

Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program

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Mission

The Office of Tribal Services (OTS) Program mission is to advance the goals of self-determination and tribal sovereignty; improve the quality of life for Indian people; and foster self-sufficiency in Indian communities.



Housing Improvement Program Goal

- The objective of HIP is to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing to very low income families with an emphasis to elderly and disabled families who have no other resource.

Types of Assistance

- Provide Housing Assistance that improves energy efficiency in renovation projects.
- Provide Housing Assistance that replaces dilapidated dwellings.
- Provides Housing Assistance for New construction.



Left Old House, On the Right New House
Constructed in Brevig Mission BY Kawerak HIP Crew
November 14th 2001

Brief History of HIP

- The Housing Improvement Program started as an outgrowth of providing housing for disaster relief resulting from floods in Montana and California. A \$500,000 request for funds for a new house building effort of core homes of panelized construction and including some repair work appears in the budget justifications for appropriation for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1964.

HIP Regulations Published

In 1975, Housing Improvement Program regulations were published and implemented. The new house building effort evolved into two main areas of assistance. An important but smaller part of the new house building effort was to provide for renovation of houses to standard condition. The second part of the new house building effort was and continues to be the recognition that some families because of poverty, isolation, family structure, or other unusual factors could not obtain decent housing from any other source but the Housing Improvement Program.

Schedule for Housing Improvement Program Data Collection & Distribution of Funds

ACTIVITY	DATE
1. Eligible Applicant data due to Regional Office	August 1
2. Summary Eligible Applicant Data due to Central Housing Office	September 15
3. Central Office Notice to Region of Funds Available for Distribution within Region	within 15 days of receipt of Appropriation
4. Regional Office Notice to Central Office of Distribution Amounts to Tribes within Region	within 30 days of funds available for Distribution within Region
5. Central Office Tribal Services Office Notice to Budget Office of Amounts to be Distributed to Regions/Office of Self-Governance	within 15 days of notice of distribution amounts from Region

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ANNUAL FUNDING

Fiscal Year

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

In Thousands of Dollars

**Annual
Appropriation**

19,634

19,493

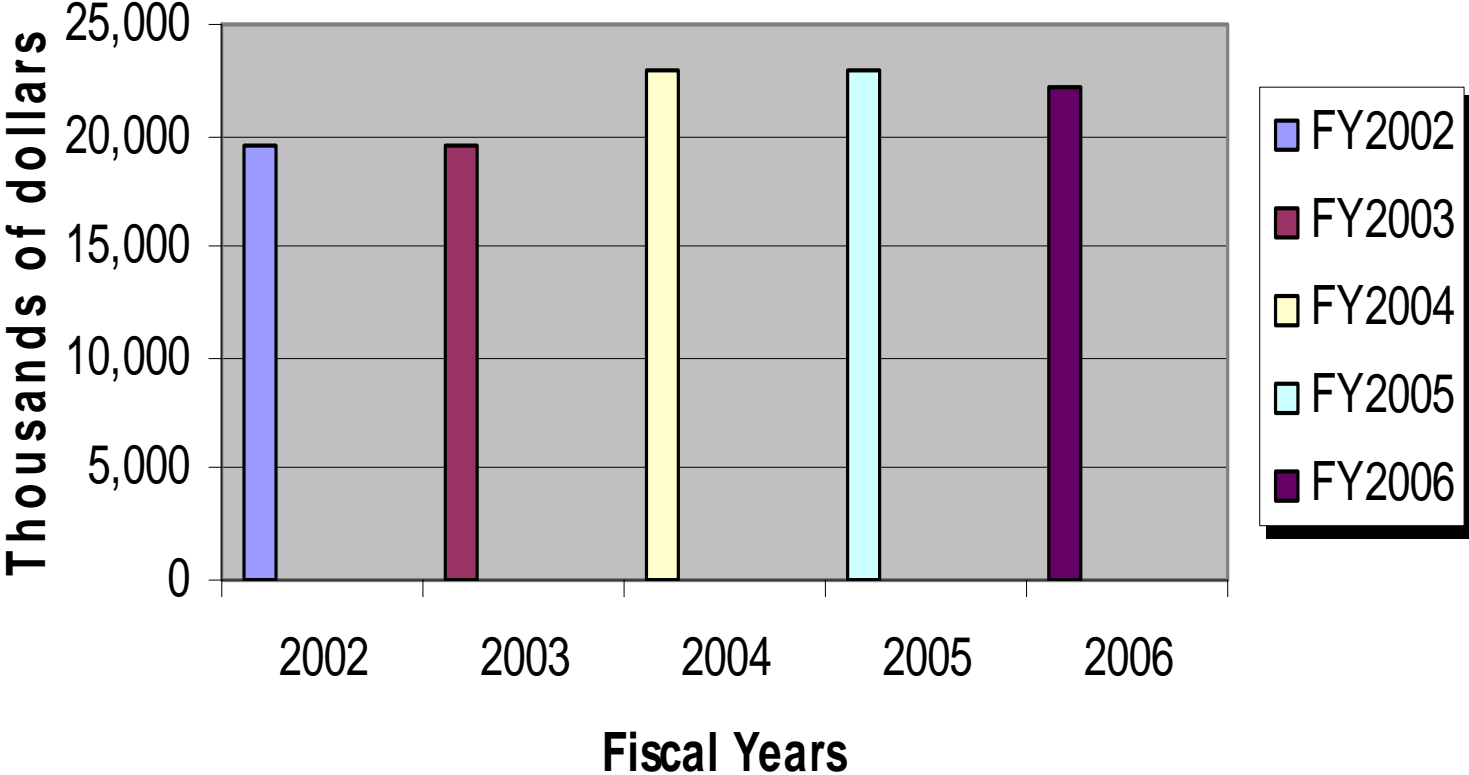
22,901

23,020

22,216



HIP Appropriations



Households Served

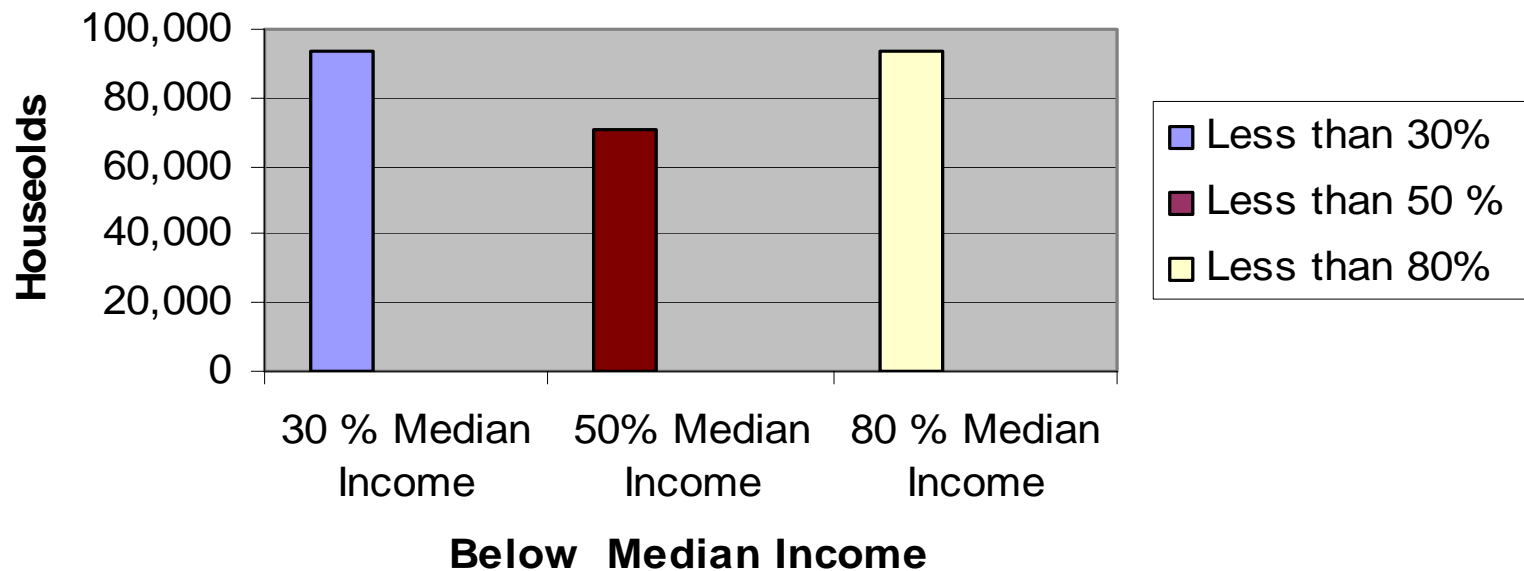
Workload Data		Green Book Targets	# Served		Green Book Targets	# Served		Green Book Targets	# Served
		FY2004		FY2005		FY 2006			
Targets		<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Renovations		132	104		132	132		132	86
New /Replacement		298	189		298	182		298	162
Total Households	Total	430	293	Total	430	314	Total	430	248

Percentage Targets

Renovations	2309	5.7%	4.5%	2904	4.5%	4.5%	2,649	5.0%	3.2%
New Construction	3520	8.5%	5.4%	4055	7.3%	4.5%	4,459	6.7%	3.6%
Total Households	5829	7.4%	5.0%	6959	6.2%	4.5%	7,108	6.0%	3.5%

Unmet Need

American Indian /Alaska Native Households



FY2006 Workload Data

- \$22.6 Million Housing Assistance Available
- 100 % Percentage of Funds are Grants
- 248 Dwellings Funded
- 86 Dwellings renovated with energy efficient improvements and to standard condition
- 162 New Constructed energy efficient dwellings built
- 1,200 Seasonal Jobs Created

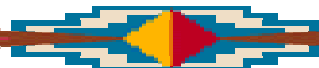


Division of Housing



➤ *Programmatic issues:*

- No guarantee funds are available to all tribes annually.
- Tribes cannot keep full time staff due to competitive grant funding.
- Technical assistance is continually provided due to learning curve with new staff.
- **LIMITED FUNDING**



Energy Efficiencies

In Alaska, the region provides opportunities for tribal governments to learn about improve cold climate building standards.

- Alaska Building Science Network
- Alaska Craftsman Program
- University of Alaska

- Tribes are installing new technology HRV systems that are inexpensive to install and provide cost savings during use.
- Installing Solatubes for natural lighting, serves like a skylight but energy efficient.
- Installing the insulation on exterior of dwelling for projects in damp regions.
- Installing air gap designs for cold climate regions.



Western

- In remote locations- installed four Solar Panel, 400 watt per hr with inverter for thirty two (32) HIP clients.
- Installed Composting toilets for four clients.
- Installing Suncoat Low –E insulating and tinted glass which reduces solar heat gain for lower summer cooling costs.

Alaska Building Science Network

- AKWARM Computer design software
- BEES Ventilation Certification
- Boiler Maintenance Workshop
- Blower Door Certification
- Cold Climate Building
- Weatherization Technician I and II Training



Develop Energy Action Plan

- Inform Tribal organizations of the potential to conserve energy thru energy audits before performing work.
- Inform Tribal organizations of the various resources to learn and receive training on improved energy conservation technologies.
- Contract with Tribal organizations who have trained staff that perform energy audits.

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