

## FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

**Program:** Land Records Improvement (LRI) Regional Program

**Type of Funding:** Recurring (Non Base) - Formula

**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.

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

### **Criteria for Distribution:**

Specific to the Alaska Region and this account, processing of documents, transactions and other related trust management activities are associated with the Alaska Native Allotment Act of 1906, which allows for eligible Alaska Natives to apply and receive a restricted fee allotment. At the Alaska Regional Office level, the LRI program funds cover the costs of issuing allotment certificates for ownership and all associated work to complete the allotment application process; this includes, but is not limited to, site visits, surveys, title work, adjudication, and litigation.

This budget item also supports Geographic Information System (GIS) Legal Land description clean up through a Central Office National GIS Contract, Information For The Nation (IFTN). The contract is used to address legal land description data discrepancy clean up and mapping for TAAMS. The program completes Data Quality & Integrity Transactions (DQ & IT) for legal land descriptions. This work also supports the TAAMS map viewer which allows program level staff and tribes to view and print maps from TAAMS that can be shared with landowners and managers to make informed decisions regarding energy, infrastructure and land resources.

### **Distribution Process:**

- Upon apportionment, OBPM moves full funding to the Office of Trust Services. (within 5 days)

#### Alaska Region:

- OTS Division Chief, Program Management prepares FEDs and obtains signatures and submits the Regional FED to OBPM. (within 5 days)
- OBPM processes funds to the Alaska Region (within 3 days)

#### Information For The Nation (IFTN):

- Program Coordination prepares necessary RSA and PR is entered into FBMS by OTS and placed on hold. (within 14 days)
- Hardcopy RSA is forwarded to DOI and OBPM for approval.
- OBPM provides signature approval and forwards hardcopy back to OTS.
- OTS attaches hardcopy to FBMS PR and Budget provides FBMS supervisory and funds certification.
- Document is then forwarded to CFO within FBMS for processing to DOI.