

# **ARRA-IRR Funding Status and Redistribution**

**FHWA/BIA Webinar**

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# Topics

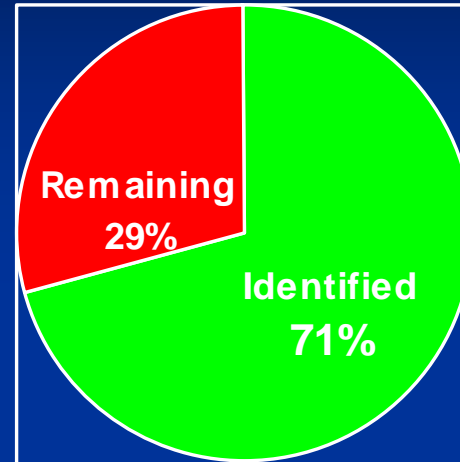
- ARRA-IRR funding overview
- Current Status of ARRA Funding
- Redistribution Information

# ARRA-IRR Funding

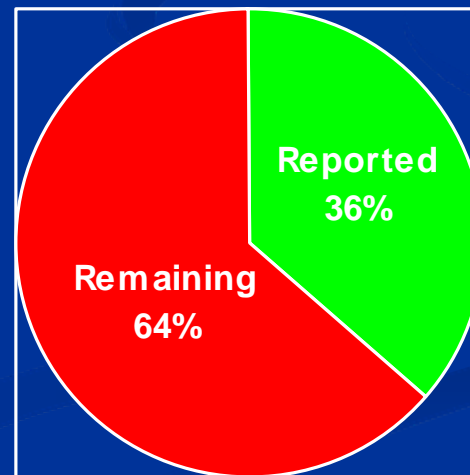
- \$310 million made available
  - Made available in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 23 (tribal share methodology)
  - Full obligation by September 30, 2010
  - Documentation submittals to BIA or FHWA required before release of funds to Tribe
  - Strict Reporting Requirements (2 types)
  - Redistribution Plan (after February 17, 2010)
- These funds are not subject to the extension or CR (available now)

# ARRA-IRR Status

- % of ARRA-IRR funds identified on FHWA approved ARRA-IRRRTIPs (\$210 million)



- Number of Tribes with approved ARRA-IRRRTIPs (205)



# ARRA-IRR Status

## ■ Obligated

- \$ 51.7 million
- Agreements finalized
- 41 Projects
  - 271 positions reported to date

## ■ Pending

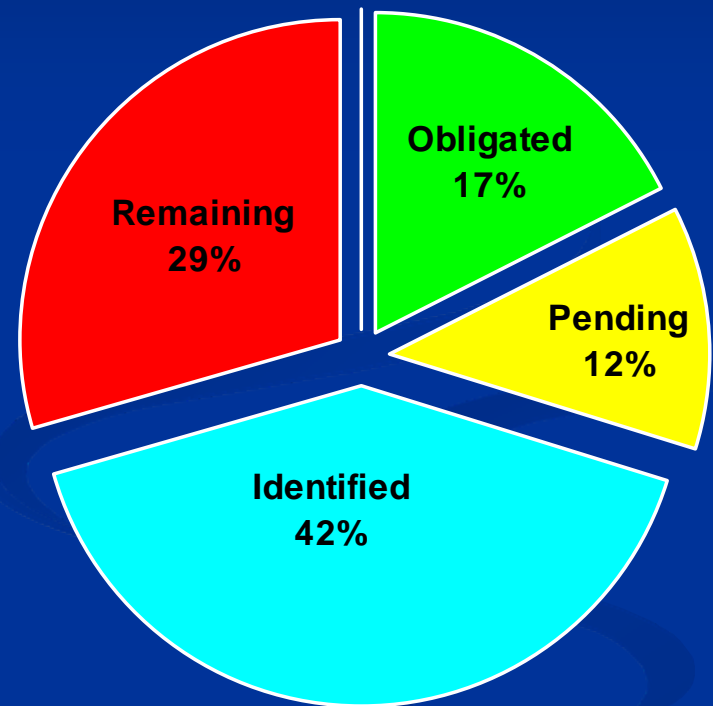
- \$ 36.4 million
- Agreements in process
- 60 Projects

## ■ Identified

- \$ 121.9 million
- On approved ARRA-IRRTIP but no documentation submitted

## ■ Remaining

- \$ 87.6 million
- No ARRA-IRRTIP submitted



# ARRA-IRR Redistribution

- DOT Secretary is given authority in ARRA to redistribute (within the program) any unobligated funds after 1 year.
- Guidance developed with input from IRRPCC.
  - Developed to ensure total obligation of ARRA-IRR funds by September 30, 2010.
  - Provides all Tribes with an opportunity to participate in this program.
  - Notice will be published in Federal Register.
  - Guidance will be on FLH and BIA websites.
  - All tribes will be provided numerous written notices of the status of their ARRA funds.

# ARRA Redistribution

- Critical Dates (Timeline) included in the Guidance:
  - **November 16, 2009** - Initial tribal fund notification begins expressing amounts available and need for ARRA-IRRTIP.
  - **December 15, 2009** – FHWA issues a call for projects with submittal requirements and due date.
  - **December 31, 2009** – 2<sup>nd</sup> tribal notification of fund status re-expressing the need for ARRA-IRRTIP.
  - **February 17, 2010** – Project submittal reviews and rankings completed, initial redistribution amount determined and made available to highest ranked projects.
  - **April 30, 2010** – 3<sup>rd</sup> tribal notification of fund status expressing need for obligation by June 1.
  - **June 1, 2010** – Redistribution of all remaining unobligated funds to highest remaining projects.

# ARRA-IRR Redistribution

## ■ Submitted Projects

- Must be:
  - shovel ready (if construction project);
  - A project design; or
  - A transit project.
- Must meet all IRR Program eligibility requirements.
- Must not exceed \$2,000,000 in requested funds.
- Must be able to be awarded quickly.

# ARRA-IRR Redistribution

## ■ Additional information

- Only one project per Tribe will be ranked and placed on the ARRA-IRR queue. Tribes may submit a second project but their top priority project must be identified. Additional projects will not be considered until all of the initial approved projects are funded.
- Each project's ranking on the queue will be based on total score obtained through ranking criteria.
- Redistributed funds will be provided to projects by rank regardless of regional location until all available funds are depleted.

# ARRA Redistribution

- Evaluation Criteria (1 to 10 points/criteria)
  - ARRA funding obligation/expenditure status
    - Are the Tribe's ARRA-IRR funds only identified on an approved ARRA-IRR TIP, in the process of being obligated, or totally expended?
  - Project Type
    - Is the project a design, transit construction, new road/bridge construction, or rehab of existing road/bridge?
  - Safety
    - Does project address a documented safety concern?
  - Reporting Status
    - Are tribal ARRA reports up to date?

# ARRA Redistribution

## ■ Evaluation Criteria (cont)

### ■ Amount requested

- How much redistributed ARRA-IRR funds are requested?

### ■ Leveraging Effect

- Is there another funding source on the project?

### ■ Time to completion

- Does the project schedule show substantial completion by February 17, 2011?

# ARRA Redistribution

- Evaluation Criteria (cont)
  - Direct access
    - Does the project provide direct access to a tribal:
      - School
      - Health facility
      - Housing
      - Business or enterprise
      - Cultural site (per 25 CFR 121)?
- The points for each category will be compiled into a single overall total score.
- Tie-breakers
  - Time to completion, expenditure status, access, and amount of requested funding
  - **REDISTRIBUTION MATRIX.xls**

# Questions