

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Wildlife and Parks Program (TPA)

Type of Funding: Recurring (Base) Funding; Non Recurring (Youth) funding

Funding Authority/Responsibility: 16 U.S.C. 3631 (The U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty Act of 1985): 99

Stat. 7, Pub.L. 99-5. 16 U.S.C. 3101 (The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980), 94 Stat. 2430, Pub.L. 96-487. 42 U.S.C. 1966 (The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978), 92 Stat. 469, Pub.L. 95-341; 108 Stat. 3125, Pub.L. 103-344. 16 U.S.C. §§661-666c, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934. 16 U.S.C. §§703-711, Migratory Bird Hunting Act of 1918. 16 U.S.C. §742a-j, Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956. 16 U.S.C. §757a-f, Anadromous Fish Conservation Act of 1965. 16 U.S.C. §1271, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. 16 U.S.C. §§1531-1543, Endangered Species Act of 1973. 16 U.S.C. §1801, Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. 16 U.S.C. §3101, Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act of 1980. 25 U.S.C. §495, Annette Island Fishery Reserve Act of 1891. 25 U.S.C. §500, Reindeer Industry Act of 1937. 25 U.S.C. §677i, Ute Partition Act of 1954. 42 U.S.C. §1966, American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978. Pub.L. 100-581 (102 Stat. 2944), Fishing Sites Act of 1995.

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

Criteria for Distribution: These base funds support the Wildlife and Parks program at the agency or tribal level. Funding is provided to tribes based upon historically determined tribal shares.

Non-Base Youth Initiative Funding: Eligible projects will be ranked according to the degree to which they meet the following criteria:

- The extent to which a project engages tribal youth in natural resources management (number/age of youth, and the degree to which the material will motivate or otherwise support tribal youth on a path to a career in natural resources)
 - provides hands-on resource management activities
 - addresses recognized local resource management issues
 - addresses recognized broad-scale resource management issues
 - demonstrates interdisciplinary approach to resource management
 - accomplishes meaningful resource conservation/management results
- **Safety:** Applicants must demonstrate the prioritization of safety. Applicants must assume responsibility for working with tribal youth and demonstrate that participants will be provided a safe learning environment. This criterion must be addressed in the applicants' proposal. Describe steps that will be taken to ensure a safe environment (mentor/student ratio, supervision provided, past experience, accreditation, etc.).
- **Collaboration:** Applicants should show their investigation/pursuit of collaborating partners to maximize resources and partner participation (include letter of support for partnerships).
- **Cost Containment:** Proposals should show the extent to which applicant will provide a cost effective means of encouraging tribal youth to pursue careers in natural resources.
- **Reporting:** Applicants must commit to providing reports highlighting project successes by Sept. 1st of each year.

Distribution Process:

- For Base Funded TPA funding, the Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM)

transmits TPA funds to the appropriate BIA Region or to the Office of Self Governance (OSG). (within 5 days of apportionment)

- Non-Base funding is transferred to the Trust Services fund center. (within 5 days of apportionment)
- Central OTS DNR FWR Branch Chief conveys program non-base funding amounts to OTS Program Management (PM) Office for generation into FBMS Entry Document (FED). (within 3 days)
- PM prepares FEDs and obtains signatures and submits the Regional FED to OBPM and Office of Self-Governance (OSG) FED to OSG for approval. (within 2 days)
- OBPM processes funds to the appropriate BIA Region (within 3 days)
- OSG approves FED and submits to OBPM for processing (within 3 days).
- OBPM processes funds to OSG. (within 3 days)

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.