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A plan for the use and distribution of \$300,000 awarded to the Shawnee Indians by the Indian Claims commission is being published in the Federal Register, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The award represents additional compensation for some 24,000 acres of land in Kansas sold in 1869.

According to the plan, approved by Congress and made effective March 5, 1976, approximately 40 percent of the award will go to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the balance to the Cherokee Band of Shawnee.

Twenty percent of the funds allotted to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will be held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior, with other funds of the tribe, to be used for a tribal burial assistance program and other tribal Purposes. The rest will be distributed on a per capita basis to tribal members.

A per capita distribution of all the award funds for the Cherokee Band will be made.
