

Administration of benefits programs (individual payments)

Creation of the Community Fund

There is created, a budget of Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00) a Nikkei Community Fund;

There is also allocated for administrative purposes described herein the sum of \$100,000.00.

All claims for individual payments benefits shall be

filed within three years of the date of enactment of this

Act.

All claims shall be certified for payment by the Treasurer

within six months of filing.

Priority shall be according to age with age six

or over ranking highest.

Survival of Claims

Claims may be filed by the executor or if the executor

is deceased, by the heirs surviving the executor who are

living on date of enactment.

Administration of the Nikkei Community Fund

The administration of the Nikkei Community Fund shall be the responsibility of the following agencies:

1. Community Fund National Board of Trustees (hereinafter also referred to as National Board)
2. Local Nikkei Community Boards (hereinafter referred to as Local Boards)

Community Fund National Board of Trustees

The Community Fund National Board of Trustees shall be comprised of eleven (11) appointed members. The President of the United States, the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one Trustee to the National Board.

Seven trustees to the National Board shall be appointed by each of seven local boards:

The local boards shall represent the following regions in appointing a trustee to the National Board:

1. Western (California)
2. Pacific (Washington, Oregon)
3. Far Western (Hawaii)
4. Alaska

5. Atlantic Seaboard
6. Rocky Mountain
7. Midwest (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin etc.)

The remaining Trustee on the National Board shall be elected at large by a majority vote of the remaining ten trustees.

The duties of the eleven Trustees of the National Board are as follows:

1. To allocate disbursements from the Nikkei Community Fund to the 7 regions, with the size of the allocation depending upon the number of claimant evacuees or their direct heirs residing in the region;
2. To ensure that all disbursement from the fund shall be completed within 6 months of the date of enactment of this Act.

All Trustees of the National Board shall serve as volunteers, with only reasonable and necessary expenses paid per schedule of expenses promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

The National Board shall dissolve 6 months after the final disbursement from the Nikkei Community Fund is completed.

Local Nikkei Community Boards

The duties and powers of the Local Nikkei Community Boards shall be as follows:

1. to elect a Trustee to represent the region on the National Board;
2. to establish priorities based upon the human service needs of the evacuee claimants residing in the region for the expenditure of Community Fund disbursements;
3. to ensure the distribution and utilization of the community funds, as mandated by the claimant evacuees in the region.

Evacuees and their heirs residing in the individual seven regions shall be eligible to vote for the members of the Local Board for their region. The right to vote is not assignable. All decisions shall be a two-thirds majority. The Local Boards may be comprised of individuals, or private community agencies, at the election of the evacuees and their heirs.

The Local Boards shall serve as volunteers, with only reasonable and necessary expenses paid per schedule of expenses promulgated by the Office of Personal Management.

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Selection shall begin with the nomination procedure conducted through major Japanese American newspapers. An announcement will be issued, including: description of the Community Trust Fund concept organization and goals; as well as solicitation of nominations.