

FY 2018 ALASKA TRIBAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

TRIBAL INTERIOR BUDGET COUNCIL

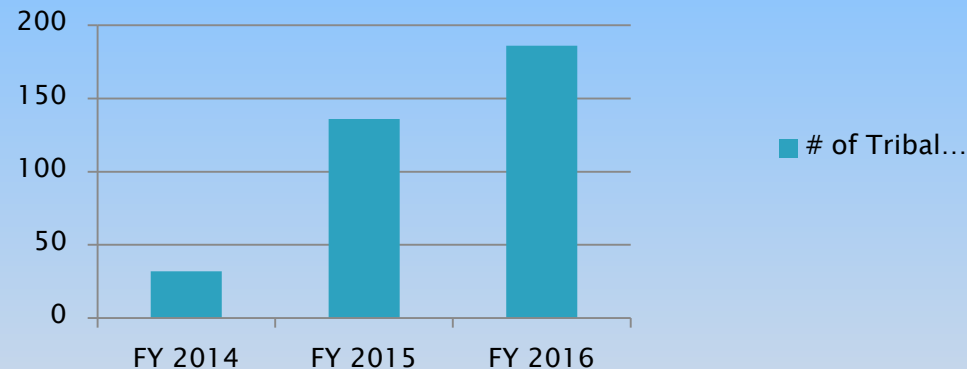
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Alaska Region's 2nd year doing our on-line budget survey, and we received an increased participation of 38% from last year!

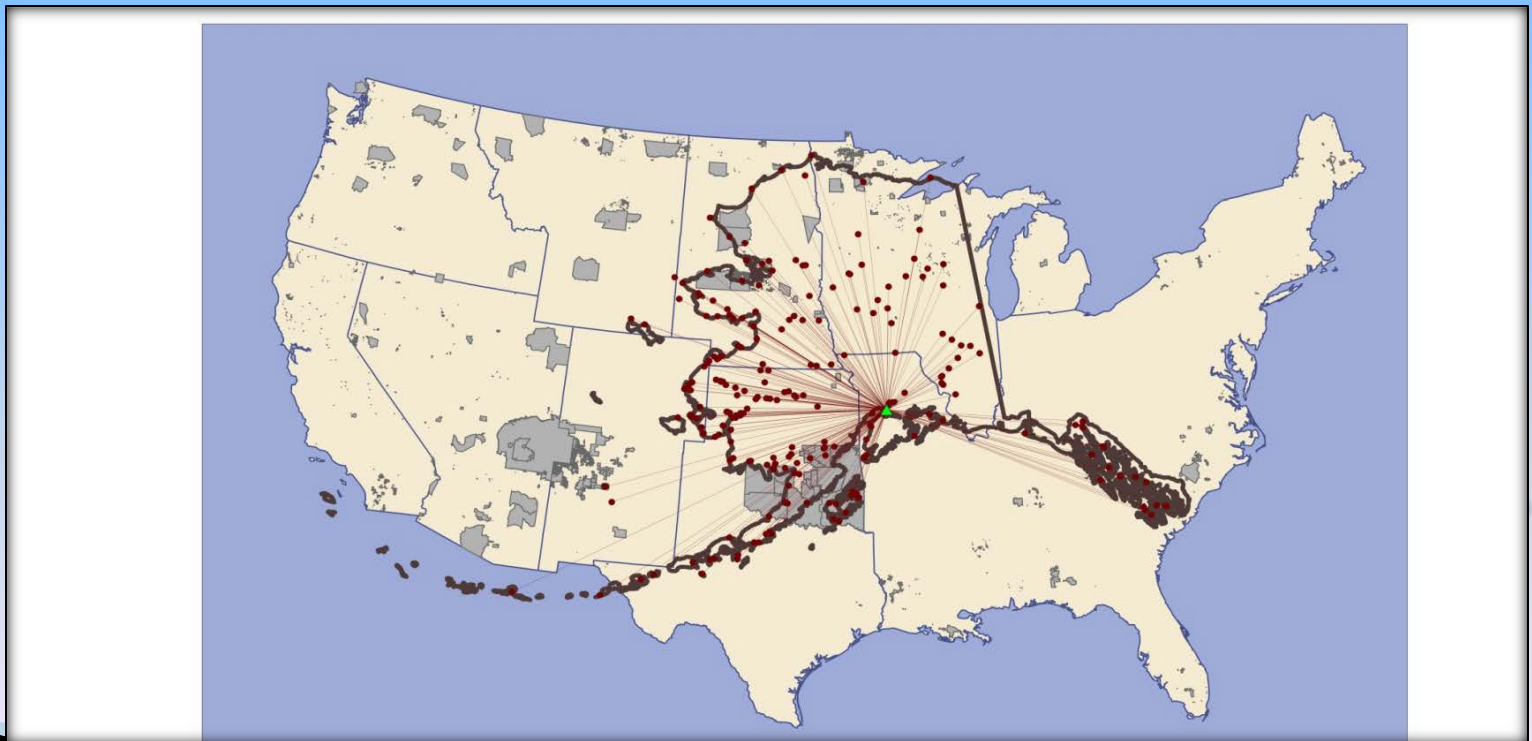
**Alaska Region
186-Tribal
Priority Responses**



Link to the Survey –
<http://bit.ly/alaskabudgetsurvey>



- Alaska Natives represent 15% of the total state population (as of 2015 the state population was 737,625, Alaska Native population was 109,218).
- The Alaska Tribes make up approximately 40 % of the U.S. federally recognized tribes.
- Typical Alaska villages are located off the road system with less than 300 residents.



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. A majority of the Tribes have constitutions that were adopted in the 1930's and 1940's. The Tribes have expressed the need and requested training on constitutional review and the need of maintaining their membership records.

Developing tribal ordinances for various tribal functions. This will assist the Tribes to have the ability to strengthen their governmental structures and exercise their sovereign powers for the benefit of their members.

Tribes typically use this funding to perform critical roles of tribal governance, including but not limited to, development and maintenance of tribal documents, developing tribal memberships, conducting tribal elections, and the daily administrative functions of the Tribe.



Economic Development

- ▶ Alaska Tribes face the same problems in developing an economy as we are geographically isolated, undeveloped, sparse populations and very limited infrastructure. With less than 31-acres of tribal trust land between 228-Tribes, resource development is a very limited economic avenue, and gaming is not an option at all.
- ▶ Without substantial increase of funding Alaska Tribes must rely on grant driven projects. For the Alaska Region, we received a total of \$16,203.00, small fraction of overall funds. Many tribes lack opportunity to establish economic development department's and adequate staffing, as needed.



Indian Child Welfare Act

- ▶ This program creates Tribally based 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 Child Welfare League of America determines caseloads standards to be 17 per worker in child welfare cases. The Tribal caseload is 3-times greater than the professional standard, and are more complex.
- ▶ The level of funding on average is \$30,000.00, which is inadequate.



Cost of Basic Food & Household Items

	Atmautluak	Noatak	Akiak	Kwethluk	Port Heiden	Hydaburg	Mekoryuk	Aniak	Iliamna
Milk	\$27.50 gallon	\$15.80 gallon	\$4.35 quart	\$2.69 can no fresh	\$5.00 quart	\$6.59 gallon	\$5.99 can no fresh	\$14.58 gallon	\$9.95 gallon
Ground Beef (lb)	\$6.29	\$7.35	\$5.00	\$7.25	\$4.28	\$6.69	\$6.89	\$5.69	\$8.25
Rice Macaroni	\$25.25 10 lb.	\$11.25 5 lb	\$10.00 4 lb	\$26.39 10 lb	\$16.40 10 lbs	\$3.99 ¼ lb	\$7.89 lb	\$26.36 10 lb	\$13.59 5 lb
Diapers	\$67.35 per 36 ct	\$15.55 per 8 ct	\$63.00 per 36 ct	\$40.55 per 100 ct	\$12.59 per 8 ct	\$15.15 per 23 ct	\$28.79 per 24 ct	\$71.99	\$35.00 per 36 ct
Baby Formula	\$29.75 per 12 bottles	\$22.59 12 bottles	\$30.00 12 bottles	\$25.29 12 bottles	\$33.26 12 bottles	\$21.99 12 bottles	\$43.19 12 bottles	\$54.29 12 bottles	\$29.75 12 bottles
Gasoline Heating	\$6.39 \$7.73	\$9.99 \$9.99	\$6.00 \$6.24	\$6.40 \$6.00	\$5.00 \$4.50	\$3.75 \$3.75	\$6.95 \$7.59	\$7.16 \$7.20	\$4.69 \$4.29
Coffee	\$22.64 2 lb	\$14.55 1 lb	\$24.00 1 lb	\$38.58 2 lb	\$13.77 1 lb	\$15.95 1 lb	\$21.00 1 lb	\$13.49 1 lb	\$14.95 1 lb

Housing Improvement Program

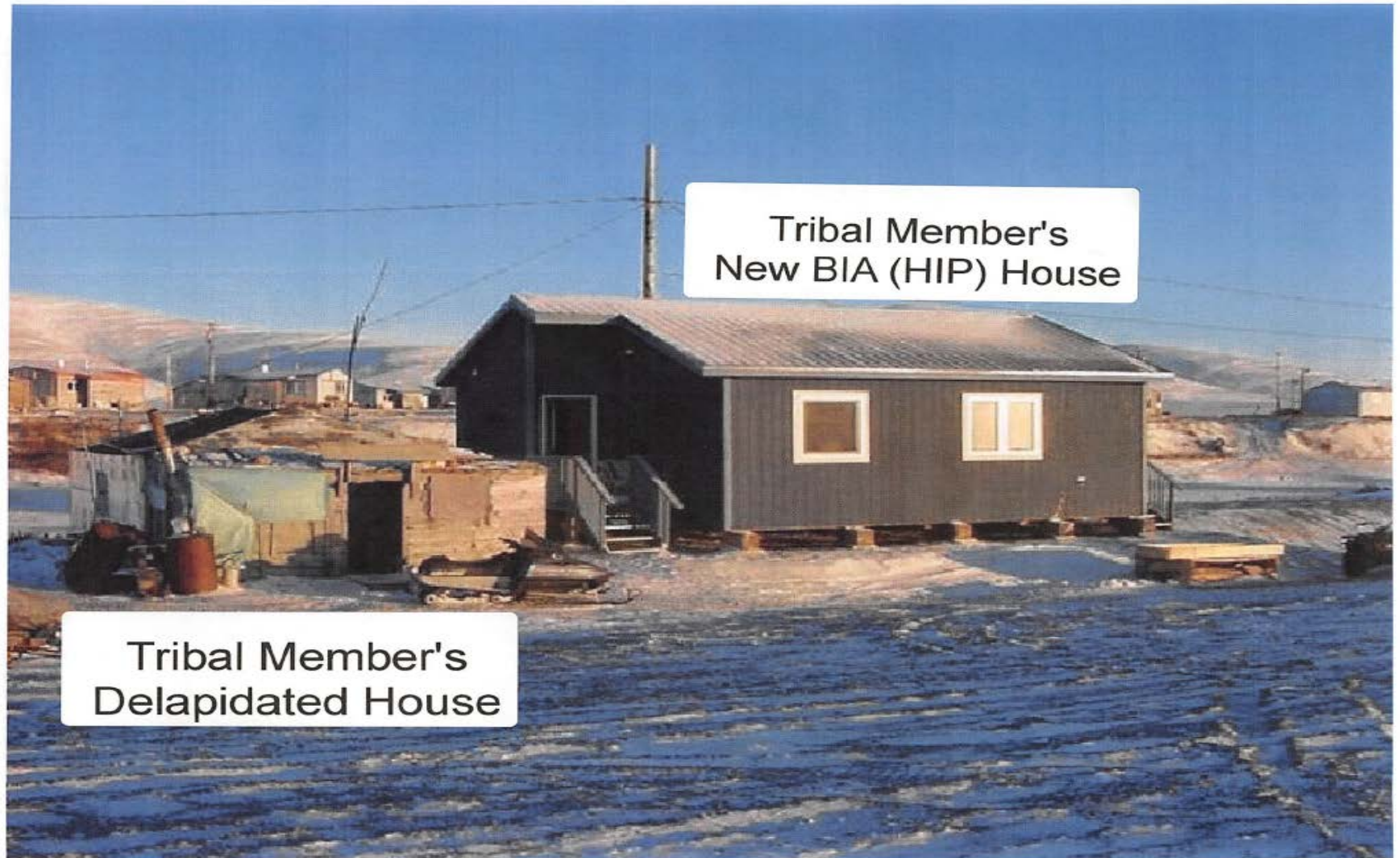
In FY-2015, 820 eligible tribal members in Alaska applied, and Seven Construction Projects were funded.

Increase in funds will provide for additional assistance in repair, rehabilitation, and new construction for those with limited income.

Due to isolated locations, cost of supplies, and the means to get them shipped are a huge cost, when building homes in the Alaska Region.



Housing Improvement Program



Unmet Obligations/Needs:

Job Placement and Training:

For 2015, unemployment rate in Alaska was 6.5% which is higher than the National average of 5.0%.

This program was designed for those with little or no work history. Budget survey identified Job Placement and Training (TPA) as an unmet obligation, and request \$508,000.00 for this unmet need. Alaska Region needs more funding in this area to help create the job and educational opportunities that can assist individuals in securing jobs at livable wages.

Tribal Courts:

In order to effectively return children to families, tribal courts need to be funded. At the Alaska Region, \$3,323.00 is the amount received, which is not sufficient. Budget survey identified Tribal Courts (TPA) as an unmet obligation, and request \$4,172,600.00 for this unmet need.



Unmet Obligations/Needs:

Scholarships and Adult Education:

On July 28, 2015, the Bureau of Indian Affairs established a new initiative called Indian Professional STEM (Scientific, Technical, Engineering, and Mathematics) Student Program. This was developed to grow our professional workforce exclusively for Indian Preference (IP), and opportunities, and obtaining employment at a living wage.

Budget survey identified Scholarships and Adult Ed (TPA) as an unmet obligation, and request \$305,000.00 for this unmet need. Alaska Region needs more funding in this area to help create educational opportunities that can assist individuals in securing jobs.

Small and Needy:

Still another unmet obligation/need here in Alaska. We want to see it increase to \$300K per Tribe. We have the most Tribes, in Alaska.





228 Tribes

In the Alaska Region



186 Tribes Participated

In the budget survey



82% of our Tribes Responded

Substantial Growth in Participation!