



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

April 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Allocations for Indian Housing Block Grant program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

Dear Tribal Leader,

On March 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L.116-136), which provides additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the national impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. The CARES Act included \$200 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant program. [Linked here](#) is a document that summarizes the funding amount for each eligible Tribe ("Indian Housing Block Grant CARES Act (IHBG-CARES) Formula Allocations").

The \$200 million in funding was allocated based on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 tribal allocations before repayments and grant adjustments. Each Tribe will receive 30.5707842855989 percent of their FY 2020 IHBG formula allocation. This percentage is equal to the amount appropriated in the CARES Act divided by the total amount allocated in FY 2020 under the IHBG formula before repayments and grant adjustments (\$200,000,000/\$654,219,395).

HUD is working hard to issue a Notice on an abbreviated process for accessing these funds and reporting requirements. The CARES Act requires recipients to use IHBG funds provided under the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, including to maintain normal operations and fund eligible affordable housing activities under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 during the period the program is impacted by COVID-19. This abbreviated process will ensure that this requirement is met. In addition, the CARES Act allows for broad waiver authority. Information concerning these waivers will be published in a forthcoming Notice.

Once the requirements for accessing IHBG funds under the CARES Act are met, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will send grantees an award letter and a grant agreement package by email in electronic format to sign and return by email in electronic format. Funds will be available to draw down from the Line of Credit Control System as soon as the fully executed grant agreements are returned by the grantee and processed by HUD.

Tribal governments nationwide are aggressively addressing the effects of COVID-19. The IHBG funds provided under the CARES Act will help tribal communities and families address the current public health crises. HUD is committed to helping you address your tribal community's needs in the most effective manner possible.

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If you have any questions about your IHBG allocation under the CARES Act, please contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at:

Phone: 1-800-410-8808

[Email: IHBGformula@firstpic.org](mailto:IHBGformula@firstpic.org)

Thank you for all of the important work that you do every day. Your continued commitment to Indian Country is vital to our collective efforts to ensure that American Indian families have decent, safe, and affordable housing. HUD is always available to help you implement your programs effectively. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact your Office of Native American Programs Area Office.

Sincerely,



R. Hunter Kurtz,
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure