FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Agriculture (TPA)

Type of Funding: Recurring (Base) Funding and Recurring (Non Base) Funding

Funding Authority/Responsibility: 25 CFR 166, 25 U.S.C. 3701 (American Indian Agriculture Resource Management Act), 107 Stat. 2011, Pub.L. 103-177; 25 U.S.C. §Act August 1955 (Long Term Leasing Act; 25 U.S.C. §3701 et seq, Act of December 3, 1993 (American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act) as amended; 25 U.S.C. §3711 Management of Indian Farmlands and Rangelands; 25 U.S.C. §3713 Indian Agricultural Lands Trespass Act, December 3, 1993; 7 U.S.C. §2814 Management of Undesirable Plants on Federal Lands; 7 U.S.C. §7781-7786 The Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004; 7 U.S.C. §7701 et seq., The Plant Protection Act of 2000; 25 CFR 162 Leases and Permits

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

The majority of Agriculture funding is Recurring Base which is distributed based on historical tribal shares or initial program criteria that established fixed funding levels that are provided at the same level, plus any fixed costs, each year. These funds are distributed by the Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) directly to the regions and tribal fund centers for processing to the tribes.

The Non-Base Agriculture funding is distributed to the Office of Trust Services, who is responsible for coordinating all calculations and distribution to the regions.

Criteria for Distribution:

Student Intern Program: Student positions are posted on USA Jobs in the Spring for Fall Semester and students apply for the positions. A portion of funding is retained at central office and is transferred to the Pathways program to cover the anticipated cost of the Agriculture interns. Salish Kootenai manages the intern program through 638 contract

Rangeland Management: Inventory and Planning Funding -- Regional Agriculture Range Managers assess non-base projects aligned by tribal priority and identify distributions. A joint session of regional range managers is held to outline all priority levels and projects to be funded and forwarded to the Central Office Program. Final fund amounts are conveyed to Central Office Trust Services. Central Office Program funds all #1 ranked projects, then #2 and so on until all funding is depleted.

Distribution Process:

Recurring Funds:

Indian Affairs OBPM transmits TPA Recurring Base funds to the appropriate BIA Region or to the Office of Self Governance (OSG). (within 5 days of apportionment)

Non Recurring Funds:

Student Intern Program

- Once the allocation is determined, the Salish Kootenai contract is modified with annual funding. (within 10 days)

Range Management

- PM receives distribution requests from the regions and prepares FEDs for distribution (within 2 days).

- PM submits the Regional FED to OBPM for execution to the appropriate BIA Region. (within 3 days)

- PM submits OSG FED to OSG for approval and submission to OBPM for execution. (within 3 days)

- OBPM moves the funding to OSG for processing to the tribes. (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)

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.