

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Tribal Resilience

Type of Funding: Non- Recurring -- Proposal Based – Grant Distributions

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, 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. Pub.L. 94-482.

The Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services has responsibility for these funds.

Criteria for Distribution: Tribal Resilience funding is primarily allocated to tribes and tribal organizations through a competitive grants process.

- The majority of program funding is allocated based on a competitive awarding process open to federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations.
- The criteria for allocation of the adaptation planning, training, and ocean and coastal funding categories (\$2M mandated by Congress to be distributed to tribes for ocean and coastal) are similar and based on the following:
 - Overall quality of design, potential for implementation, and incorporation of science features (0-50 points),
 - Capacity-building features (0-25 points), and
 - Strength of budget (0-25 points).
 - Supplemental points are provided based on
 - breadth of benefits (0-10 points),
 - leveraging of funds (0-10 points),
 - mention of Tribe’s high priority or urgency within existing national, regional, or statewide risk or threat assessment (0-5 point), and
 - whether or not the applicant was a capacity building awardee in previous award cycles (for adaptation planning category only) (0-10 points).
 - These criteria are applied by a team of reviewers and intended to allow for more adaptive program implementation and to most efficiently fund the most effective efforts. Applications are ranked and funded according to availability of funds.
- The criteria for allocation of the travel funding categories are as follows:
 - Aligns with information requested in solicitation (0-70 points)
 - Budget (0-30 points)
 - Supplemental points are provided based on:
 - Leveraging of funds (0-10 points)
 - Participant is elected leader or program coordinator (0-5 points)
 - Tribes has committed to developing plan (0-5 points)
- Apart from the annual awards program and criteria described above, Program priorities include financial and technical support and training for tribal staff and managers that enhance program planning for resilience. Efforts that affect the greatest number of tribes and programs are prioritized through the technical support
 - Training funds are expended via cooperative agreement through FBMS.

- Technical support funds through BIA-funded tribal resilience liaisons are expended via cooperative agreements through FBMS.
- TRP's contractor for geospatial services, or the competitive award funding is expended through an annual contract.
- The TRP moves \$10M to each BIA Region annually to fund climate priorities around the Region. Timing is dependent upon receipt of appropriations.
 - TRP sends a FED request with justifications to the OTS Budget Office. The BIA regional program have discretion to fund tribal climate priorities in the region (if they arise) or to fund the respective BIA Region's identified climate priorities.
- There is no sub-activity for these funds (Functional Area A0N33), they are all Tribal Resilience Funds.

Distribution Process:

Each fiscal year:

- 60-90 days Open solicitation process for grant proposals [Early spring]
- 45-60 days- Review and ranking process for the proposals [Summer]
- 14 days- Notify the Department (or D-BIA if following the Department's request to delegate review to D-BIA in 2019 cycle) about the list of potential awardees for review approval and award the grants to tribes and tribal organization
- Upon apportionment, Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) moves Tribal Resilience Program (TRP) funding as a whole from the budget address directly to the Office of Trust Services. (within 5 days)
- Obligate funds from TRP to tribes or organizations with the Regional BIA POC (for the TRP) serving as Bureau Project Officer (collateral duty position). The BIA Grants and Agreements Officer oversees all the grants. (30 to 45 days to process all)