

# Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula Allocation Program Critical Deadlines and Frequently Asked Questions

## Deadlines

August 1, 2018	Deadline to submit corrections to FY 2019 formula allocation estimates.
Spring 2019	Final FY 2019 IHBG allocations sent to eligible tribes/tribally designed housing entities (TDHE). Actual date subject to announcement of FY 2019 funding.
May 15, 2019	Deadline for filing a Census challenge for FY 2020 <sup>1</sup> .
June 1, 2019	FY 2020 formula allocation estimates sent to eligible tribes/TDHEs on the Formula Response Form.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q1: Do I need to report changes on the Formula Response Form?**

A1: Yes. In accordance with 24 CFR 1000.315, TDHEs must report changes to information related to the IHBG formula on the Formula Response Form, including corrections to the number of Formula Current Assisted Stock (FCAS).

### **Q2: What happens if I misrepresent or fail to report FCAS information on the Formula Response Form?**

A2: If a tribe/TDHE does not or fails to report changes on the Formula Response Form in a timely manner and receives an over-payment based on ineligible units, the tribe is required to repay the funds. A tribe will not receive back-funding for any units that the tribe failed to report in a timely manner.

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<sup>1</sup> Notice PIH 2017-14 issued on August 17, 2017, informed tribal government leaders and TDHEs that the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data to be used in determining FY 2020 IHBG allocations would be included on the FY 2019 Formula Response Forms that would be sent to tribes/TDHEs on June 1, 2018. However, the ACS data will not be available to distribute to tribes/TDHEs until July 15, 2018. To provide tribes/TDHEs with a similar amount of time as they had in prior FYs to review their data, the Office of Native American Programs is in the process of requesting a waiver extending the deadline for submitting the FY 2020 Needs data challenges to May 15, 2019.

**Q3: Do I need to report conveyed units to HUD?**

A3: Yes, each year tribes/TDHEs must report conveyed units on their Formula Response Form and send these changes to the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center. Conveyance should occur as soon as practicable once the unit has paid-off or has become conveyance eligible in accordance with the terms of the homebuyer agreement.

**Q4: Where do I report 1937 Act projects that reach Date of Full Availability (DOFA)?**

A4: Tribes/TDHEs should report 1937 Act project that reach DOFA on their Formula Response Form and send these changes to the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center. Please note that projects do not receive funding until a DOFA has been reported.

**Q5: Our Needs data is not reflecting our demographics. What can I do?**

A5: First, make sure your Formula Area adequately represents that geography in which you have historically provided housing services and are planning to continue to provide services in the future (see §1000.302). If not, then submit a request with the appropriate documentation no later than August 1, 2018, to the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center to adjust your Formula Area. Second, check to see if your population data has been capped (indicated by a ‘\*’ next to the American Indian and Alaska Native Persons variable under your tribe’s Need data). If your population data has been capped, check to see that your Tribal Enrollment figure is accurate. Should both your Formula Area and Tribal Enrollment numbers be accurate, you may want to consider conducting a Census challenge for FY 2020. Contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center for guidelines on how to conduct a Census challenge. Please note that Census challenges and documentation must be submitted by May 15, 2019, to be considered for the FY 2020 allocation, contingent upon waiver approval as discussed above.