

## FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

**Program:** Land Title and Records Offices (LTRO)

**Type of Funding:** Recurring (ROP 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. 94-482; 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. 25 U.S.C. § 4 (The Act of July 26, 1892) 27 Stat. 272. 25 U.S.C. § 5 (The Act of July 26, 1892) 27 Stat. 272; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 approved June 20, 1949 (64 Stat. 1262). 25 U.S.C. § 6 (The Act of July 26, 1892) 27 Stat. 273. 25 USCS § 7 (The Act of July 26, 1892) 27 Stat. 273; June 6, 1972, Pub.L. 92-310, Title II, Part 2, § 229(b), 86 Stat. 208. 25 USCS § 8 (The Act of July 9, 1832) 4 Stat. 564. 25 U.S.C. § 9 (The Act of June 30, 1834), 4 Stat. 738. 25 USCS § 11 (March 3, 1911) 36 Stat. 1069. 25 USCS § 355 (The Act of April 26, 1906), 34 Stat. 137; (The Act of May 27, 1908), 35 Stat. 312; (The Act of August 1, 1914), 38 Stat. 582, 598 deal specifically with land records of the Five Civilized Tribes.

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

**Criteria:** The LTRO program provides for the day-to-day operation and maintenance costs of nine Federal and ten tribal title offices. The LTROs record, conveyance and encumbrance documents affecting title to all trust and restricted Indian land and perform detailed examinations renew chain title to determine ownership, identify defects, seek corrections, certify current ownership, issue Title Status Reports (TSR's) and respond to legal inquiries. These offices render support to all 12 BIA Regions and 85 BIA Agencies, the BIA's Land Buy Back for Tribal Nations Acquisition Center, OST and to other Federal agencies who deliver trust services including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the mortgage industry.

### **Distribution Process:**

#### **ROP Base funding:**

- OBPM distributes LTRO funding for regional LTROs through the Regional Operational Program table. Upon apportionment, OBPM moves the funding directly out to the regions. (within 5 days)
- The LTRO funding for tribal LTROs is distributed to Regions and OSG for distribution. (within 5 days)

#### **Regional Processing:**

- For Tribal programs, 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 5 days of receipt)

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**OSG Processing:**

- For Tribal programs, 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.