

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) (TPA)

Type of Funding: Recurring (Base)

Funding Authority/Responsibility: P.L. 95-608; 92 Stat 3069

The Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Indian Services is the Sub Allottee and is responsible for the funds.

Criteria for Distribution:

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued a Federal Register notice announcing the noncompetitive award procedures for Title II ICWA grant funds under the revised 25 CFR part 23. The ICWA distribution formula became effective on February 14, 1994.

The March 24, 1994, Federal Register announcement established the ICWA allocation methodology and initiated the noncompetitive distribution of ICWA grant funds to tribes. The announcement required self-governance and contract tribes to submit a three-year (Fiscal Year (FY) 1994 through FY 1996) application and program plan, which was approved by the respective Area Director or Agency Superintendent in accordance with 25 CFR 23.43.

The distribution of ICWA grant funding to tribal governments has since coincided with the Federal Government's fiscal year cycle and tribes have received ICWA funds in the tribal priority allocation (TPA) part of tribe's budget system. Indian Affairs conducted Tribal Consultation and tribes determined that ICWA grants funding would be allocated based on each eligible tribe's service area population. The announcement also required the distribution of all ICWA funding.

Any general increase to funding will be distributed on a pro-rata basis.

Distribution Process:

Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) distributes base funding directly to the regions and OSG tribal fund centers for processing to the tribes.

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 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.