



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to provide important information about the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) allocation estimate which was mailed to tribes/tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) on September 6, 2017.

The file that was used to create the Formula Response Forms (FRF) notifying tribes/TDHEs of their FY 2018 Estimate allocation contained an outdated Fair Market Rent component for a select number of tribes. Therefore, information provided in the Formula Response Forms for tribes was impacted by an average of 0.3%.

For your awareness and planning purposes, HUD is providing a corrected FRF that replaces the FRF document sent on September 6, 2017. Please note that this error only affected the Formula Response Form and that the enclosed corrected estimates are still just estimates. The correction itself does not impact any actual funding levels. All other documents in the September 6, 2017, mailing are accurate including:

- Cover letter dated September 6, 2017.
- Appendices A through D.
- Calendar of Critical Deadlines and Frequently Asked Questions related to the IHBG Formula Allocation Process.
- FY 2018 Correction/Challenge Log showing changes to the IHBG database between May 26, 2017, and July 28, 2017.
- The American Community Survey (ACS) Implementation Analysis spreadsheet.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind tribes that the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center is available to answer specific questions your tribe may have. The FY 2018 IHBG allocation estimate included typical data changes (such as Fair Market Rent, Total Development Cost, and FCAS changes), the implementation of IHBG formula regulations published on November 22, 2016, and a decrease in the estimated amount available for distribution. Understanding how each of these impact your tribe can be challenging. The ACS implementation spreadsheet sent in the September 6, 2017, mailing is designed to assist in understanding the impact of the changes.

The IHBG Formula Customer Service Center is available to answer any questions:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs

Enclosures