

Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Amendment Highlights (March 2026)

- Take advantage of flexibility under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion (GWE) Act in accordance with December 2025 released GWE Regulations
- Establish a requirement for the Band to conduct a periodic evaluation of community needs - Including this requirement would further formalize a procedure already required under certain GWE programs and ensure it applies to GWE distributions under the RAP
- The evaluation will establish a baseline amount of money required for Band members to meet their needs covered by the GWE programs and then the Band can reasonably justify making GWE distributions up to this amount
- Consistent with the GWE Regulations, expressly state that minors' trust assets may be reallocated and set aside for GWE purposes – even if they had previously been contributed to the trust as Per Capita payments
- Make the RAP more flexible (Percentage ranges vs. fixed percentages – Best Practice)
- Remove details from the RAP that are not necessary to include - RAP has a lengthy amendment process requiring federal government approval (Department of the Interior, or DOI)
- Remove portions better suited and already included in the Minors' Trust Agreement
- Establish a special needs trust for disabled but legally competent persons
- Various technical and clerical “clean-up” to align with Band statutes and Band practices