

**The Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations** implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members. Over the first two years of the buy-back program, over \$700 million has been paid to landowners and 1.5 million acres of land have been reacquired.

**The Piikani Money Campaign** and its partners are working to provide all tribal members who are eligible to participate in the buy-back program with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed and appropriate decisions. We are committed to assist you to ensure you will realize this potential economic opportunity as a long-term benefit, supporting your financial stability for years to come.

**The Piikani Money Campaign** is a coordinated effort of organizations, institutions, and Blackfeet tribal agencies committed to providing land buy-back program education and resources to tribal members.

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**Blackfeet Housing Authority:** 406.338.5031  
blackfeethousing.org

**NACDC, Business and Financial Literacy:** 406.338.2992  
nacdcfinancialservices.com

**Blackfeet Land Buy-Back:** 406.338.5435 or 338-4335 and toll free: 844.308.7913  
doi.gov/buybackprogram

**Blackfeet ManPower, Public Benefits:** 406.338.2111  
blackfeetmanpower.wordpress.com

**Blackfeet Law Enforcement (BLES), Elder Abuse:** 406.338.4000

**Office of Public Assistance, Browning:** 406.338.5171  
dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/OfficeofPublicAssistance.aspx

**Blackfeet Elder Protection Team (Hotline):** 406.338.5171

**Blackfeet Department of Commerce :** 406.338.5545  
blackfeetcommerce.com

**First Interstate Bank:** 406.873.2265  
firstinterstatebank.com

**Montana Bankers Association:** 406.443.4121  
montanabankers.com

**Native American Bank:** 406.338.7000  
nativeamericanbank.com

**Blackfeet Land Department:** 406.338.2667

**Wells Fargo, Shelby:** 406.434.5528  
wellsfargo.com

**Blackfeet Eagle Shields Senior Center:** 406.338.7257

**Blackfeet Tribal Credit:** 406.338.7523



**HELPING RECIPIENTS OF LAND BUY-BACK OFFERS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS.**

**JUST DON'T BLOW IT.**



## HOW WILL LAND BUY-BACK PAYMENTS AFFECT MY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS?

### MEDICAID

Land Buy-Back payments are excluded as both income and resources as long as the funds can be specifically identified as being from the Cobell settlement.

### SNAP and TANF

Land Buy-Back payments received will be included in the month received and excluded as a resource for 12 months. Any of the buy-back funds retained after 12 months becomes countable and is added to all other countable resources to determine ongoing resource eligibility.

### SOCIAL SECURITY

Land Buy-Back payments do not impact Social Security retirement payments.

### SSI

Land Buy-Back payments are excluded from resource counting for a period of one year from the date of receipt. Funds retained longer than one year are countable as a resource.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LAND BUY-BACK PAYMENTS' IMPACT ON THESE OR OTHER BENEFITS AND GRANTS, GO TO:**

**BLACKFEETMANPOWER.WORDPRESS.COM**

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## THE SALE OF LAND CAN OFFER BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM BENEFITS. HOW WILL THE LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM AFFECT YOUR FUTURE?

**The Piikani Money Awareness Campaign and its partners will be offering a variety of trainings and resources to tribal members considering participation in the land buyback program and other settlement events:**

### DON'T BE A VICTIM.

**Beware of scams and frauds. Do your research.**

Avoid becoming a target of financial fraudsters and scammers offering "too good to be true" investment opportunities or setting up temporary shop near reservations, offering substandard goods and services for highly inflated rates.

**Contact Blackfeet Department of Commerce for more information:**  
**blackfeetcommerce.com | 406.338.5545**

### FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE.

**Respect our elders. It's tradition.**

Family members and others have been found to pressure payment recipients, especially elders, to cash large payment checks and disperse the proceeds to them. **Elder abuse is not a Blackfeet value, it is not the Blackfeet way.**

**Contact for more information or to report abuse:**  
**Blackfeet Law Enforcement (BLES): 406.338.4000**  
**Blackfeet Elder Protection Team (Hotline): 406.338.5171**

### GOT BANK? Open an account.

Keep your buy-back settlement payment and other monies safe in an account at an insured financial institution.

**Contact NACDC for more information:**  
**nacdcfinancialservices.com | 406.338.2992**

### CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ECONOMY AND PROSPER. Start a business.

Buy-back payments may provide a good opportunity for you to establish or expand a business, or farm or ranch operation.

**Contact NACDC for more information:**  
**nacdcfinancialservices.com | 406.338.2992**



### BE PREPARED. Financial knowledge is power.

Take advantage of available resources and training to learn about the benefits of banking, wise money management, credit, and budgeting.

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**nacdcfinancialservices.com | 406.338.2992**

### A PERMANENT LODGE PROVIDES STABILITY.

**Consider homeownership.**

Buy-back payments may provide an opportunity to purchase a home and provide stability for your family and loved ones.

**Contact Blackfeet Housing Authority for more information:**  
**blackfeethousing.org | 406.338.5031**

### INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.

**Cultivate financially savvy youth.**

Engage your children in thinking about and managing money responsibly.

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**nacdcfinancialservices.com | 406.338.2992**

### WILL YOUR PUBLIC BENEFITS OR LEASE INCOME BE AFFECTED BY LAND BUY-BACK?

**Do your research.**

Understand how buy-back payments may impact your current lease income and public benefits before you make a decision about your land buy-back offer.

**Contact Blackfeet ManPower for more information:**  
**blackfeetmanpower.wordpress.com | 406.338.2111**

**GO ONLINE OR CALL FOR A SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS:**

**PIIKANIMONEY.ORG | 406.338.2992**

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