INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIVISION OF SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

ENVIRONMENTAL AREA: Sanitation facilities construction and utility organization technical assistance

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OBJECTIVES: Through Public Law 86-12 1, to construct, improve, extend, or otherwise provide essential sanitation facilities, including domestic and community water supplies and facilities, sewage and waste disposal facilities, and solid waste disposal facilities, together with necessary appurtenances and fixtures, for Indian homes, communities, and lands.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project grants through Congressional allocations.

USE AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Funds are utilized through contracts [with approved contractors or Federally recognized Tribes] or contributions with Federally recognized Tribes to address identified sanitation facilities needs as outlined in the objectives section above. Funds cannot be used to obtain rights-of-way, operate or maintain constructed sanitation facilities, etc.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any Federally recognized Tribe, band, group, or community of American Indians/Alaska Native persons who are within the scope of the IHS program as determined by the policies, standards, and procedures set forth in Part 11, Chapter I, of the IHS manual. Individual American Indians/Alaska Natives are eligible but request for service must be made by the Tribal government. Each IHS Area has local eligibility requirements in addition to national criteria common to all Areas. IHS funding has mandated restrictions on types of housing that can be supported.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS: Tribes submit project proposals to the, IHS Area Office requesting financial and technical assistance with the provision of sanitation facilities. Funding is received from Congress and distribution of funds made at the Area level depending on funding levels received and amount of funding requested from the Tribes. To receive consideration for funding on a fiscal year basis, requests from Tribes should be received in the Area Office by July of the preceding year.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS: No matching requirements

RANGE OF ASSISTANCE: $10,000 to $1,000,000+

RELATED PROGRAMS: Division of Environmental Health Services, Division of Facilities Management.