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### ISSUE

The United States Department of Agriculture is soliciting comments on a proposed methodology for the allocation of federal administrative funds for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

### CURRENT & HISTORICAL FUNDING FOR MITW

YEAR	FDPIR FUNDED (administrative funds)	SUPPLEMENT	# of unduplicated clients served
2007	\$204,730	\$125,546	
2006	204,730	104,729	
2005	194,950	88,632	
2004	195,984	83,053	

FDPIR Administrative funding has remained flat for the past 2 years and any previous increases accounted were not significant as they did not cover standard inflationary increases.

The Tribe, and other sources, supplemented the FDPIR program at an increased rate in an effort to maintain the existing level of services. Had this not occurred, clients served would have been impacted (reduced hours in distribution.)

### CURRENT FUNDING METHOD

### PROPOSED FUNDING METHODOLOGY

#### TRIBAL CONCERNS

Current FDPIR administrative funding does not meet the Tribe's existing needs. At current, the Tribe relies on a large pool of volunteers to meet distribution needs. The Tribe would be opposed to any proposed funding methodology that continues to fund Tribe's at a stagnant level, or reduce funding levels.