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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

August 1, 2024

SUBJECT: IHBG Formula Census Challenge Deadline – Date Change

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to inform you that ONAP has extended the deadline for submitting challenges to the U.S. Census data used in computing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula allocations to May 29, 2025.

ONAP is required to annually notify Indian tribes or their Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) by June 1st of the data to be used for the IHBG formula. However, the required Census data needed for the FY 2026 IHBG formula allocations was not available in time and this notification was delayed until August 1, 2024.

Therefore, ONAP is extending the regulatory deadline for submitting documentation supporting Census challenges for the FY 2026 formula allocation from March 30, 2025, to May 29, 2025. This extension provides Indian tribes and TDHEs with a comparable amount of time as they had in prior fiscal years to review their Census data.

The Census data that will be used in the FY 2026 formula allocation is now available online. You can find the FY 2026 Needs Data information at: <https://ihbgformula.com/2026-needs-data/>.

Should you have any additional comments or questions, please contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at:

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Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of ONAP's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs