



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Allocations for the Indian Housing Block Grant program under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2), which provided additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP included \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program which will be referred to as IHBG-ARP. This funding will be used to provide funding for affordable housing activities on Indian reservations, in Indian communities, and in Native Alaskan villages. You will find a funding summary for each eligible Tribe [here](#).

The \$450 million in funding was allocated based on FY 2021 IHBG formula allocations before repayments and grant adjustments. Each Tribe will receive 69.1376421680391 percent of their FY 2021 IHBG formula allocation. This percentage is equal to the amount appropriated through IHBG-ARP divided by the total amount allocated in FY 2021 under the IHBG formula before repayments and grant adjustments (\$450,000,000/\$654,875,537).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is working hard to issue a Notice on an abbreviated process for accessing these funds and reporting requirements. This abbreviated process will ensure that this requirement is met. In addition, ARP allows for broad waiver authority. Information concerning these waivers will be published in a forthcoming Notice.

Once the requirements for accessing IHBG-ARP funds are met, 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-ARP funds will help tribal communities and families address the current public health crisis. HUD is committed to helping you address your tribal community's needs in the most effective manner possible.

If you have any questions about your IHBG-ARP allocation, please contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at:

Phone: 1-800-410-8808

Email: 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Native American Programs