



Indian Housing Block Grant Funding

What is the Indian Housing Block Grant?

The Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG) is a HUD grant provided through a formula directly to tribally designated housing entities that provides for a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas.

Originally created by the enactment of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), the IHBG provides tribes with a flexible funding mechanism without requiring tribal housing entities to seek funds through a myriad of separate federal housing programs.

The IHBG allows tribes to address the specific housing needs of their communities, including assistance to housing developed under the 1937 Indian Housing Program, construction of new homes, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems.



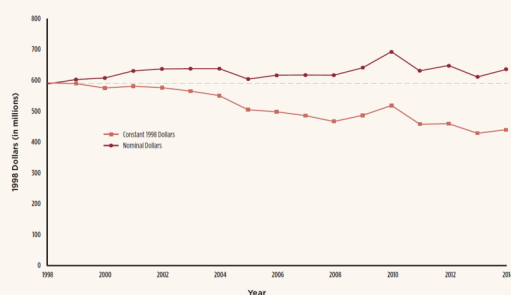
Indian Housing Block Grant Funding Has Not Kept Pace With Need

- Funding between 1998 and 2014 has averaged \$667 million annually. (red line)
- However, 2014 funding of \$637 million represented only \$440 million when allowing for inflation. (orange line)

So STEADY funding is actually a DECREASE!

- If the IHBG grew with inflation since 1998, funding in 2017 should be slightly above \$900 million!

Exhibit ES.4 - Amount of IHBG Funds Awarded, 1998 to 2014



- For FY18, NAIHC recommends \$900 million in funding, and no less than \$700 million, which would match the highest level of IHBG funding that occurred in 2010.

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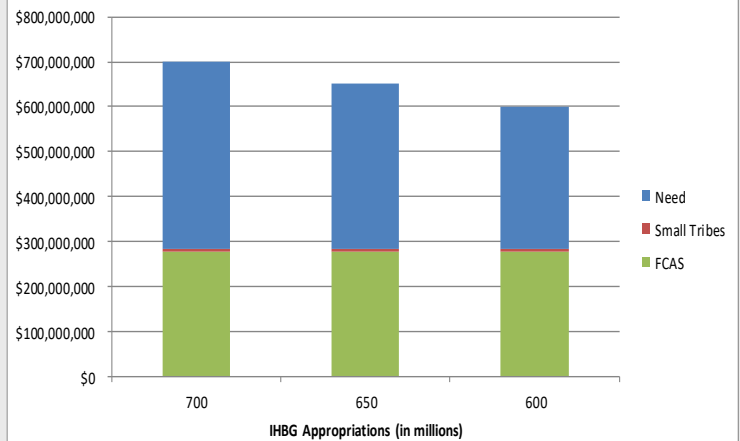
Increased Funding Goes Straight Into Meeting Needs

- The IHBG includes funding for two primary components: maintaining existing 1937 housing stock (green) and addressing current need (blue).
- Under the formula, funding for housing maintenance is a fixed cost. So any increase or decrease of total IHBG funding directly impacts a tribe's ability to address its current needs. These current needs funds are used to create new housing construction.

And housing needs in tribal communities are high!

- The housing needs assessment released by HUD in January 2017 showed that 15.9% of homes in tribal areas experience overcrowding, compared to the national average of 2.2%.
- The assessment found a need for 68,000 new units. Across Indian Country.

Estimated National IHBG Allocation by Component



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NAIHC is the nation's only tribal non-profit organization dedicated solely to improving housing conditions in Native American communities, advancing housing infrastructure development, and expanding economic and community development across Indian Country. The NAIHC is composed of 271 members representing 463 tribes and housing organizations. NAIHC promotes and supports Native housing entities in their efforts to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing on behalf of Native people.

