

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Natural Resources (TPA)

Type of Funding: Recurring (Base) funding/Recurring (Non Base)

Funding Authority/Responsibility: 25 U.S.C. 13 (The Snyder Act of November 2, 1921), 42 Stat. 208, Pub.L. 67-85; 90 Stat. 2233, Pub.L. 94-48 25 U.S.C. 450 (The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), 88 Stat. 2203, Pub.L. 93-638, Pub.L. 100-472; 102 Stat. 2285, Pub.L. 103-413.2.

The Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services has responsibility for this funding.

Criteria: The overall Trust Natural Resources Management program fulfills Indian trust responsibilities through the strategy of improved management, protection, and development of Indian land and natural resource assets.

Non Base: Youth Program Funding that supports various tribal youth programs that promote interest in pursuing career opportunities within the various areas of natural resources management is also included on this line. These programs ensure qualified candidates for a future workforce while instilling a respect for all natural resources and an appreciation of the importance of natural resources to tribal culture and livelihood. This funding is not distributed to tribes, but is used for operation and management of the youth programs.

Distribution Process:

Youth Program funding is distributed to the Office of Trust Services Fund Center. (within 5 days of apportionment)

Indian Affairs OBPM transmits TPA Recurring Base funds to the appropriate BIA Region or to the Office of Self Governance (OSG) for distribution to the agency and tribal level. (within 5 days of apportionment)

Regional Processing:

- Indian Self Determination (ISD) Awarding Official negotiates terms, conditions of award, including payments. They calculate Contract Support Costs and prepare contract award/modifications in PRISM. (within 5 days)
- The ISD Awarding Official prints and mails the award/modification to tribe for review and acceptance. (within 5 days)
- Tribal elected official approves award/modification and returns the documentation to the Region/Agency.
- The ISD Awarding Official executes the award/modification and releases the obligation in PRISM. PRISM interfaces with ASAP and funds are available to tribes. (within 3 days of receipt of signed document)

OSG Processing:

- Once both OSG and OBPM are in agreement with the distribution list, a FED document is processed to OSG for fund distribution. (within 3 business days.)
- OSG will process the FED, subsequent PR, and obligate funding. (within 7 business days.)

Tribes log into ASAP to draw funds into their account.