
 - What should change
 - To what extent
 - By when
- Schedule brief weekly team meeting to monitor progress
- Follow up on issues in problem focused meetings with appropriate staff
- Communicate with leadership
- Celebrate success along the way!

Best Practice



Budget Monitoring

- Get budget control reports monthly
- Compare budget to expenditures
- Were cost estimates accurate?
- Are contingency funds adequate?
- Compare expenditures to progress for the activity to inform determination if the budgeted amount is sufficient

Evaluation and Monitoring

Strategy updates and reports might call for:

- The responsibility party/lead for each strategy to update report sections regarding their respective strategies
- One person to coordinate the overall update/report

Examples of reports include:

- Dashboard reports on the status
- Spotlight reports
 - Green for strategies that are on target
 - Yellow for strategies behind schedule
 - Red for strategies with serious problems

Reports might consist of:

- Weekly, monthly, quarterly reports on activities for that time period
- Semi-annual reviews during management and/or board meetings
- Comprehensive reviews at annual board/staff meetings/retreats

Feedback Loop

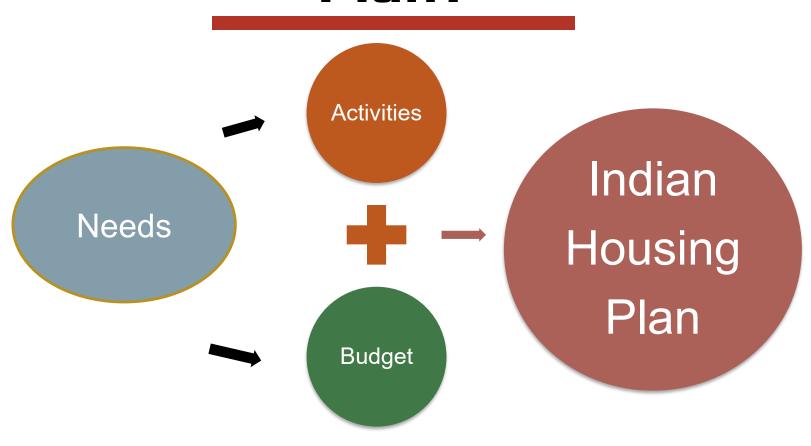


Sample Strategic Plan:

City of Tallahassee, Florida



What is an Indian Housing Plan?



Indian Housing plan

- To receive the annual Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), the recipient must submit their Indian Housing Plan (IHP) 75 days prior to the beginning of its Fiscal Year
- The IHP is prepared by completing HUD Form 52737
- IHP reports on anticipated availability of funds & planned uses of funds for the up-coming Program Year

Indian Housing plan

- IHP includes descriptions and budget amounts for all IHBG activities and expenditure planned for the recipient's upcoming year
- Use of funds is limited to the activities included in the IHP
- IHP applies to one 12-month period and is not applicable to past or future periods
- IHBG that are unspent at the end of the year are rolled into the next year for use

Indian Housing plan

 The maximum expenditure for Administrative and Planning costs is based on the amount of the grant or expenditures:

Planning & Administration Spending Cap

\$500,000 or less 30%

More than \$500,000 20%

Administrative and Planning Expenses

- Reference Notice PIH 2014-15
- Overall administration and management
- Monitoring & evaluation
- IHP & APR preparation
- Formula challenge preparation
- Development of a comprehensive housing strategy or a community development plan

Administrative and Planning Expenses

Recipients have the option of expensing overhead and administrative costs directly related to carrying out affordable housing activities, programs and projects to:

- 1. Administration and Planning, or
- 2. As a direct cost to the affordable housing activity



To effectively manage your programs and projects you need cost and performance data



By collecting data for each individual activity, cost and output data for activities can be compared



Cost and performance data enables managers to perform cost/benefit analysis



TIP! If a recipient chooses to charge the direct administration costs of an affordable housing activity as administrative and planning, the cost of developing or operating the activity will be understated

- Classify planning activities:
 - Costs for developing the comprehensive housing strategy or community development plan must be expensed to Planning and Administration
 - Costs for planning affordable housing activities may be expensed as a direct housing activity cost if the activity is included in the IHP

- The IHP reflects activities, performance goals and expenditures for one program year
- The HUD-approved IHP provides budget authority for the designated activities for one program year
- The list of tasks and schedule developed for your plan is a template for future IHPs

It is critical to plan and budget for the implementation of all plan components:

- Construction: the most expensive component of a plan but the success of the activity relies on other factors as well
- Occupancy: Recruiting, qualifying, selecting and preparing suitable families
- Administration: Staff training, development of policies and procedures
- Partnerships: Building and defining partnerships which will support the housing activity

Planning for operations are as important as planning for development:

- Estimate operating income and expenditures
- Determine subsidy funding needed annually for the sustainable operation of the activity
- If IHBG is used for financing operations the activity must be incorporated in the IHP annually

IHBG is an excellent funding source for leveraging and gap financing because:

- 1. The use of the funds for affordable housing activities is very flexible
- 2. The funds are provided annually
- 3. They can be used as a match for other funding courses
- 4. They can be partnered with loans and programs

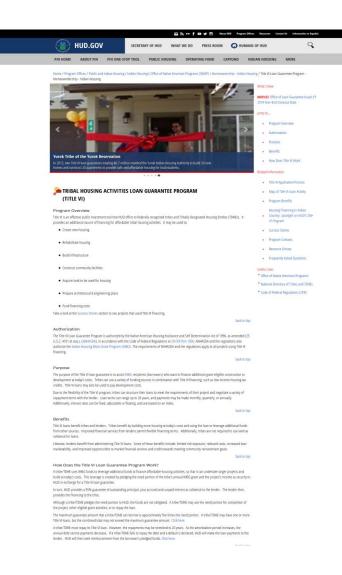
Title VI Loan Guarantee Program

Financing up to 5 times the annual needs formula allocation

Up to 20-year repayment

Can be used for any NAHASDA activity

Excellent source of construction financing



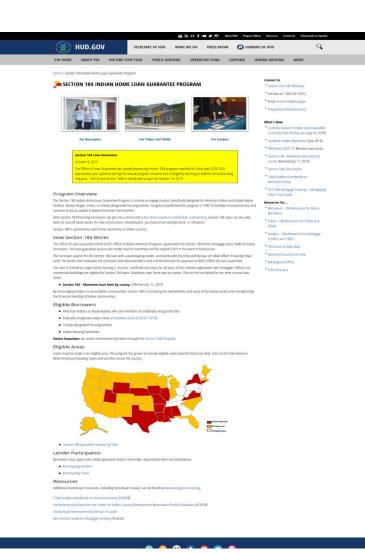
Section 184 Home loan guarantee Program

Eligible borrowers include Tribal members, Tribes, and TDHEs

Can be used for Trust and Fee-Simple Lands

Can be used for new construction and acquisition

Lower cost loans without credit score requirements



Wrap Up Discussion

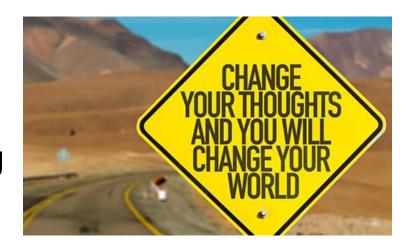


Strategic Planning Principles

- Strategic Planning is shaped by your values & mission
- 2) Involve everyone in the community in the process
- 3) Keep your process open & share your information
- Keep a record of your planning process
- 5) Use existing information and resources
- 6) Build on existing plans
- 7) Establish goals and measures of success Be ambitious and realistic
- 8) Success requires persistence and patience
- 9) Celebrate achievement of milestones along the way
- 10) To make it happen, DEMAND respect for the plan

Change Principles

- 1. Open up to change
- 2. Expect it will be hard
- 3. Find value in other points of view
- 4. Respond instead of reacting
- 5. Recognize limitations
- 6. Avoid perfection paralysis
- 7. Do the important first, not last



Course Summary

- 1) Identify the advantages of creating a strategic plan for IHBG grantees
- 2) Describe the step-by-step process in creating a strategic plan
- 3) Explore sources and uses of data
- 4) Provide essential elements for effective plan implementation
- 5) Share case studies of successful housing efforts based on strategic plans in Tribal communities

THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS GETTING STARTED!



The end!

Good luck with you planning!

Questions???

Thank you!