

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Claims and Treaty Obligations

Type of Funding: Court Ordered Payments (Treaty/Settlements)

Funding Authority/Responsibility: Treaties with the Seneca Tribes of Indians of New York per the Act of February 19, 1831 (4 Stat. 442); Treaties with the Six Nations of New York comprised of the Seneca, Tonawanda Band of Seneca, Tuscarora, Onondaga, Oneida, and Cayuga Tribes per the Treaty of November 11, 1794, and the Act of February 25, 1799 (1 Stat. 618, 619); Treaties with the Pawnees of Oklahoma per the Treaty of September 24, 1857, Article 2 (11 Stat. 729).

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

Criteria for Distribution: The Claims and Treaty Obligations funds are distributed according to the signed legal agreements to allow annual payments to fulfill continuing treaty requirements.

Distribution:

- Upon apportionment the Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) moves Claims and Treaty Obligations funding as a whole from the budget address directly to the Office of Trust Services, who is responsible for making distribution to the Tribes.
- OTS will prepare a FED (funding document) to distribute funding (within 10 days of funding receipt) to the following regions:
 - Southern Plains
 - Midwest
 - Eastern
- OTS will have the FED signed by the Deputy Director, OTS. (Within 2 days)
- OTS will send FED to OBPM, Execution for processing. (Within 1 day of signature)
- OBPM, Execution will process the FED to the regions (Within 3 days)

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)