

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: New Tribes (TPA)

Type of Funding: Recurring (Non-Base) funding distributed by the program

Funding Authority/Responsibility:

25 U.S.C. 450 (The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), 88 Stat. 2203, *Public Law* 93-638, *Public Law* 100-472; 102 Stat. 2285, *Public Law* 103-413.

The Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, is the SubAllottee and is responsibility for the funding.

Criteria for Distribution:

The New Tribe program provides funding (dependent upon enacted appropriations) to support new Federally recognized Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regions and/or Agencies which will service them in their respective administrative areas. To determine the level of funding to provide to the newly recognized Tribe, the distribution formula effected for Small and Needy Tribes will be utilized and is as follows¹:

Each new Tribe with a population up to

- 1,700 will receive a funding level of \$160,000;
- a population between 1,701 to 3,500 will receive a funding level of \$320,000; and
- for a population in excess of 3,500, the funding level will be determined on a case by case basis.

The designated funding level remains in the New Tribes line item for three fiscal years at which time the funding is then base transferred to establish the Tribe's Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) Program under the Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) budget category.

Distribution Process:

- Once apportionment is approved by the Office of Management & Budget (OMB), the Office of Budget & Performance Management (OBPM) distributes funding to the OIS to the budget address. (within 3 days of apportionment).
- The OIS prepares a Funding Document to allocate the funding to the designated Tribe(s) and the appropriate Region(s), if applicable (within 3 days of notice of availability).
- The OIS sends the Funding Document to the OBPM for processing (within 4 days).

Regional Processing:

- Indian Self Determination (ISD) Awarding Official negotiates terms, conditions of award, including payments. They 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)

¹ Unless otherwise directed in appropriations language/law for that Fiscal Year.

- 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)