

**ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE
REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - AS OF MARCH 31, 2011**

REGIONAL OPERATIONS-GOVERNANCE BRANCH			
AUDIT OF BAND SUPPORT FUNDING (08/27) AEC APPROVAL DATE: 25/09/2009			
PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLAN	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PROGRAM RESPONSE
<p>1. INAC, should streamline the current application process to ensure efficiency and the use of the most current programming data. This new application process should become part of BSF Program Policy, and be adopted uniformly across regions. An implementation plan should be created for this new process to address regional communication and training issues.</p>	<p>INAC, in the context of the renewal of the Indian Government Support programs, will seek authority to simplify the funding formula such that funding entitlements will be calculated entirely on the basis of current data already contained in internal INAC databases, relieving applicants of the burden of submitting data to INAC. All First Nations communities will have access to the data employed in this calculation.</p>	<p>Secure program authority for a new funding formula by April 1, 2010</p> <p>Implement new automated data collection system by April 1, 2011</p>	<p>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2011:</p> <p>** Comment for entire Follow Up**</p> <p>As it is unlikely that new funds will be available in 2011-2012 the department will not propose significant new strategic directions for Band Support Funding. In the meantime the department has taken the appropriate steps to ensure that current investments for Band Support Funding continue and has made technical and administrative improvements to the program.</p> <p>AES: Implementation pending.</p>
<p>2. INAC, Professional and Institutional Development Directorate, should create a model that can be used to accurately calculate the PY data so that it better matches community needs. This model should become part of the BSF Program Policy, and implemented consistently across the regions.</p>	<p>INAC will seek authority for a simpler funding formula which is driven by population, by the volume of other programs managed by the community, and by geographic factors; the new formula will not employ person-year data.</p>	<p>Secure program authority for a new funding formula by April 1, 2010</p>	<p>Status:</p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2011:</p> <p>See response#1.</p>

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3. INAC should ensure that consistent and comprehensive guidelines that outline the appropriate uses of BSF expenses are developed and provided to regional staff and recipients. The Department should establish a communication plan to ensure that the regions and BSF funding recipients clearly understand these guidelines. Training should also be provided to regional program staff to ensure that they are giving consistent and accurate guidance to First Nations on the use of BSF funds.	INAC will seek authority to define the purpose of the grant to be to support First Nations in the execution of functions of government. Regional Operations Sector will provide program guidance to all regional offices regarding these functions.	Provide training to regional offices on the purpose of a renewed grant program by December 31, 2010	<p>Status:</p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2011:</p> <p>See response#1.</p> <p>AES: Implementation pending.</p>