

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Navajo-Hopi Settlement Program

Type of Funding: Non-Recurring/Tribal Priority & Settlement Based

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. 94-482. 25 U.S.C. 5108 et seq. (The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934), 48 Stat. 984, Pub.L. 73-383; Pub.L. 103-263. 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; Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act of 1974, as amended Pub.L. 93-531.

The Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services (OTS) is responsible for this funding.

Criteria for Distribution:

Funds for this program support the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Office that ensures the enforcement of activities related to the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act of 1974, as amended (Public Law 93-531), and providing for the management, protection, and preservation of agricultural and rangeland resources on the Navajo and Hopi Partitioned Lands. The Program provides support to the tribes, and to Indian farmers and ranchers in several major areas. The BIA and Public Law 93-638 contracted staff provides support in the area of Agricultural and Range management. Soil surveys, periodic rangeland vegetation inventories, annual range utilization studies, and land-use suitability evaluations are provided to relevant BIA and tribal staff to support planning, management, and administrative decision making. Technical assistance is also made available to Indian landowners, tribal government entities, and land users to develop, update, and amend programmatic Agricultural and Integrated Resource Management Plans, along with individual unit/permittee conservation plans. The program works with tribal officials and resource users to determine rangeland infrastructure needs and to plan, engineer and implement rangeland improvements. The program budget supports the maintenance of specified livestock water developments, mediator and other livestock control fencing, and incidental improvement maintenance and implementation. Rangeland insect-pest control, noxious weed and other invasive species management, and trespass livestock actions are also integral parts of this activity.

Distribution Process:

- Upon apportionment, OBPM moves Non-base funding to the Office of Trust Services. (within 5 days)
- OTS Division Chief, Program Management prepares FED for the Navajo Region and obtains signatures and submits the Regional FED to OBPM. (within 5 days)
- OBPM processes funds to the Navajo Region. (within 3 days)
- Navajo region allocates funds to the Navajo-Hopi office. (within 3 days)