

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Data and Methodology for Allocations to
Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities
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Section 501(b)(2)(A)(ii) of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the “Act”) requires Treasury to allocate \$797.6 million to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHE) using a formula based on the amounts they were eligible to receive for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 from the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program.¹ Those amounts can be found here:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FY%202020%20Final%20Allocation%20Sheet.s.xls>, column T.

The statute provides that each IHBG participant receives the same proportion of the \$797.6 million as it was eligible to receive of total funding in FY 2020 for the IHBG program. The statute also provides that tribes that did not participate in the IHBG program in FY 2020 be given 30 days to determine whether to participate in the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. Treasury has received responses from those tribes. There are three tribes that elected not to participate in the total funding for the IHBG program.

The Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians and the Prairie Island Indian Community, two of the three Indian tribes that did not choose to receive an FY 2020 IHBG allocation, have declined to participate in the ERA program.

The third Indian tribe that did not choose to receive an FY 2020 IHBG allocation, the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut (Mohegan), has opted to participate in the ERA program.

To determine an amount to add for Mohegan, Treasury asked HUD to recompute the FY 2020 IHBG tribal allocations as though Mohegan had participated in the program. According to HUD, the allocation Mohegan would have received under the FY 2020 IHBG allocations is equal to the IHBG minimum. Accordingly, Treasury has assigned Mohegan an allocation equivalent to the IHBG minimum pro-rata share of ERA funding. This approach treats Mohegan equitably because it uses the same allocation framework as applies to the other Indian tribes. Further, it uses data available from HUD of the same vintage to make the computation and thereby does not place other participating Indian tribes at a disadvantage. Pro-rata reductions authorized under Section 501(b)(2)(B)(i) of Division N of the Act were made to ensure the total ERA tribal funding including Mohegan did not exceed \$797.6 million.

Each tribe will receive approximately 121 percent of their FY 2020 IHBG formula allocation.

¹ Section 501(a)(2)(B) of Division N of the Act provides a total of \$800 million for tribal communities. After subtracting the 0.3 percent (\$2.4 million) allocated for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands directed under Section 501(b)(2)(A)(i) of Division N of the Act, \$797.6 million is available for Indian tribes and TDHEs.