

TRIBAL NATIONS

Created to implement part of the Cobell Settlement, the Buy-Back Program is offering fair market value to landowners for restoring land to tribes, which helps ensure that Indian lands <u>stay in trust</u>.

This Program is for...

Landowners who receive offers may choose to sell all, some, or none of their fractionated interests. Owners will have 45 days to respond to purchase offers, and sellers will receive payments directly into their IIM accounts, including a \$75 base payment - regardless of purchase offer amount.

Your Land The Program is a collaborative effort between individuals, tribes, and the federal government to preserve the Indian trust land base. By restoring Indian trust lands to the tribe, you help communities put trust land to beneficial use.

Your Community Not only does restoring land for tribal use help reinforce the cultural and economic future of the tribe, but each purchase will also support Native students through the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund, up to \$60 million.

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIALS

You may receive a purchase offer package in the mail from the Buy-Back Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This envelope contains important information about your land ownership interests. Staff are available to answer questions or assist you in completing the paperwork.

Did you know...

Nearly 245,000 individuals

own approximately 3 million fractional interests on

150 reservations across the country.

Learn More...

Owners are encouraged to learn more, consider their options, and make sure their contact information is current by contacting the U.S. Department of the Interior:

Call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center: 1 (888) 678-6836

Visit your local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST).

Explore our website at:

www.doi.gov/buybackprogram

