



FDPIR

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

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Background

- ▶ FDPIR provides USDA food to low-income households living on Indian Reservations, and to native households who reside in approved areas near reservations. (States with no reservations “Oklahoma” – tribal boundaries/service areas)
- ▶ Established in 1977 as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program (SNAP)/households who have little to no access to grocery stores;
- ▶ Households must choose between programs – they can’t participate in FDPIR and SNAP simultaneously;
- ▶ The program is administered locally by either an Indian Tribal Organization (ITO) or an agency of a State government.
- ▶ Approx. 105 tribes administer FDPIR/2-3 State governments.

Tribal Eligibility

- ▶ Order, receive, and store USDA Foods (building w/loading dock; refrigeration/freezer units)
- ▶ Distribute and issue USDA foods to households (guide rate) – several options: over-the-counter; grocery store; tailgating; home deliveries.
- ▶ Certify households for program eligibility (income guidelines)
- ▶ Oversee administration – staff (avg. 4-5), funding, training, etc.
- ▶ Submit financial and inventory reports (monthly, quarterly, annual).
- ▶ Provide Nutrition Education: cooking demonstrations; recipes, cookbooks, etc.

Grocery Store Distribution



Participant Eligibility

- ▶ Households must reside in ITO's reservation and/or approved service area;
- ▶ Households must meet income qualifications; provide proof of monthly income (all household members – excluding minors);
- ▶ Wage statements – for last 30 days;
- ▶ Fixed-income households (social security) can be certified up to 1-2 years; (award letters)
- ▶ Deductions provided for utility, shelter, medical expenses, and/or child support, etc.
- ▶ Automatic eligibility (Public Assistance, General Assistance, Supplemental Security Income);
- ▶ Household must not be participating in SNAP.

FDPIR Food Package

- ▶ USDA purchases food (no cost to ITOs);
- ▶ Over 100 products included in the FDPIR food package (fruits/vegs; cheese, milk, flour, meat/poultry, soups, etc.)
- ▶ FDPIR Available Foods List for FY 2022;
- ▶ Commercially-labeled products;
- ▶ Food package has improved/expanded: fresh produce, frozen foods (Ground Beef/Chicken/Roast - traditional tribal foods (Bison, Wild Rice, Blue Cornmeal, etc.)

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- ▶ Tribes order USDA foods (monthly) via online ordering system (WBSCM); receive shipments and track the issuance/distribution via online system (IFMS).
(Participation rates/take rates)
- ▶ Programs maintain 1-3 months of food;
- ▶ Households are provided a choice of food items every month per established guide rates (shopping list);
- ▶ No pre-packed boxes

Administrative Costs

- ▶ USDA provides 80% / Tribes contribute 20%;
- ▶ The 20% Tribal Match can consist of a combination of cash or in-kind contributions (waiver opportunities available);
 - Tribally-owned building- (depreciation)
 - Tribal community centers -certification/tailgating (in-kind)
- ▶ Tribes submit annual admin. costs to USDA;
- ▶ Funds provided have a two-year period of performance;
- ▶ Quarterly/annual financial reports required;

FDPIR Training/Events

- ▶ Webinars/resources available;
- ▶ National FDPIR conferences (NAFDPIR);
- ▶ National Tribal Consultations;
- ▶ Regional Listening sessions;
- ▶ Regional meetings/trainings;
- ▶ Technical Assistance;
- ▶ USDA conducts Management Evaluations (MEs) with ITOs for overall management of FDPIR.



Questions?

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