

Public Law 100-318
100th Congress

An Act

To provide for the transfer of certain funds to the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of certain members of the Crow Tribe.

May 13, 1988
[S. 2273]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior \$180,000 of the funds appropriated to provide a grant to the Crow Tribe under section 2604(d) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(d)) for fiscal year 1988.

Grants.

(b) The funds transferred under this section and any other fiscal year 1988 funds, appropriated pursuant to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which have been retained by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and which have been allocated, but not distributed, for the benefit of the Crow Tribe, shall remain available for that purpose until expended.

SEC. 2. USE OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall enter into an Interagency Agreement for the administration on an expedited basis of the funds transferred under section 1. The Agreement shall include assurances that the Secretary of the Interior shall follow the requirements contained in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (7), (8), and (13) of subsection 2605(b) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and such terms regarding the provision of technical assistance as the Secretaries may deem necessary. All such funds shall be used to provide, through the Crow Agency Social Services Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the assistance and benefits otherwise available under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to households who meet the eligibility criteria established by the Crow Tribe in its grant application for fiscal year 1988 and the agreement between the State of Montana and the Crow Tribe for such year. There shall be equitable consideration of claims or applications involving all forms of energy. If direct vendor payments are made, the vendor shall agree to refrain from termination of service to an eligible household until such time as all administrative actions involving withholding of fiscal year 1988 grants under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 from the Crow Tribe have been resolved. The provisions of the Interagency Agreement shall be in lieu of any other legal requirements that would otherwise be applicable to the administration of such funds or the assistance and benefits to be provided with such funds.

Contracts.

Claims.

SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act may be construed to affect administrative actions relating to grants received by the Crow Tribe under section 2604(d) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(d)) for fiscal year 1988 or preceding fiscal years or the eligibility of the Crow Tribe to receive a grant for fiscal year 1989, or any succeeding fiscal year.

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