

# FY 2019 ALASKA TRIBAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

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# Aid to Tribal Government

An increase in funding would allow the governing bodies of the 228-Alaska Tribes to provide better services to their members. Tribes typically use this funding to perform critical roles of tribal government:

- ▶ Constitutional document development and maintenance
- ▶ Maintain membership records
- ▶ Tribal Elections
- ▶ Daily administrative functions



# Indian Child Welfare Act

- ▶ ICWA creates protection programs to strength families, so children are not removed by the state, due to abuse and neglect
- ▶ ICWA funding has stayed stagnant with no significant increase since 1994.
- ▶ The Tribal caseload is 3-times greater, and more complex.
- ▶ The level of funding on average is \$30,000.00, which is inadequate.





# In Alaska - Basic Food & Items Costs:

	Petersburg	Fairbanks Native Association	Unalakleet	Iliamna	Kwigillingok	Mekoryuk	Valdez
Milk	6.45 Gallon	\$4.18 gallon	\$6.85	\$4.39 qt	\$4.15	\$3.79 Real Fresh	4.59
Coffee	\$15.19	\$5.53	\$19.89	\$14.99	\$19.65	18.09	16.49 2lb.
Airfare RT to Anchorage	\$457	\$204	\$258	\$495	\$646	\$994	\$480
Gasoline	\$4.46	\$2.84	\$3.94	\$4.88	\$4.65	\$5.45	\$4.16
Heating	\$2.88	\$2.48	\$3.94	\$4.58	\$3.95	\$4.55	\$2.79

# Housing Improvement Program

*BIA IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS WE CONTINUE TO COMPLETE RENOVATION AND NEW HOUSE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT ALASKA.*

*There are four categories of housing grants:*

- ***Category (A)** \$7,500 in safety or sanitation repairs to the house.*
- ***Category (B)** \$60,000 renovation. Which will bring your house to standard housing condition.*
- ***Category (C)** A modest house. Can only be provided once.*
- ***Category (D)** Assistance towards the purchase of a modest house. Maximum of \$75,000.*



# Housing Improvement Program

During FY 2016 the total number of Housing applications received in the AK Region is **1076**.

► FY 2016, the total number of applicants served with housing grants:

- ❖ Cat. A = **1**
- ❖ Cat. B = **3**
- ❖ Cat. C = **6**
- ❖ Cat. D = **3**

► **1076** eligible applicants divided by **13** projects = **1.2%** Served.





# Social Services

Fund increase would be used for:

- Provide consistent assistance for the children, family, and elders.
- Training tribal staff to operate the array of Social Service programs.
- Program operation instead of closing down when funds are exhausted or not to even start a program due to very little funds.



# Small and Needy

Increase in Small and Needy funds will support the tribe's ability to provide a viable self-governance. Receiving the intended minimum basic base rate of \$300,000 per Small and Needy Tribe is needed. This will increase the Tribes ability to create a stable tribal government, and exercise their authority as sovereign nations.





# FY 2019 Unfunded Obligation's

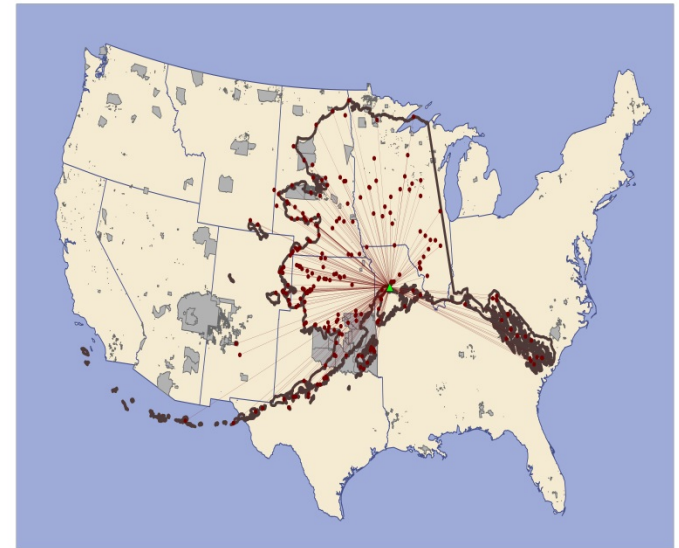
FY-2019 Budget Formulation Survey "Unfunded Obligation"		
Functional Areas selected by each Tribe completing survey.		
Program	Program Name	Score
A0T90	Aid to Tribal Government (TPA) ***	1
A0H90	Social Services (TPA)	2
A0H92	Indian Child Welfare Act (TPA)	3
A0T97	Small & Needy Tribes (TPA)	4
A0E90	Johnson-O'Malley Assistance Grants (TPA)	5
A0J90	Tribal Courts (TPA)	6
A0E93	Scholarships & Adult Education (TPA)	7
A0H93	Housing Improvement Program (TPA) ***	8
A0C90	Job Placement and Training	9
A0C91	Economic Development	10





# 228 Tribes

In the Alaska Region



# 142 Tribes Participated

In the budget survey



# 62% of our Tribes Responded