

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Water Resources (TPA)

Type of Funding: Recurring (Base) funding

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.

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

Criteria: The program provides base funding directly to tribes and field offices to assist in the efficient utilization of water assets. The program allows tribes and their regional offices to provide for the protection and management of their water resources. Funding is used for the administration and management of individual water programs and as support for participation in the process of asserting and adjudicating federally reserved water rights.

Distribution Process:

Upon apportionment, Indian Affairs OBPM transmits TPA Recurring Base funds to the appropriate BIA Region or to the Office of Self Governance (OSG) for distribution to the agency and tribal level. (within 5 days of apportionment)

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 fund 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.