

Frequently Asked Questions

What is BIA-HIP-ARP?

The Bureau of Indian Affairs; Housing Improvement Plan, American Rescue Plan funding provided through Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, under Section 11002 of the American Rescue Plan Act, is a housing improvement program for home repair, renovation, and replacement grant program.

Who is eligible?

Bad River Tribal member, a homeowner within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation. Applicant must reside in the home.

What does BIA-HIP-ARP provide?

Applicant will be categorized as either needing Interim improvements or Repairs and renovations, cannot qualify for both.

Interim improvements: Provides up to \$7,500 in housing repairs for conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of the occupants. This funding can be provided more than once, but not for more than one house and the total assistance cannot exceed \$7,500.

Repairs and renovations: Provide up to \$10,000 in repairs and renovations to improve the condition of a homeowner's house to standard housing condition. This funding can only be provided once.

What is the difference between BIA-HIP and BIA-HIP-ARP?

Both programs are home improvement grant programs, there are significant differences though. A couple major differences include the application process and the eligibility criteria.

Process

BIA-HIP process; applicant fills out application with supporting documents and returns to local Housing Authority; Housing Authority then forwards the application to their regional BIA office, and they determine if your project will be awarded.

BIA-HIP-ARP process; applicant fills out application with supporting documents and returns to local Housing Authority. Local housing authority officials will then determine if your project will be awarded based on eligibility criteria and need by a point system.

Eligibility

BIA-HIP	BIA-HIP-ARP
Annual income is 150 percent or less of the Department of Health and Human Services poverty income guidelines	Household income is not considered
You have no other resource for housing assistance	Do not need to seek alternative resources
You did not acquire your present housing through past participation in a federal government sponsored housing program over the previous 20-year period.	Homes acquired under other Federal government sponsored housing programs are eligible.

Why do I need to submit my income for BIA-HIP-ARP if it is not a factor in eligibility?

This is a requirement per BIA guidelines, but is not an eligibility factor for BIA-HIP-ARP