

GUIDELINES

DIVISION OF SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
Navajo Area Indian Health Service
Window Rock, Arizona

CHAPTER 5--Service Policies

Section 5: Serving Tribal/Chapter Community Buildings Under P.L. 86-121 Projects
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From time to time requests may be received from chapter officials or Tribal program officials for the Indian Health Service to assist in the provision of sanitation facilities to serve Tribal/chapter community buildings. These requests are typically for chapter houses, senior citizens centers, and head-start schools. Sanitation Facilities Construction guidance for assisting the Tribe and chapters in serving these buildings is as follows:

1. The Tribal programs/chapters should include funds within their initial budgets/grant applications for the provision of water supply and sewage disposal facilities to serve existing/new community buildings.
2. SFC staff can provide technical assistance to the Tribal program/chapter regarding site evaluations, feasibility of serving the building with water supply/sewage disposal facilities, sizing of system components, and provision of standard specifications and detail drawings.
3. P.L. 86-121 construction funds can be utilized to provide water supply and waste disposal facilities to an existing Tribal community building or to a proposed building when:
 - A. The building is be used for assemblies and meetings of Indians and not for commercial ventures.
 - B. The Tribal program or chapter requests IHS assistance, in writing, and specifies the type of assistance that is being requested, whether or not a chapter or Tribal contribution can be made to the IHS for the requested facilities, the purpose of the building, the number of users of the building, and the frequency of use.
 - C. The Tribal program or chapter should provide evidence that an attempt was made to include the funding for the sanitation facilities in their application to the funding

- agency or Tribal program, and that such facilities were not eligible for funding under the program, or that construction bids exceeded the available funding.
- D. The building must have interior plumbing provided by other funding sources, and the plumbing must be in place prior to the start of construction of facilities to be provided by the IHS through P.L. 86-121.
 - E. A P.L. 86-121 project (IHS funding in the project) to serve Indian homes within the affected chapter must exist or be approved for funding. Scattered housing projects may also be used. P.L. 86-121 projects with only contributed funds, such as NHA housing projects, cannot be used to serve a Tribal community building.
 - F. In general, the IHS will provide no more than short water and sewer main extensions, water and sewer service lines and/or subsurface sewage disposal systems, with a total estimated construction cost not to exceed \$10,000.
4. Requests for P.L. 86-121 assistance for Tribal/chapter community buildings should be forwarded through the District Engineer to the Director, DSFC for response.

Questions regarding this guideline should be directed to the District Engineer or, in his absence, the Director, DSFC.

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