

Indian Housing Black Grant (IHBG) Formula Critical Deadlines and Frequently Asked Questions

Deadlines for IHBG Formula	
August 1, 2020	Deadline to submit corrections to FY 2021 formula allocation estimates.
Winter 2020/ Spring 2021	Final FY 2021 IHBG allocations sent to eligible tribes/tribally designed housing entities (TDHE). Actual date subject to announcement of FY 2021 funding.
March 30, 2021	Deadline for filing a Census challenge for FY 2022.
June 1, 2021	FY 2022 formula allocation estimates sent to eligible tribes/TDHEs on the Formula Response Form.

Submission information: All corrections and challenges must be submitted to the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center. Submissions will be accepted by mail, fax, *or* email to the following:

IHBG Formula Customer Service Center
1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20009
e-mail: IHBGformula@firstpic.org
Toll Free Number: 1-800-410-8808
FAX: 202-393-6411

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Do I need to report changes on the Formula Response Form?

A1: Yes. In accordance with 24 CFR § 1000.315, tribes/TDHEs must report changes to information related to the IHBG formula on the Formula Response Form, including corrections to the number of Formula Current Assisted Stock (FCAS). Reporting these changes on your Indian Housing Plan (IHP) or Annual Performance Report (APR) is *not* sufficient.

Q2: What happens if I misrepresent or fail to report FCAS information on the Formula Response Form?

A2: If a tribe/TDHE does not or fails to report changes on the Formula Response Form in a timely manner and receives an over-payment based on ineligible units, the tribe is required to repay the funds. A tribe/TDHE will also not receive back-funding for any units that the tribe/TDHE failed to report as eligible on the Formula Response Form in a timely manner. For FY 2021, this means tribes must report by August 1, 2020.

Q3: Where do I find more information regarding FCAS eligibility?

A3: For more information on eligibility criteria for FCAS units in common situations, please refer to PIH Notice 2017-15, which can be found here <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/17-15PIHN.PDF>.

Q4: Our Needs data is not reflecting our demographics. What can I do?

A4: There are a few things you may be able to do to update your Needs data without submitting a Census Challenge. These include:

- 1) Reviewing your Formula Area to see if it adequately represents the geography in which you have historically provided housing services and are planning to continue to provide services in the future (see 24 CFR § 1000.302).
- 2) Checking to see if your population data has been capped (indicated by a ‘*’ next to the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Persons variable under your Tribe’s Needs data). If your population data has been capped, it will reduce the counts for all of your Needs variables. In that case, check to see that your Tribal Enrollment figure is accurate.
- 3) If the population cap has been applied to your Tribe and you are providing housing services to more than twice as many AIAN members of other tribes as members of your own Tribe, follow the instructions in Appendix D to raise your Tribe’s Population Cap

If your Formula Area, Tribal Enrollment, and Population cap numbers are all accurate, you may want to consider conducting a Census challenge for FY 2022 (See Question 5 below).

Q5: What information is included in ‘Attachment A,’ which is shown at the end of Formula Response Form?

A5: As stated in PIH Notice 2017-14 (<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/PIH2017-14.PDF>), HUD is providing the Needs data for the following Fiscal Year in Attachment A, so that tribes may decide whether or not to submit a Census challenge. The data shown in Attachment A provides counts before the population cap is applied. The guidelines for submitting Census challenges are included in the HUD document *Challenging U.S. Decennial Census Data: Guidelines for the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula* found here: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/4119Census.pdf>. You are strongly encouraged to contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at the number above before you undertake a Census challenge. Please note that Census challenges and documentation must be submitted by March 30, 2021, to be considered for the FY 2022 allocation.

Q6: Where can I find more information about the IHBG Formula?

A6: The regulations governing the formula can be found at [24 CFR Part 1000](#), Subpart D. In addition, PIH Notice 2017-16 <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/PIH2017-16.PDF> summarizes the most recent changes to the formula.