

Challenging Total Resident Service Area Indian Population Data: Guidelines for the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula

This document describes the data and documentation required by HUD for a tribe to challenge the Total Resident Service Area Indian Population (TRSAIP) data used in the Needs component of the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula.

Q1: What variables in the Need Component are affected by Total Resident Service Area Indian Population (TRSAIP) data?

A1: HUD uses tribal TRSAIP as certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in allocating Needs data among tribes that share Formula Areas, unless the tribes agree among themselves to an alternative method of allocation.

Q2: What are the TRSAIP data?

A2: TRSAIP data are collected by the BIA and are published annually. It represents the number of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) persons residing within a particular tribe's Service Area as defined by the BIA. The number of AIAN persons should include both members of the particular tribe and members of other tribes. However, it is not uncommon for some tribes to only include their tribal members. Including only tribal members could be to the disadvantage of a tribe with overlapping IHBG Formula Areas since their share of the total AIAN population is likely to be less if other tribes in the overlap include non-member AIAN persons.

Q3: What is the procedure for challenging TRSAIP data?

A3: All requests must be submitted to the tribe's local BIA office. BIA will process in accordance with existing procedures.

Q4: What do I need to update my IHBG formula data once my challenge has been accepted by the BIA?

A4: Contact the BIA and obtain a certification with the updated TRSAIP number. In order for a challenge to be considered for the upcoming fiscal year allocation, all data and documentation approved by the BIA must be submitted in writing to the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center by October 1 at the address below. For example, all data and BIA approval documentation must be submitted by October 1, 2010, for consideration in the FY 2011 IHBG funding cycle.

All data and approval documentation should be sent to:

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