American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding Allocation Formula

- **Base Grant**: Same amount as the base grant received the prior year, originally set in 1981.
- **Training and Technical Assistance**: Depending on whether there are remaining funds.
- **Cost of Living Increase**: Calculated applying the percent change in the CPI for all Urban Consumers to each agency’s base grant. These increases are written into the following year’s base grant.
- **Special Expansion Funding for Enrollment Increases**: Distributed based on the ratio of enrolled children at each agency compared to enrollment at all agencies. Also considers cost differential between Early Head Start vs. Head Start and full- vs. part-day programs offered by agencies. These increases may be written into the following year’s base grant.
- **Quality Improvement Funding**: Only if there are remaining funds.
- **Expansion Funding**: Only if there are remaining funds.

**Total AI/AN or Migrant & Seasonal Agency Funding**

- **Special Expansion Funding for Enrollment Increases**: Head Start agencies only, not EHS:
  - 3% of expansion funds for AI/AN Programs
  - 4.5% of expansion funds for Migrant and Seasonal Programs
  The Secretary may increase these percentages if Head Start research initiatives show a need for greater expansion.
- **Expansion Funding**: These increases may be written into the following year’s base grant.
- **Special Expansion Funding may not exceed $50,000,000 for either the AI/AN or the Migrant & Seasonal programs from 2007 to 2012.**

**Allocation depends on the program type but may be based on ratio of enrolled children at agency compared to at all agencies.**

- $10,000,000 for AI/AN HS and EHS programs, and $10,000,000 for Migrant and Seasonal HS programs.
- If not enough funding for the above, take what remains after COLA, and split evenly between AI/AN and Migrant and Seasonal programs.
- If no funding remains after COLA, no special expansion increases. These increases may be written into the following year’s base grant.
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA), Quality Improvement funding and Expansion funding are determined each fiscal year and are only allocated to grantees if Congress has authorized sufficient Head Start funding in its annual appropriations. If, in a given year, appropriations are only sufficient to allocate base grants and TA funding, Head Start grantees will not receive any funds for COLA, quality improvement or expansion. There are multiple years in which grantees have not received funds for COLA, quality improvement and/or expansion.