



## SNAP 402-2 RESOURCES

### Native American Resources

**Supersedes:** SNAP 402-2 (4/1/10); SNAP Bulletins 90 (8/1/12); 91 (8/1/12); and 96 (11/05/12)

**Reference:** 7 CFR 273.8

**Overview:** The equity value of all resources (real and personal property) owned by the filing/assistance unit are countable unless specifically excluded by regulation.

#### **COUNTABLE RESOURCES:**

Countable resources include but are not limited to:

1. Gravel sales;
2. Timber sales;
3. Estate payments;
4. Oil and gas bonus payments;
5. Mineral rights bonus payments;
6. Right-of-way payments;
7. Seismic payments;
8. Land sale proceeds (the land sale source may be sale of trust property or of countable fee patent (taxable) property); and,
9. Resources purchased with funds and are no longer clearly identifiable as excluded.
10. **Keepseagle vs. Vilsack** - Settlement of Tribal Trust Accounting and Management Lawsuit payments are countable in the month they are received and in subsequent months to the extent retained thereafter.
11. **Cobell vs. Salazar Settlement** will be excluded as a resource for a period of 12 months beginning on the date it was received. Due to the expanded categorically eligibility policy, there is no need to do any special calculation through the 12 month period.
12. **Nez Perce et. al. V. Salazar**- Settlement of Tribal Trust Accounting and Management Lawsuits. The lawsuit filed by 41 federally recognized tribes. Money disbursed by tribes in the form of a non-recurring lump sum payment is countable in the month received. The following is the list of the tribes in the lawsuit:
  - Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation
  - Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

- Blackfeet Tribe
- Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians
- Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of Colusa Rancheria
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Chippewa Bree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation
- Hualapai Tribe
- Kaibab Band Paiute Indians of Arizona
- Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indians
- Makah Tribe of the Makah Reservation
- Mescalero Apache Nation
- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Nooksack Tribe
- Norther Cheyenne Tribe
- Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine
- Pawnee Nation
- Pueblo of Zia
- Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation
- Rincon Luiseño Band of Indians
- Round Valley Tribes
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Santee Sioux Tribe
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation
- Soboba Band of the Luiseño Indians
- Spirit Lake Dakota Nation
- Spokane Tribe
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of the Fort Yates Reservation
- Swinomish Tribal Indian Community
- Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tulalip Tribe
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

**EXCLUDED RESOURCES:**

Native American resources that are excluded include:

The first \$2,000 received from Individual Interests in Indian Trust or Restricted Lands **per calendar year** is excluded. **NOTE:** Excluded funds commingled with non-excluded funds retain their exemption for six months from the date they are commingled (deposited). After six months from the date of commingling, all funds in the account are counted as a resource.

The following are specifically **excluded** under federal statute:

1. P.L. 92-203, section 29, dated 12/76, (the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act), and Section 15 of P.L. 100-241, 2/3/88, (the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Amendments of 1987) - All compensation (including cash, stock, partnership interest, land, interest in land, and other benefits) received under this Act is excluded from income and resources.
2. Per capita payments of \$2,000 or less for each household member per payment. Purchases of \$2,000 or less made solely with funds distributed after December 31, 1981 but prior to January 12, 1983 are totally excluded from resources. Purchases made after January 12, 1983 count in their entirety. (P.L. 93-134, P.L. 97-458 and P.L. 98-64.) These payments come from funds distributed as a result of judgment awards from breaches of treaty provisions and funds held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior from the sale or lease of oil, gas, and other tribal trust assets.
3. Per capita payments made under P.L. 98-124. Distributions to the Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, Montana, and the Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.
4. Per capita payments made to the Chippewas of Mississippi under P.L. 99-377 and payments made to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians under P.L. 98-123.
5. Per capita payments made to Sac and Fox Tribes of Oklahoma, Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (P.L. 94-189); Chippewas of Lake Superior, Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation of Wisconsin, Bad River Band Reservation, Sokagon Chippewa Community of the Mole Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin (P.L. 99-146).
6. Payments to Indian Tribal members (P.L. 94-114, Section 6) regarding sub-marginal land held in trust by the U.S.
7. Reimbursements from the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646, Section 216).
8. Payments from the disposition of funds to the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians (P.L. 94-540).
9. Payments to the Yakima and Apache Tribes from the Indian Claims Commission as designated P.L. 95-433, Section 2.
10. Payments made pursuant to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-420, Section 9(c)).
11. Relocation assistance payments to Navajo and Hopi Tribe members under P.L. 93-531.
12. Payments to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewas, Arizona under P.L. 97-403.
13. Payments to the Blackfeet, Gros-Ventre, Assiniboine Tribes, Montana, and the Papago, Arizona under P.L. 07-408.

14. Funds paid to heirs of deceased Indians under the Old Age Assistance Claims Settlement Act (except for per capita shares in excess of \$2,000).
15. Judgment awards to tribes in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota (P.L. 99-146).
16. P.L. 99-264, White Earth Reservation Land Settlement Act of 1985. Payments under this act were to members of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota.
17. Payments to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (P.L. 99-346).
18. Funds distributed per capita to the Chippewas of the Mississippi or held in trust under this Act. The funds are divided by reservation affiliation for the Mille Lac Reservation, Minnesota; White Earth Reservation, Minnesota; and Leech Lake Reservation, Minnesota (P.L. 99-377).
19. P.L. 101-41, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Act of 1989, provides that nothing in this Act shall affect the eligibility of the Tribe or any of its members for any federal program. None of the funds, assets, or income from the trust fund established shall at any time be used as a basis for denying or reducing funds to the Tribe or its members under any federal, state, or local program. (The Puyallup Tribe is located in the State of Washington.)
20. P. L. 101-277, funds appropriated in satisfaction of judgments awarded to the Seminole Indians are excluded except per capita payments in excess of \$2,000. Payments were allocated to the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, and the independent Seminole Indians of Florida.
21. P.L. 101-503, Seneca Nation Settlement Act of 1990, provides that none of the payments, funds or distributions authorized, established, or directed by this Act, and none of the income derived there from, shall affect the eligibility of the Seneca Nation or its members for, or be used as a basis for denying or reducing funds under, any federal program.
22. P.L. 111-291, Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Income derived from the Cobell vs. Salazar settlement will be excluded as a resource for a period of 12 months beginning on the date it was received. NOTE: In addition, an Indian Education Scholarship Fund will be established from this settlement. Educational income received from this fund is excluded.

#### **INDIAN LANDS:**

Indian (Native American) land held jointly with the Tribe or land that can only be sold with the approval of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is **excluded**. This includes any improvements to the excluded trust land.

#### **INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY (IIM) ACCOUNT:**

IIM Accounts are countable. **NOTE:** Excluded funds that are commingled with non-excluded funds retain their exemption for six months from the date they are commingled (deposited). After six months from the date of commingling, all funds in the account are counted as a resource.

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