

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Forestry Projects

Type of Funding: Non-Recurring (one-time) – 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. 94-48 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. 103-413.2; National Indian Forest Resource Management Act (NIFRMA) 25 U.S.C. Sec. 3117, Pub. L. 101-630, title III, Sec. 318

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

Criteria for Distribution:

Upon apportionment, OBPM moves Forestry Projects funding as a whole from the budget address directly to the Office of Trust Services. The Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management (DFWFM) determines amounts to be allocated to each sub-activity based on internally-determined priorities, a formula driven by the DFWFM under the Office of Trust Services. When sub-activity funding amounts are determined, DFWFM is then responsible for calculating Regional allocation amounts and preparing a FED document to move funding to the regions and Self-Governance as appropriate.

Forestry Projects funding is allocated to Regions in one of 4 sub-activities as follows:

<u>Functional Area</u>	<u>Sub-activity Name</u>
A0N3E1010	Forest Development
A0N3E2020	Forest Management Inventory and Planning
A0N3E3030	Woodlands Management
A0N3E5050	Timber Harvest Initiative

Each sub-activity is allocated through a specific mechanism that is either based on a formula *or based on indicated need from project proposals submitted by the Regions* in accordance with the processes described in 53 IAM and its associated Handbooks.

Forest Development (A0N3E1010) funds are allocated to the Regions by formula. The amount allocated for each Region is calculated by the following.

$$FD \text{ Amount} = \text{Base Funding} + 0.5(\text{Commercial Timber Acreage}) + 0.1(\text{Inventory of Need}) + 0.4(\text{3 year Average Acres Accomplished})$$

Forest Management Inventory and Planning (A0N3E2020) funds are allocated to the Regions by formula. The amount allocated for each Region is calculated by the following.

$$FMIP \text{ Amount} = ((\text{3 year Average Funding}) + \text{Current Year Need})/2$$

Woodlands Management (A0N3E3030) funds are allocated to the Regions by formula. The amount allocated for each Region is calculated by the following.

$$WM \text{ Amount} = 3 \text{ year Average Funding}$$

Note: this formula will be replaced soon. A new allocation formula is being developed. The new formula will provide a base amount of funding to Regions with high numbers of forest acres classified as Woodlands plus additional amounts based on previous funding levels; number of Woodlands acres; and current year need.

Timber Harvest Initiative (A0N3E5050) funds are allocated to the Regions by formula. The amount allocated for each Region is calculated by the following.

$$THI \text{ Amount} = ((3 \text{ Year Average Funding}) + (\text{Current Year Need}))/2$$

Distribution Process:

Prior fiscal year:

- In the months prior to receiving the next FY funding, DFWFM staff evaluate program implementation through site visits and conversations with Regional Forestry staff in consideration of program goals and priorities.
- September – DFWFM staff discuss any minor changes to allocation of Forestry Projects funds among sub-activities.

Current fiscal year:

- October 1 – Base funding amounts for each sub-activity are transmitted to the Regions.
- By November 15 – Regions and Agencies report prior year project accomplishments and current year project proposals in Forest Information Reporting Statistics & Tracking (FIRST) database.
- By December 1 – DFWFM staff calculate Regional allocations using the formulas outlined above.
- By December 20 – DFWFM staff meet to discuss any minor alterations to calculate amounts based on current year priorities, special initiatives, and indicated need from project proposals submitted by the Regions.
- By December 31 – Balance of funding amounts for each sub-activity are transmitted to the Regions and OSG.
- By January 31 – Regional Forestry staff transmit funding to individual Agencies and to OSG for any funding that was not sent directly to OSG.
- Agency staff and OSG transmit funds to tribal programs through Self-Determination contracts.

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.