

TRIBAL AGENCY

Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority is a Tribal Governmental Agency. It was established in 1979 to access, construct and manage housing for member Tribes. The Tribal governments that have appointed Northern Circle as their Tribally Designated Housing Entity participate in organizational decisions on the Board of Commissioners. Each member Tribe appoints two commissioners to the board.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

NCIHA manages two programs on reservation. These are the Rental and Mutual Help (Home ownership) programs. Structurally, the houses are the same for each type of program; the distinction has more to do with how the unit is managed. The **Rental** program offers the benefits of subsidized utilities and maintenance. The **Mutual Help** program offers an opportunity for the participant to own their own home, while demanding a higher level of commitment for Maintenance and upkeep of the home.

In recognition of diverse Tribal housing needs. Northern Circle and its member tribes have developed other housing programs and services. These include off-reservation tenant based rental and down payment assistance programs and rehabilitation or replacement of homes both on and off reservation. NCIHA is a HUD approved housing counseling agency providing financial literacy and first time homebuyer's education.

NCIHA assists participants in understanding the requirements of the housing programs that are guided by Federal regulations. NCIHA strives to identify funding sources and financing opportunities to provide housing assistance for native families.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Northern Circle has worked with member tribes to develop, construct, and manage over 350 homes on 11 Reservations. Tribes who have participated in NCIHA's housing and program services are Berry Creek, Dry Creek, Guidville, Hopland, Laytonville, Manchester/Point Arena, Mooretown, Pinoleville, Redwood Valley, Robinson, Sherwood Valley, Rumsey and Stewarts Point.

The Northern Circle Board and staff work jointly with Tribal Leaders to address community issues. The development of housing for tribes provides the nucleus for cultural and social revitalization of their communities. It is our common goal to create safe and healthy communities for families to live in and raise their children.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE ?

Native American families and individuals that belong to NCIHA member Tribes are eligible to apply for housing with Northern Circle. Applicants must be able to substantiate their need for housing, meet income eligibility requirements, regulatory guidelines and tribal residency standards.

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**Northern Circle Member Tribes
On Reservation Managed Housing**

Butte County

1. Berry Creek Rancheria (28 Homes)
2. Mooretown Rancheria (59 Homes)

Mendocino County

3. Hopland Reservation (20 Homes)
4. Manchester/Pt. Arena Rancheria (39 Homes)
5. Redwood Valley Reservation (9 Homes)
6. Sherwood Valley Rancheria (32 Homes)
7. Guidiville Rancheria (19 Homes)



Northern Circle's Mission Statement

*To help Tribal Governments with the
development of their communities.
To do so in a way that is consistent with the
Tribe's social, cultural and economic values.
To alleviate some of the effects of poverty by
providing quality housing for Native Americans
in Northern California*

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