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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Notice of Technical Corrections to the FY 1996 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance; Supportive Housing Program (SHP); Shelter Plus Care (S+C); Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program for Homeless Individuals (SRO)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: FY 1996 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); notice of technical corrections.

SUMMARY: On March 15, 1996 (61 FR 10866), HUD published a notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funding for three of its programs which assist communities in combatting homelessness (NOFA for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance). The three programs are: (1) Supportive Housing; (2) Shelter Plus Care; and (3) Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy Dwellings for Homeless Individuals. The application deadline for this March 15, 1996 NOFA was July 3, 1996. The purpose of this notice is to make certain technical corrections to the competition conducted under the March 15, 1996 NOFA, as more fully explained in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Community Connections information center at 1-800-998-9999 (voice) or 1-800-483-2209 (TTY), or by internet at gopher://amcom.aspensys.com:75/11/funding.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 15, 1996 (61 FR 10866), HUD published a notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1996 funding for three of its programs which assist communities in combatting homelessness (NOFA for Continuum of

Care Homeless Assistance).¹ The three programs are: (1) Supportive Housing; (2) Shelter Plus Care; and (3) Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy Dwellings for Homeless Individuals. The application deadline for the March 15, 1996 NOFA was July 3, 1996. The purpose of this notice is to make certain technical corrections to the competition conducted under the March 15, 1996 NOFA.

The March 15, 1996 NOFA gives HUD the authority to select eligible projects, when sufficient funds become available, if those projects would have been funded were it not for procedural errors. HUD has determined that corrections in the processing of some applications need to be made in three areas of the FY 1996 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance competition: (1) In data entry; (2) in review, such as project misnumbering; and (3) in the computer system used for application scoring.

HUD is making use of approximately \$10 million of appropriated FY 1997 funds to make these corrections to the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance competition as authorized by the March 15, 1996 NOFA.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Andrew Cuomo,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Road Maintenance Funding Distribution Methodology

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In response to recommendations from the Joint Tribal/BIA/DOI Reorganization Task Force, the Road Maintenance program was transferred from the Other Recurring

¹ The March 15, 1996 NOFA was amended by notice published on May 22, 1996 (61 FR 25684) which advised the public of the amount of funding available for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance competition for fiscal year 1996. (The March 15, 1996 NOFA was published before the Congress appropriated funds and therefore the amount in the March 15, 1996 NOFA was an estimate.) The March 15, 1996 NOFA also was amended by notice published on June 3, 1996 (61 FR 27932), which further revised the amount of funding available to include unobligated funds from previous competitions. The March 15, 1996 NOFA was amended by notice published on June 27, 1996 (61 FR 33533) which extended the application deadline to July 3, 1996.

Programs account to the Tribal Priority Allocations account in FY 1995. This notice is of a proposed methodology and formula for distributing Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) road maintenance funds to tribal bases within the Tribal Priority Allocations accounting system.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 "C" Street, N.W., Mail Stop 4058 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs at (202) 208-4359.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FY 1995 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (*Public Law 103-332*) transferred the Road Maintenance funds from the Other Recurring Programs account to the Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) account within the Bureau's Budget. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees directed that the transfer of these program funds into each tribal base for setting priorities and funding levels follow specific procedures, as recommended by the Joint Tribal/BIA/DOI Reorganization Task Force. These procedures are described in House Report 103-551, Senate Report 103-294, and Conference Report 103-740.

The Conference Report specifically stated, "With regard to the road maintenance funds which have been transferred to tribal priority allocations, the managers expect these funds to be distributed as in the past during fiscal year 1995, while the Bureau prepares a Federal Register notice with the proposal for allocating the funds to tribal bases. The notice should also address how priorities for the use of these funds, in accordance with Federal Highway Trust Fund requirements, will be maintained after distribution to the tribes. The managers agree that no change in the distribution of these funds will occur until these issues are resolved satisfactorily, and expect the Bureau to work closely with the tribes to reach such a resolution."

Based on this directive, the Bureau formed a team to develop the tribal consultation process and preparation of this Federal Register notice. Comments on the proposed methodology and formula will facilitate the development and implementation of a policy and process acceptable to the tribes and Bureau for determining base funding for each tribe eligible for road maintenance funds. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written comments regarding

this proposed methodology and formula to the identified location in the **ADDRESSEE** section.

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Road Maintenance Funding Distribution Methodology

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Section 1 What is the current maintenance funding distribution formula?

The formula that has been used for distribution of Road Maintenance funds to the BIA Area Offices prioritizes submittal requests from the Areas on BIAM Form 5810. The line items identified in the BIAM Form 5810 are as listed below:

A=Management Supervision (Area, Agency, Tribe, Central Office)
 B=Snow and Ice Removal (Latest 5 year average)
 C=Other Emergency (Latest 5 year average)
 D=Bridges (National Bridge Inspection Recommendations)
 E=Airstrips
 F=Paved Miles
 G=Gravel Miles
 H=Improved Earth Miles
 I=Unimproved Earth Miles
 J=Other Maintenance
 K=Ferry
 L=Heavy Equipment
 M=Funds available after top priorities
 Z=Total available funds
 $M = Z - (A + B + C + D + E + K)$
 $M = (P)F + (Q)G + (R)H + (S)I + (T)J + (U)L$
 P, Q, R, S, T & U=Percentages of total request by areas, such that
 $P > Q > R > S > T > U$.

Actual percentage figures are dependent on the total available funds. The percentage figures for the current distribution formula are:

A—One hundred percent of requested supervision is allowed per the latest Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit recommendations to follow tribal priorities through consultations; use of cost effective techniques by using yearly planning efforts; perform activities based on actual road conditions; and document expenditures.

B, C, D—One hundred percent funded to assure provision of a transportation

network for the welfare and safety of the users during emergencies.

E—One hundred percent funded to provide emergency access for doctors and air ambulances.

K—One hundred percent funded to insure continuity of an important transportation link.

P, Q, R, & S—These percentages reflect the relative safety issues involved with various types of roads and the maintenance priorities identified in the 58 BIAM.

This method of distribution is currently used to distribute funds to the area level. Many Areas are using historic distribution methods based on the old banded (Indian Priority System) program.

Section 2 What factors are considered in the proposed formula development?

The development of a distribution formula was required by Congress. One of the primary objectives considered by the Process Action Team (PAT) was to develop an equitable formula for distribution of road maintenance funds, and to develop a formula that distributes the money without major changes to the current funding level to the BIA Area Offices. The factors considered in establishing a methodology for distribution are the population served, the miles in the BIA Roads system, and the land area this system serves. The BIA system miles are weighted to reflect the surface-type priorities of the 58 BIAM.

Section 3 What is the proposed maintenance funding distribution formula?

The formula for distribution of Road Maintenance funding to individual tribal bases is as follows:

$$F = (P + A + M)(W)$$

F=TPA Funding available for the individual tribal base

P=The individual tribal percentage of enrolled population of the total Indian enrolled population multiplied by 30.5 percent.

A=The individual tribal percentage of trust land acreage of the total trust land acreage multiplied by 30.5 percent.

M=The individual tribal percentage of weighted road miles of BIA system of the total weighted BIA road system miles multiplied by 30.5 percent. To comply with the priority of maintenance as defined in this section the individual miles were based on the following total. The total calculated for each tribe was calculated by using 40% of the paved miles of BIA system, plus 30% of gravel miles of the system, plus 20% of improved earth miles, plus 10% of the unimproved earth miles.

W=The amount of money available to Area Offices for distribution, after reduction for the following items and percentages:

Central Office Program and Budget Formulation (0.5%)
 Area Office Program and Formulation (3.3%)
 Operation of Lake Roosevelt Ferry (\$433,000)

Snow and Ice Control (8.5%)—This reserve is based on the most recent national three-year average costs for snow and ice removal.

Section 4 How do tribes establish priorities for use of these funds, in accordance with Highway Trust Fund requirements, to maintain roads?

Federal law requires that road projects constructed with Federal-aid highway funds (the Highway Trust Fund) be maintained. Tribal governments may perform maintenance on these roads under Pub. L. 93-638. Any government failing to maintain roads constructed with Federal-aid highway funds may be ineligible for future Highway Trust Fund construction projects under 23 U.S.C. 116.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1032-0113

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request extension of approval for collecting information from those persons with a Helium Distribution Contract. BLM collects this information to assure distributor accountability and to certify compliance with the regulations at 30 CFR Part 602. BLM uses this information to report annual sales, transfers and purchases of helium. BLM expects to collect this information one time.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by February 18, 1997. Comments received after this date may not be