



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 remind Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) of a few important Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula deadlines and flexibilities available during these challenging times.

FY 2021 IHBG Formula Response Form Corrections

As a reminder, due to difficulties some Tribes and TDHEs may be experiencing in submitting timely correction requests to FY 2021 IHBG Formula Response Form data caused by the COVID-19 National Emergency, HUD extended the deadline by an additional 30 days. Accordingly, all correction requests to the FY 2021 IHBG Formula Response Form data must be submitted by **September 1, 2020**. The September 1, 2020 deadline is important to ensuring that there is enough time to run the FY 2021 IHBG final allocations accurately and on time. We encourage Tribes and TDHEs that are able to submit their correction requests before September 1, 2020, to do so. Because of the timing needed to run the IHBG final allocations, we will not be able to offer any additional extensions beyond September 1, 2020. As a reminder, Formula Response Forms and related documents can be downloaded here:

<https://ihbgformula.com/fy2021/>.

The Formula Response Form included the Census data that will be used to calculate each tribes' FY 2022 IHBG Needs in Attachment A. If you think these data do not accurately reflect the Tribe's need:

1. Check to see if the Formula Area, as listed on your FY 2021 Formula Response Form, is correct for your Tribe. If the Formula Area is not correct, you may submit that correction no later than the September 1, 2020, the deadline for the FY 2021 allocation
2. Check to see if the Formula Area for your Tribe overlaps with that of another Tribe. If it does, you may wish to contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center to obtain detailed information on how the Needs data are being shared.

FY 2022 Census Challenges

If you still disagree with the Census data, you may wish to submit a Census challenge no later than **March 30, 2021** for the FY 2022 IHBG allocation. If so, please review the guidelines in "Challenging U.S. Census Data: Guidelines for the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula." These guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/4119Census.pdf>. Please note that these

guidelines do not require that surveys be conducted in person. Tribes may opt to use telephone/online surveys or mail/drop off surveys to collect the information. Before selecting a method of collection, Tribes should carefully read Step 5-Selecting the Type of Survey in the guidelines.

HUD looks forward to working with Tribes and TDHEs in FY 2021. Should you have any additional comments or questions, please contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
For Native American Programs