

***TRIBAL / INTERIOR BUDGET COUNCIL
MEETING BOOKLET***



All In-Person Meeting

November 18-22, 2024

***Washington Plaza Hotel
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Washington, DC, 20005***

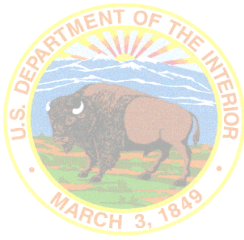


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**Agenda Tribal/Interior Budget Council
November 18 – November 22, 2024**

**Washington Plaza Hotel
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Washington, DC**

Sunday, November 17 – Travel Day

Monday, November 18 Subcommittee Meetings

9:00 – 12:00 **Public Safety & Justice Subcommittee**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 4:30 **Education Subcommittee**

Tuesday, November 19 Subcommittee Meetings

9:00 – 12:00 **Data Management Subcommittee**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 4:30 **Transportation Subcommittee**

Wednesday, November 20 Subcommittee/Tribal Caucus

9:00 – 12:00 **Budget Subcommittee**

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 **Land, Water & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

1:00 – 4:00 **Economic Development Subcommittee**

4:00 – 6:00 **Tribal Caucus**

Thursday, November 21 – TIBC Main Session

9:00 – 9:15	Call to Order Opening Prayer	Tribal & ASIA Co-Chairs Tribal Member-TBA
9:15 – 9:30	Roll Call Approval of Agenda/Minutes	Tribal Co Chairs/NCAI/TIBC Coordinator
9:30 – 10:15	Opening Remarks	Tribal & ASIA Co-Chairs/DBIA
10:15 – 10:30	Administrative/Legislative Updates	Matt Vogel, NCAI/TIBC Coordinator
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:15	Fee to Trust Handbook Overview	Carla Clark, Chief, Division of Real Estate Services
11:15 – 11:45	FOIA Presentation	Justin Davis, ASIA, FOIA Officer

11:45 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 1:45	Budget Update & Ranking Tool	Sharon Omps, Chief, Division of Formulation
1:45 – 2:45	Budget Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/DASM
2:45 – 3:00	Break	
3:00 – 4:00	Data Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/Chief Data Officer
4:00 – 5:00	PS&J Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OJS

Friday, November 22 – TIBC Main Session

9:00 – 9:45	Opening Remarks/Recap	Tribal & ASIA Co-Chairs
9:45 – 10:45	BIE Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, BIE
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Economic Development Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OIED
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:30	Land & Water (Natural Resources) Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OTS
2:30 – 3:30	Transportation Subcomm. Update/Discussion	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OIS
3:30 – 3:45	Break	
3:45 – 3:55	Emergency Management Updates	Jason Steinmetz
3:55 – 4:30	BTFA Updates/Discussion	Full Body/Director, BTFA
4:30 – 5:00	Old Business/New Business	Matt Vogel, NCAI/TIBC Coordinator
5:00	Adjourn	

Saturday, November 23 – Travel Day

Have a Safe Journey Home



Tribal/Interior Budget Council

Public Safety & Justice Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Navajo Nation

Juana Majel Dixon, Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

Richard Melville, Deputy Bureau Director, Justice Services

- Prayer/Invocation
- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Issues/Updates
 - Federal Update - Richard Melville, Deputy Bureau Director, Justice Services
 - BIE Update – Lawrence Palmer, Supervisory Budget Officer, School Operations, BIE
 - DOJ-OTJ Update – Daron Carreiro, Acting Director, Office of Tribal Justice (invited)
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - PS&J Workgroup Report Out
 - Funding Formulas and distribution methodologies for all PS&J Program activities
 - PS&J Grant Program creation with meaningful Tribal consultation
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council

Education Subcommittee Agenda

November 18, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Buster Atteberry, Karuk Tribe

Juana Majel Dixon, Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

Tony Dearman, Director, BIE

Sharon Pinto, Deputy Bureau Director, BIE

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Updates
 - Report from BIE – Tony Dearman, Director; Sharon Pinto, Deputy Director
 - NIEA Update – Julia Wakeford, Policy Director, NIEA
 - AIHEC Update- Ahniwake Rose, President & CEO, AIHEC
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - Methodology for BIE Cost Estimates
 - Tribal Grant Support Costs
 - Johnson O’Malley Assistance Grants (Revise Cost Estimates)
 - National Johnson-O'Malley Association (invited)
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) Allocation and Funding Overview (BIE)
 - Tribal Colleges Allocation and Funding Overview-BIE
 - AIHEC (invited)
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) Facilities, Improvement, and Repair Allocation and Funding Overview (BIE)
 - Education Construction (Revise/Update Cost Estimates)
- Policy, Legislative, and Programmatic Ideas, Questions, Concerns

- Recommendations for BIE Service Delivery, Implementation, Process Improvement
 - Data Metrics - What is used and how accurate is it?
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- March Agenda Recommendations
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council

Data Management Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

November 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Rick Harrison, Chickaloon Village

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

Veronica Lane, Chief Data Officer, OBPM

Melvin Gilchrist, Program Analyst, OBPM

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Issues/Update
 - US Census Update – Dr. Sallie Ann-Keller, Chief Scientist and Associate Director, U.S. Census Bureau
 - Statistical Agency Overview – Dr. Jacob Malcom, Statistical Official, U.S. Department of the Interior
 - Performance Management Update, Melvin Gilchrist, OBPM
 - Technical Assistance for Tribe on the Cost of Federal Programs
 - Office of Budget Performance Management, Veronica Lane, OBPM
 - Indian Country Data Working Group Update
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - Prospective questions for FOIA presentation
- Summary of Action Items for Full TIBC
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council
Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
Agenda

November 19, 2024

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Dakota Longbrake, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Otto Tso, Navajo Nation

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, BIA

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Issues/Updates
 - BIA DOT Update- Leroy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, BIA
 - FHWA Update – Erin Kenley, Director, Tribal Transportation Program, DOT (invited)
 - EPA Clean School Bus Program – Esperanza Perez, EPA (invited)
 - BIE Update – Lawrence Palmer, Supervisory Budget Officer, School Operations, BIE
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - BIA-DOT & TIBC Transportation Subcommittee regional working session summary report.
 - BIA Road Maintenance Pilot Project
 - Purpose Statement Review
- Summary of Action Items for Full TIBC
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council
Budget Subcommittee Meeting
Agenda

November 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

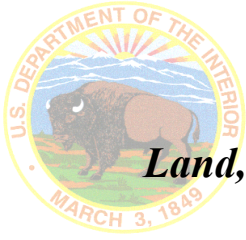
Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

David Mahooty, Director OBPM

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- IA Budget Update
 - Continuing Resolution Update
- FY 2025 Budget Request Update
- FY 2027 Preferred Program Priority Ranking Tool
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council

Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

November 20, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Russell “Buster” Atteberry, Karuk Tribe

Timothy J. (TJ) Green Sr., Makah Tribe

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

Peter Wakeland, BIA, Chief Forester, Division of Forestry

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Issues/Updates
 - Federal Updates - Peter Wakeland, BIA, Chief Forester, Division of Forestry; Trina Locke, Associate Deputy Bureau Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Directorate
 - Succession Planning - Division of Realty and Estate Services
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - Co-Stewardship/Co-Management
 - Offshore Wind Energy Updates
- Summary of Action Items for Full TIBC
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council

Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

November 20, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Courtney Two Lance, Oglala Sioux Tribe

Kitcki Carroll, United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chair:

K. Denise Litz, acting Director, Office of Indian Economic Development (OIED)

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Updates
 - OIED Update - K. Denise Litz, acting Director, OIED
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- Adjourn



BUREAU OF
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ADMINISTRATION**

Budget Strategy

Jerry Gidner, Bureau Director
November 2024

*We Excel,
Native America Prospers.*

Financial Snapshot

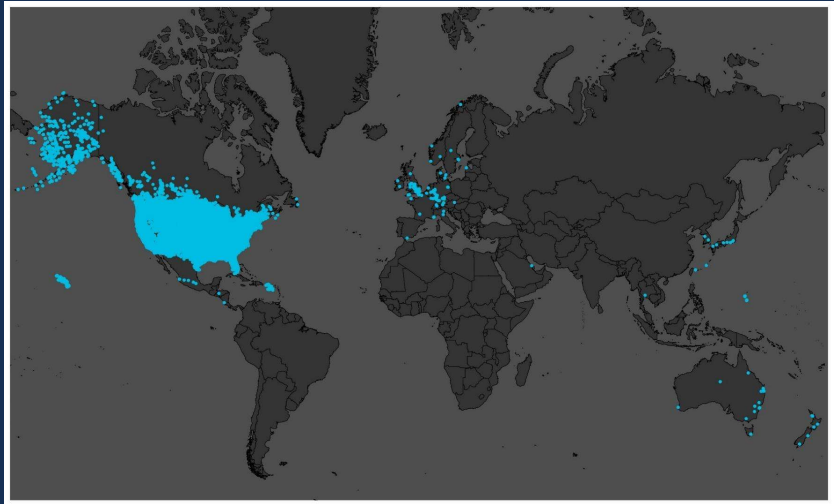
- \$8.76 Billion under management
- 413,700 Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts
- 4,200 Tribal Accounts
- 12.0 Million transactions/year
- 96% First contact resolution rate
- Received 12th consecutive unmodified opinion on IIM Financial Statements



**Audited figures as of September 30, 2024*

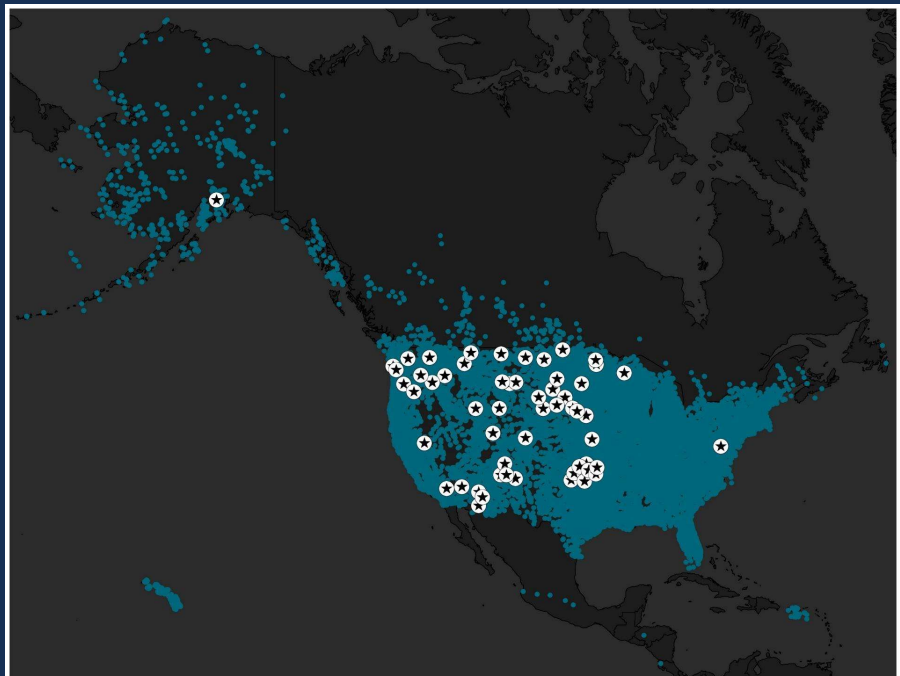
Beneficiary Locations

- 413k Accounts
- 70k Whereabouts Unknown
- 703 International
- BTFA continually seeks to identify the best business model to provide services to dispersed beneficiaries.



Staff

- 431 Federal Employees
- 211 Contractors
- 50% Virtual



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Bureau of Trust Funds Administration <i>(Dollars in 000's)</i>	2024		2025	House	Senate	House vs. Senate
	Enacted	FTE	2025 President's Budget	2025 House Mark	2025 Senate Mark	
Federal Trust Programs	100,009	436	111,277	105,277	100,472	+4,805

Managing a \$4 Million Cut

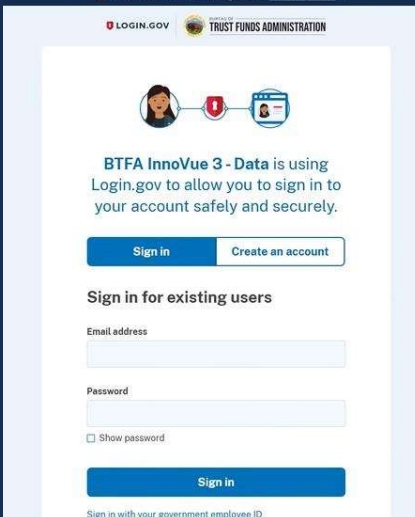
- Most vacancies will remain unfilled
- Fund expenses with rollover/carryover
- Restrict travel
- Reduce office space
- Reduce hours at Trust Beneficiary Call Center

Modernization Project Updates

- Technology Modernization Fund Pilot Program
- Cloud Customer Service Management
- Electronic Records Management
- V24 hour voice response at Call Center
- Online account access

Online Account Access Preview

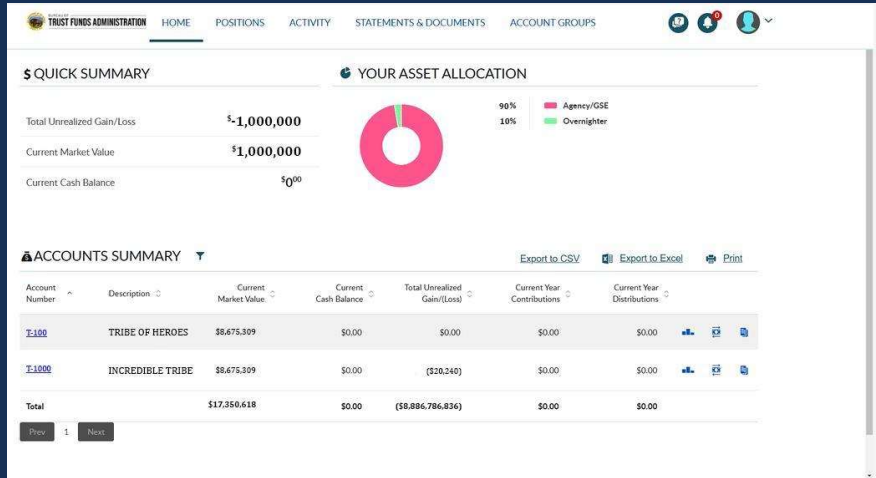
- Secure account access through Login.gov



The screenshot shows a web page for BTFA InnoVue 3 - Data using Login.gov. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Login.gov logo and the text "DEPARTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTRATION". Below the navigation bar, there is a header area with a user profile icon, a red shield icon, and a blue shield icon. The main content area features the text "BTFA InnoVue 3 - Data is using Login.gov to allow you to sign in to your account safely and securely." Below this text are two buttons: "Sign in" and "Create an account". Underneath the buttons, there is a section titled "Sign in for existing users" with two input fields: "Email address" and "Password". There is also a checkbox labeled "Show password" and a "Sign in" button at the bottom of the form. At the very bottom of the page, there is a small link that says "Sign in with your government employee ID".

Online Account Access Preview

- Account Dashboard



Online Account Access Preview

- Select specific accounts

The screenshot shows the 'By:' dropdown menu open, with the following options:

- All accounts
- T-100 (TRIBE OF HEROES)
- T-1000 (INCREDIBLE TRIBE)

The 'By Individual Assets' table is as follows:

Description	Ticker	Asset Class	Account Number	Quantity	Price	Market Value	Cost	Total Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
FFCB 2.250% 4/27/27		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB 2.290% 9/02/31		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB 2.400% 4/21/28		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB 2.400% 9/23/30		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB 2.450% 4/13/29		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB 1.680% 06/18/2035		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB CC 11/5/21 1.830% 11/05/2035		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54
FFCB CC 4/22/21 1.790% 06/22/2035		Agency/GSE	T-100	102,000,422.79	\$87.13	\$8,886,786,836	\$2,022,083,710	\$58,54

Online Account Access Preview

- Review account activity

Date	Account	Transaction Type	Asset Description	Net Amount	Quantity	Details
11/01/2024	T-1000	DEPOSITS		0.0000		Cash Deposit OVERNIGHT INTEREST Received From: OVERNIGHT INTEREST Interest from 10/01/2024 to 10/31/2024
11/01/2024	T-1000	DEPOSITS		0.0000		Cash Deposit OVERNIGHT INTEREST Received From: OVERNIGHT INTEREST Interest from 10/01/2024 to 10/31/2024
11/01/2024	T-1000	DEPOSITS		0.0000		Cash Deposit FARM PASTURE Received From: LEASE NUMBER: LESSEE: TRACT ID:
11/01/2024	T-1000	DEPOSITS		0.0000		Cash Deposit FARM PASTURE Received From: LEASE NUMBER: LESSEE:

Online Account Access Preview

- Download account statements

Date	Account	Account Name	Document Name	Additional Information
10/31/2024	T-100	TRIBE OF HEROES	Enter Sandman.pdf	FREQUENCY:MONTHLY STATEMENT: CONTACT: Download
10/31/2024	T-100	TRIBE OF HEROES	Bulls on Parade.pdf	FREQUENCY:MONTHLY STATEMENT: CONTACT: Download
09/30/2024	T-100	TRIBE OF HEROES	Paint It Black.pdf	FREQUENCY:ANNUALLY STATEMENT: CONTACT: Download
09/30/2024	T-100	TRIBE OF HEROES	For Whom the Bell Tolls.pdf	FREQUENCY:MONTHLY STATEMENT: CONTACT: Download
09/30/2024	T-100	TRIBE OF HEROES	Another One Bites the Dust.pdf	FREQUENCY:ANNUALLY STATEMENT: CONTACT: Download
09/30/2024	T-100	TRIBE OF HEROES	Master of Puppets.pdf	FREQUENCY:MONTHLY STATEMENT: CONTACT: Download

Future Expenses

- Trust Fund Accounting System – FY 28
- Increased leasing costs for records storage
- Digitization of trust records – Ongoing
- Discovery requests in Tribal litigation – Ongoing
- Beneficiary Services Improvements – Ongoing

Thank You



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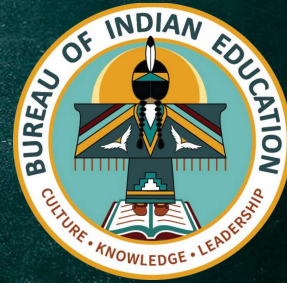
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BIE Education Subcommittee Update

Tony Dearman, Director
Sharon Pinto, Deputy Bureau Director
Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Post-Secondary Education
Spike Bighorn, Program Manager, Office of Sovereignty in Indian
Lawrence Palmer, Budget Officer

Washington, D.C.
November 18th 2024



BIE Agenda

- ❖ Senior Leader Introductions
- ❖ 2025 Budget Update
- ❖ Core Student Funding Methodologies
- ❖ Tribal Grant Support Costs Formula
- ❖ Johnson O'Malley Modernization Act
- ❖ Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCU) Allocation & Funding
- ❖ TCU Facilities, Improvement, & Repair Funding
- ❖ Process Improvement Initiatives
- ❖ Questions and Answers

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BIE 2025 Funding Summary

BIE Funding Snapshot	FY2023 Enacted	FY2024 Enacted	FY2025 CR Level	FY2025 Request
Operation of Indian Education Programs	\$1,133,552	\$1,131,617	\$251,106	\$1,210,690
Education Construction	<u>\$267,887</u>	<u>\$234,725</u>	<u>\$52,085</u>	<u>\$310,236</u>
BIE Direct Appropriations	\$1,401,439	\$1,366,342	\$303,191	\$1,520,926

Under a 2025 CR, funding remains flat at the 2024 level

No budget increase since 2023 requires on-going **spending adjustments**:

- *Schools incur rising teacher pay and operational costs*
- *Funds for recruitment and retention incentives remain limited*
- *Support contracts are Subject to Availability of Funds*

2025 Request is +7 percent increase above 2024 Enacted

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BIE Core Funding Methodologies

Elementary and Secondary Programs

Key Budget Lines	2024 Enacted	Allocation Funding Factors	Formula
ISEP Formula Funds	\$ 481,636,000	Student Counts	Yes
Tribal Grant Support Costs	\$ 95,822,000	School Funds Managed	Yes
Facilities Operations	\$ 80,888,000	Actual facilities & conditions by location	Yes
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 73,544,000	Facility Real Assets, etc.	Yes
Student Transportation	\$ 70,007,000	Mileage & Commercial Transportation	Yes
Total Funding	\$ 801,897,000	Over 70% of Key Budget Lines Allocated to TCS	

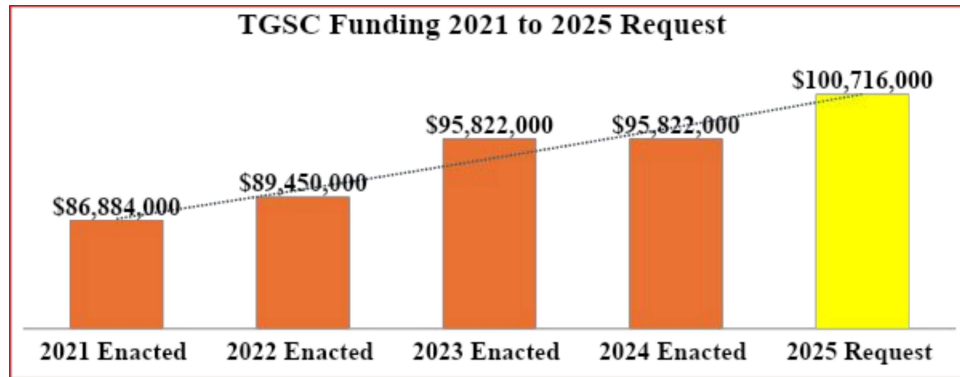
Post Secondary Programs

Key Budget Lines	2024 Enacted	Allocation Funding Factors	Formula
Tribal Colleges and Universities	\$87,926,000	Student Count	Yes
Scholarships and Adult Education	\$43,549,000	Applicants	Application
Haskell and SIPI	\$30,325,000	Historical	Yes
Tribal Technical Colleges	\$9,156,000	Student Count	Yes
Science Post Graduate Scholarships	\$6,450,000	Applicants	Application
Special Higher Ed Scholarships	\$4,992,000	Applicants	Application
TCU Supplements	\$1,220,000	Historical	Yes
Total Funding	\$183,618,000	Over 70% of Key Budget Lines Allocated to TCUs	

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Tribal Grant Support Costs (TGSC)



- ❖ TGSC increased +10% 2021-2024
- ❖ Outyear need estimates based on BIE Budget Requests
- ❖ More funds managed = more TGSC resources

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Tribal Grant Support Costs

- ❖ Statutory Formula - Public Law 100-297
- ❖ Federal funds managed by schools multiplied by 11%
- ❖ Funds allocation is driven by student counts, and student participation in programs such as Native Language, FACE, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE COST GRANT DISTRIBUTION FORMULA
<p>In accordance with the Hawkins-Stafford Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Amendments of 1988, Pub.L. 100-297, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act, individual administrative cost grants are determined using an administrative cost percentage rate calculated by the following formula:</p> $\frac{(\text{Tribe Administered Program Dollars} \times 11\%) + (\$600,000 \text{ (std Direct Cost Base)} \times 50\%)}{(\text{Tribe Administered Program Dollars}) + (\$600,000)}$ <p>The above formula generates a percentage that is then multiplied by the tribally administered program dollars (called the Tribal Direct Cost Base which is the total number of Federal appropriated dollars managed by the Tribe) to calculate the dollars for the Administrative Cost Grant. The Administrative Cost Grant equals the value generated from the formula above or a minimum amount of \$200,000 regardless of the number of students (as required by the NCLB), prorated based on the availability of funds.</p>

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Tribal Grant Support Costs

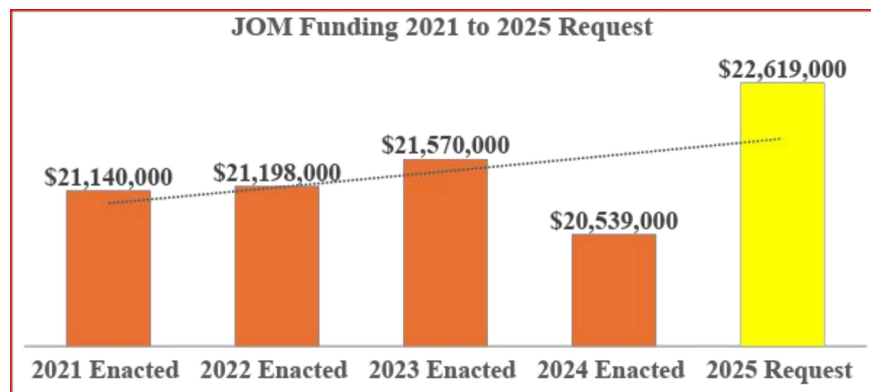
- ❖ Increases in **ISEP funding** is a major driver in TGSC
- ❖ Additional budget lines that play a roll in school-level TGSC include the following:
 - Student Transportation
 - Facilities Maintenance and Facilities Operations
 - Education Construction Facilities, Improvement, and Repair funding (FI&R)
 - Department of Education Title Funding



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Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM)

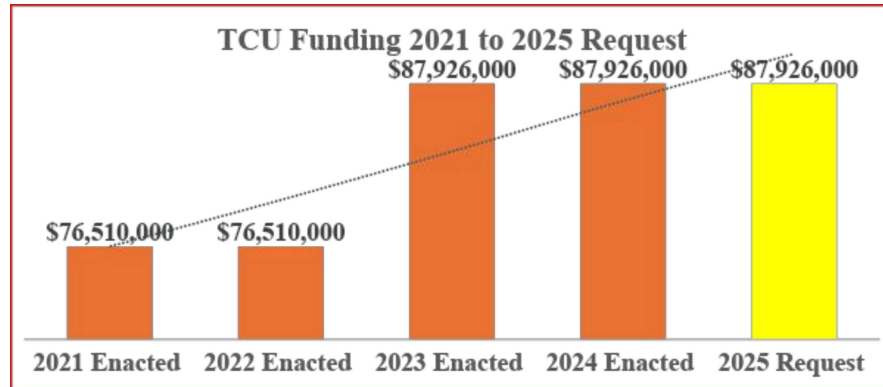


- ❖ Students enrolled in BIE-funded schools (both tribally controlled and BIE-operated) are not eligible for JOM funding.
- ❖ To comply with the JOM Modernization Act, beginning in **SY24-25**, JOM distributions will be based on actual student counts.

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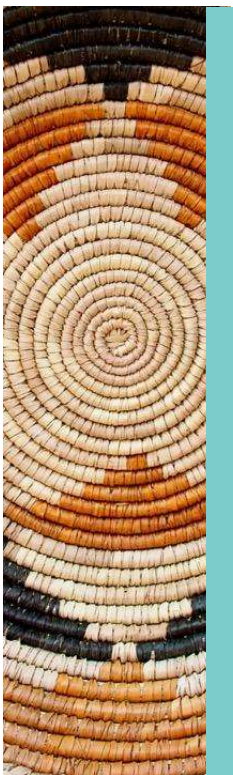


Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)

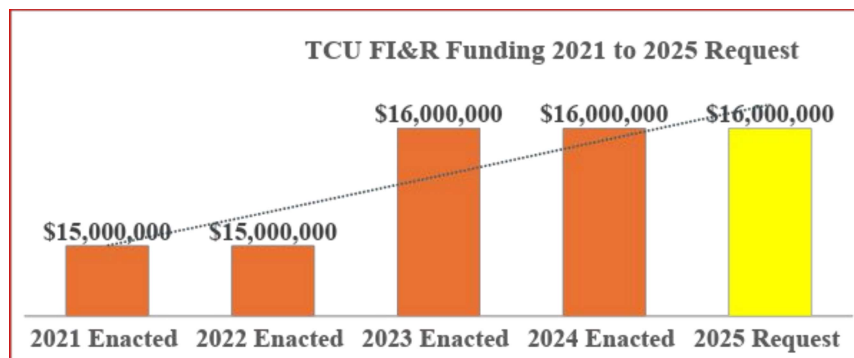


- ❖ Funding is based on Indian Student Count
- ❖ Credits earned are calculated to determine full-time students
- ❖ Funding has increased +14 percent from 2021 to 2024

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TCU Facilities Improvement and Repair



- ❖ No FI&R appropriation prior to FY2021
- ❖ Funding is currently allocated pro-rata among TCUs
- ❖ Funding is appropriated under *Education Construction*

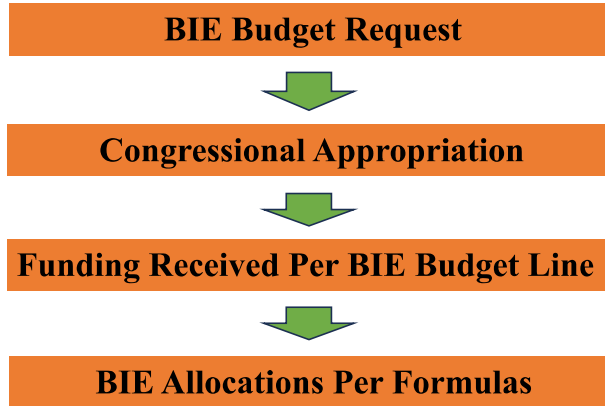
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BIE Cost Estimating

BIE funding formulas are regulatory – 25 CFR
Allocations based on key metrics – students, mileage, etc.

Budget Formulation/Execution



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Process Improvement Initiative

FY 2025 Proposed Appropriation Language Change

BIE is requesting funds earlier – permitting BIE to make
funds available on 1 July to all BIE-funded schools

*Accelerates BIE funding availability of over \$700
million in Forward Funded Programs*

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Questions and Answers

Mvto HiyHiy LemLmts Wado
 Wawaenon DaWaEh Miigwech Wopila
 Pinagigi Wimblahaho
 Quayana Baasee Ahéhee AnaaBasee HiruweTudahe Pilamiya Taikuu
 Nya:Weh Aho
 ThankYou Tansi



Johnson O'Malley Program Update

Mr. Spike Bighorn
Sovereignty in Indian Education Office

Tribal Colleges and Universities Update

Mr. Lee Fleming and Dr. Katherine Campbell
Office of Post-Secondary Education



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BIE Transportation Subcommittee Update

Sharon Pinto, Deputy Bureau Director
 Vanda Cervantes, Senior Budget Analyst
 Christina Guerra, EPA Program Analyst



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BIE Agenda

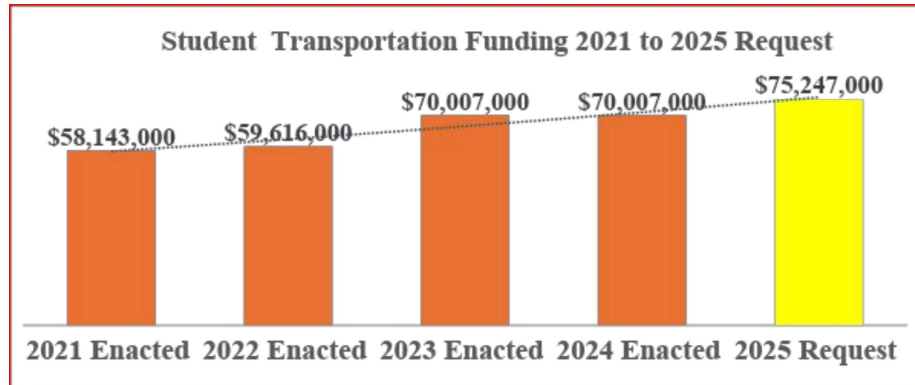
- ❖ BIE Transportation Funding
- ❖ Student Transportation Mileage
- ❖ Congressional Directive – Transportation
- ❖ EPA Clean School Bus Program and Funding Opportunities
- ❖ Questions and Answers





Student Transportation Funding

- ❖ Funds increased +20% from 2021 to 2024
- ❖ Funds based on annual reported mileage – 25 CFR Subpart G
- ❖ Funding supports fuel, driver salaries, maintenance, etc.
- ❖ Historical BIE Reimbursable per mile funding has risen from \$3.79 in 2021 to an estimated \$4.91 in 2024



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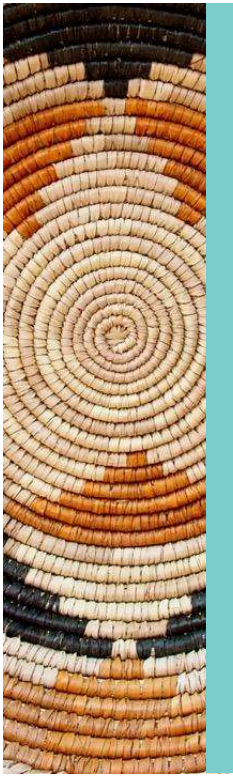
Student Transportation Mileage Reporting

Example #1 15 Schools - Unimproved Roads Mileage

Approx. 395,000 miles reported driving on unimproved roads

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BIE-FUNDED SCHOOLS - 15	LOCATION	TYPE	IMPROVED ROADS		UNIMPROVED ROADS		TOTAL ANNUALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL MILEAGE
			Improved Mileage Instructional	ANNUALIZED (× 180) IMPROVED Mileage Instructional	Unimproved Mileage Instructional	ANNUALIZED (× 180) UNIMPROVED Mileage Instructional	
Black Mesa Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	427	76,860	463	83,340	160,200
Dilcon Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	285	51,241	168	30,240	81,481
Greyhills Academy High School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	521	93,780	33	5,940	99,720
Leupp Schools, Inc	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	395	71,159	50	9,000	80,159
Little Singer Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	326	58,680	34	6,120	64,800
Many Farms Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	320	57,600	129	23,220	80,820
NaaTsis'Aan Community School (Navajo Mountain)	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	110	19,859	13	2,399	22,259
Nazlini Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	190	34,200	76	13,680	47,880
Pinon Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	381	68,521	338	60,840	129,361
Rock Point Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	288	51,840	294	52,920	104,760
Rough Rock Community School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	478	86,040	148	26,640	112,680
Shonto Preparatory School	Arizona	NAVAJO-TCS	536	96,480	140	25,200	121,680
Alamo Navajo Community School	New Mexico	NAVAJO-TCS	208	37,381	78	14,099	51,480
Shiprock Northwest Middle/High School	New Mexico	NAVAJO-TCS	693	124,655	57	10,345	135,000
TóHajilíee Community School (Canoncito)	New Mexico	NAVAJO-TCS	251	45,121	159	28,620	73,741
Total			5,408	973,417	2,181	392,603	1,366,020



Student Transportation Annual Reporting

Example #2 15 Schools – Unimproved Roads Mileage

Approx. 435,000 miles reported driving on unimproved roads

BIE-FUNDED SCHOOLS - 15	LOCATION	TYPE	IMPROVED ROADS		UNIMPROVED ROADS		TOTAL ANNUALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL MILEAGE
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Crow Creek Reservation High School	South Dakota	TCS	-	-	510	91,800	91,800
White Shield School District	North Dakota	TCS	-	-	486	87,480	87,480
American Horse School	South Dakota	TCS	602	108,360	206	37,080	145,440
Marty Indian School	South Dakota	TCS	302	54,360	202	36,360	90,720
Rock Creek Grant School	South Dakota	TCS	0	59	194	34,861	34,920
Haak'u Community Academy (Sky City Comm	New Mexico	TCS	-	-	160	28,741	28,741
Two Eagle River School	Montana	TCS	693	124,799	142	25,560	150,359
St. Francis Indian School	South Dakota	TCS	1,059	190,679	140	25,200	215,879
Isna Wica Owayawa (Loneman School)	South Dakota	TCS	522	94,019	108	19,381	113,400
Little Wound School	South Dakota	TCS	1,586	285,539	66	11,880	297,419
Standing Rock Community School	North Dakota	TCS	1,296	233,293	58	10,368	243,661
Pine Hill Schools	New Mexico	TCS	255	45,949	43	7,812	53,761
Wounded Knee District School	South Dakota	TCS	321	57,839	43	7,681	65,520
Meskwaki Settlement School (Sac & Fox)	Iowa	TCS	98	17,581	38	6,840	24,421
Second Mesa Day School	Arizona	TCS	192	34,560	26	4,680	39,240
Total			6,928	1,247,038	2,421	435,722	1,682,761



BIE 2024 Congressional Request

Impacts of Road Conditions on Native Student School Attendance

Requires School Reporting in student information system of absences related to poor road conditions

BIE defines Chronic Absenteeism as being absent (excused and unexcused) from school for 10% or more of school days per student within a school year. Absenteeism represents lost instructional time whether excused or not and has a strong relationship with achievement and graduation.



Transportation System Modernization Update

- ❖ BIE WebET 2.0 System deployed in September 2024
- ❖ Phase 1 includes TCS and BOS schools (pilots)
- ❖ Phase 2 includes all BIE-funded schools
- ❖ School Mileage Count Week reporting and certification completed September-October
- ❖ Nearly 14 million miles driven reported in SY 24/25 annual BIE school transportation operations

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BIE Continuing Collaboration with EPA Clean School Bus Program

- ❖ BIE and EPA webinars held throughout the year
- ❖ On-site school and tribal leadership briefings conducted
- ❖ Technical assistance provided to schools on program application requirements
- ❖ Highlight and Sharing Best Practices Among Tribal Schools

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Clean School Bus Program

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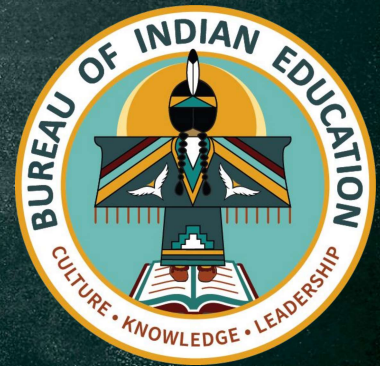
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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Education

BIE Funded Tribal Colleges and Universities and Grants

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We asked the parents, 'How do you want your schools to look?' That was the day something happened."

- Guy Gorman

And in ceremony and prayer, the TCU Movement was born.



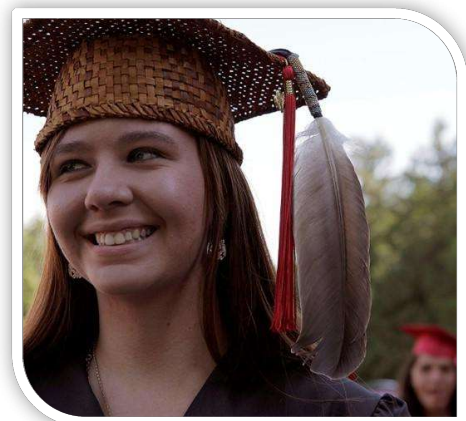
Today's Topics:

- Office of Post-secondary Education Basics: Who & What is OPE?
- OPE's Role:
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities' Appropriations
 - Monitoring and Compliance
 - Advocacy
 - Grantees \$12M: American Indian Higher Education Consortium, American Indian Law Center, and Native Forward
- OPE Activities: MOUs, Partners, Technical Assistance



Office of Post-secondary Education Tribal Colleges/Universities' Grants and Contracts

- **29 TCCUs - \$85M Operational Grant**
- **2 Technical Colleges - \$9.1M Operational 638 Contract**
- **33 TCUs -\$16M Facilities Improvement and Repair Grant**





One Student at a Time!

AA/AS: 35
BA/BS: 19
Masters: 8
PhD: 1

New presidents:
30 in past 3 years

Average annual tuition:
\$3,059 (down due to covid funds)

Student Financial Aid: 79%
Average Need: appx. \$15,750

51% are 1st generation
8:1 Student: Faculty

AI/ANs off-rez: 78%
AI/ANs in/near urban center: 67%



Red Lake Nation College (BIE funded since 2017) opened a new campus in Minneapolis in 2024



Navajo Technical University: First TCU to launch an accredited PhD program: Diné Culture & Language



Office of Post-secondary Education GRANTEES:

- **American Indian Higher Education Consortium: \$601K Technical Assistance Grant**
- **American Indian Law Center: \$1.3M Prelaw Summer Institute Grant**
- **Native Forward: \$10M Scholarship Grant**





SCHOLARSHIP DATA

AILC GRANT - 400 AWARDEES

NATIVE FORWARD GRANT:

SY 2023-2024

5,211 APPLICATIONS – 610 AWARDS (12% of total applying)

121 of the 610 awards are for Education (20% for this

year)

On the average, 10% of all awards are in Education

Awards range from \$1,000 up to \$30,000 depending on scholarship type

SPECIAL HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM: \$2,092,000 - 181 awards

LOAN FOR SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,600,000 - 92 awards

SCIENCE POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$6,450,000 - 235 awards



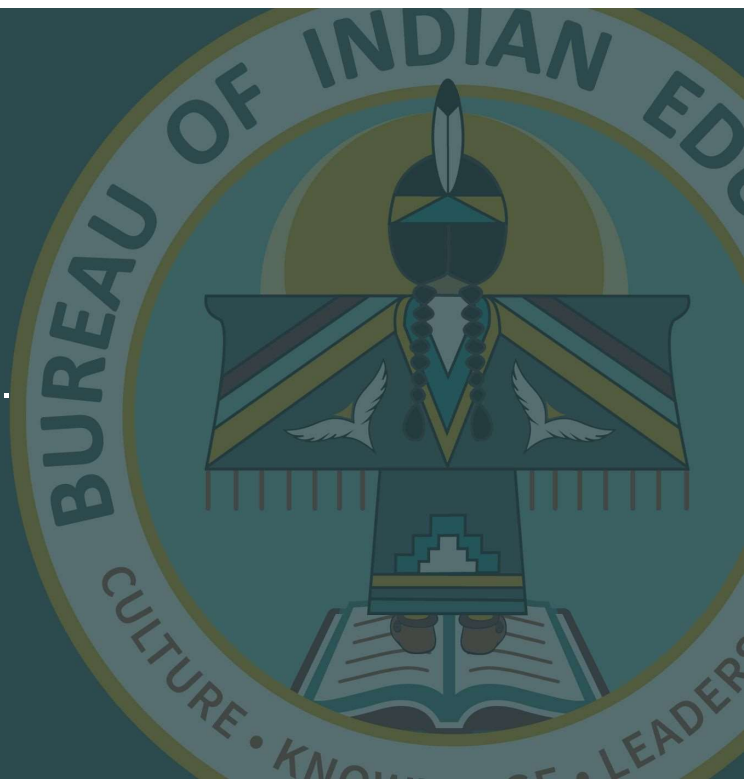
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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Funding Opportunities for Clean School Buses

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Agenda



Overview of the Clean School Bus (CSB) Program



Currently Open:
2024 CSB Rebates



Summary of CSB Funding to Date



Tribal Prioritizations and Success Stories
Project Spotlight: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Clean School Bus Project



Related Funding Opportunity:
Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal and Territory Grant Program

Overview of EPA's Clean School Bus Program



EPA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$5 billion over five years (FY22-26) for the replacement of existing school buses with zero-emission and clean school buses.

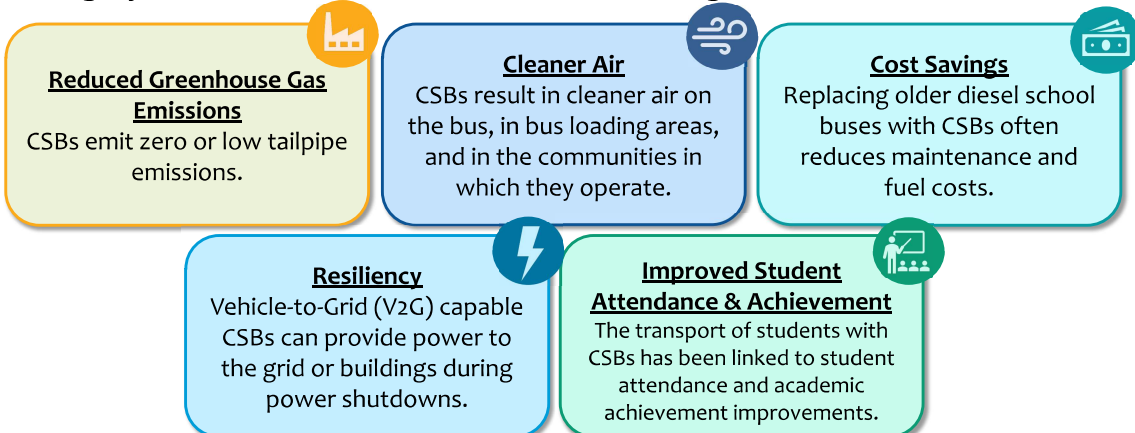
These new clean school bus replacements will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors.

Eligible activities include the replacement of existing internal-combustion engine (ICE) school buses with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure.



Why Clean School Buses?

Roughly 500,000 school buses in the U.S., serving about 24 million students¹.



1. National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics: Table 236.90. Students transported at public expense and current expenditures for transportation: Selected years, 1929-30 through 2018-19 (U.S. Department of Education: National Center for Education Statistics, 2022). https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d21/tables/dt21_236.90.asp

CSB Rebates versus CSB Grants

While both grants and rebates provide selectees with award funds prior to purchasing eligible buses and infrastructure, there are a few differences between these types of funding programs:

	Rebates	Grants
Application process	Quick and simple application process	Longer, more detailed application process
Selection process	Selectees determined by a random number generated lottery process	Recipients are selected based on evaluation of application materials
Financial timing, documentation, and associated regulations	Selectees receive funds upon EPA review and approval of purchase order documents. Selectees work with vendors to disburse funds as expeditiously as possible (refer to Appendix A of the Program Guide for details)	Grant recipients must follow all applicable requirements in 2 CFR 200.302 , 2 CFR Part 1500 Subpart D , and 40 CFR Part 33 ; as required by 2 CFR 200.305(b) , the recipient must draw funds from Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) only for the minimum amounts needed for actual and immediate cash requirements to pay employees, contractors, subrecipients or to satisfy other obligations for allowable costs under this assistance agreement. The timing and amounts of the drawdowns must be as close as administratively feasible to actual disbursements of EPA funds. Disbursement within 5 business days of drawdown will comply with this requirement and the recipient agrees to meet this standard when performing this award (refer to the EPA Grant Terms and Conditions for more information)



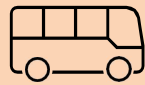
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2024 CSB Rebate Program Overview



The EPA is offering up to \$965 million for clean school buses and ZE school buses. The EPA may modify this amount based on the applicant pool and other pertinent factors. Funds are subject to availability and total awards may be higher or lower than the anticipated funds offered update if changed.



Eligible activities include the replacement of existing internal-combustion engine (ICE) school buses with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure.



The EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, Tribal schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education or those receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land, and rural areas. EPA is committed to ensuring the CSB Program delivers on the Justice40 Initiative.



Changes from 2023 CSB Rebate Program:
Increased bus maximum (50 buses) and decreased funding per bus.



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Eligible Applicants*

*The [FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act \(Omnibus funding bill\)](#) included amendments to the CSB program that impacts the list of eligible applicants in CSB funding opportunities that follow the 2022 CSB Rebate Program.

responsible for: providing bus service to one or more Bureau-funded schools; or the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses

State and local governmental entities responsible for: providing bus service to one or more public school systems; or the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses

Public charter school districts responsible for the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allows EPA to prioritize certain communities that will benefit from the CSB program.

CSB Rebate Program Prioritization Criteria*

*Please note that program criteria may be different from prior CSB funding opportunities and are subject to change in future rounds of CSB funding; **EPA gives equal priority to applicants that meet 1 or more prioritizations**

- School districts listed in the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) School District Estimates for 2022 as having 20% or more students living in poverty.
- School districts located in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Title I-funded public-school districts and charter school districts not listed in the SAIPE data.
- Title I-funded large public-school districts (more than 35,000 students and/or more than 45 public schools) that do not meet the 20% SAIPE threshold.

- School districts identified with locale code “43-Rural: Remote” by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

School Bus Replacement Funding

The maximum award amount is dependent on:

Number of buses requested

Bus Fuel Type

- Zero-emission
 - Electric
- Low-emission
 - Propane
 - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

Bus Size

Meets one or more prioritization criteria

Number of Buses Available Per Application

- To provide an opportunity for more transformative projects, the EPA has increased the maximum number of buses that **applicants can request in each 2024 CSB Rebate application**
 - **Applicants can request funding for up to 50 replacement buses in each application.**
 - The previous CSB rebate programs allowed for a maximum of 25 buses per application.
- Applicants may still purchase a minimum of one bus
- The number of buses requested on an application will not impact the application selection process



Bus & Infrastructure Funding (Amount per Bus)

Prioritization Status	Replacement Bus Fuel Type					
	ZE Class 7+	ZE Class 3-6	CNG Class 7+	CNG Class 3-6	Propane Class 7+	Propane Class 3-6
Buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria	Up to \$325,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to \$245,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to \$45,000	Up to \$30,000	Up to \$35,000	Up to \$30,000
Buses serving school districts that are not prioritized	Up to \$170,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to \$115,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to \$30,000	Up to \$20,000	Up to \$25,000	Up to \$20,000

*Funding levels include combined bus and EV charging infrastructure. Recipients have flexibility to determine the split between funding for the bus itself and the supporting infrastructure.

ADA-Compliant Buses:

Applicants can request up to an **additional \$20k** to purchase ADA-compliant clean school buses of any fuel type equipped with wheelchair lifts.

High Shipping Costs:

Applicants in non-contiguous U.S. states and territories will receive up to an **additional \$20k** per bus to cover high bus shipping costs.

Tax Credits:

Selectees may be eligible for IRA tax credits applicable to their bus and infrastructure purchase(s) not reflected in the funding table.

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ET. For more information, please visit www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.



Eligible Existing School Buses Must*:



1. **Be a vehicle MY2010 or older diesel-powered school buses that will be scrapped if selected for funding.**
 1. If a fleet has no eligible 2010 or older diesel school buses and is requesting zero-emission school bus replacements, the fleet can either:
 1. Scrap 2010 or older non-diesel internal combustion engine buses; or
 2. Scrap, sell, or donate 2011 or newer diesel or non-diesel internal combustion engine buses.
2. Have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs or more
3. Be fully operational at the time of application submission.
4. Have provided **bus service for at least 3 days/week on average during the 2023/2024 school year** at the time of applying, excluding emergency-related school closures.**

*Refer to the Program Guide for specific eligibility information.

** EPA strongly encourages third-party applicants to replace existing buses that provided service to the public school district listed on the application, or another school district eligible for priority consideration, as listed in the



Eligible New Replacement School Buses Must*:



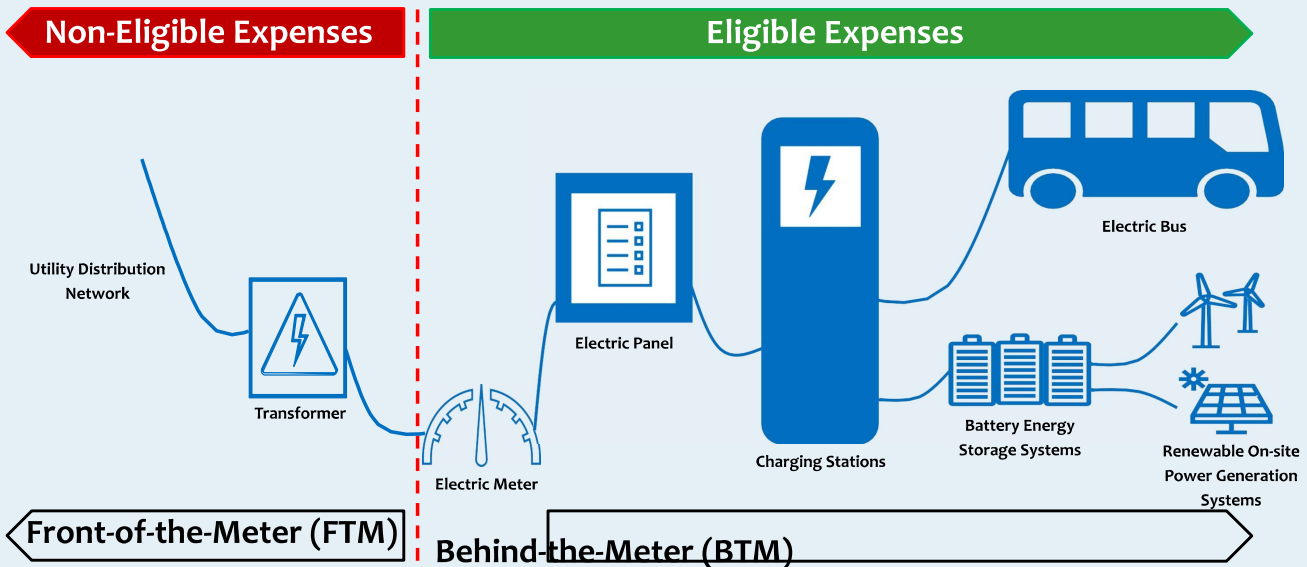
Applications must include projects which replace existing internal combustion engine school buses with propane, CNG, and/or electric school buses. All replacement school buses must:

1. **Have a battery electric, CNG, or propane drivetrain.**
 1. Biofuels will not be included as an eligible replacement technology for this funding opportunity.
2. **Be a new vehicle.**
 1. Buses which have been converted to a battery-electric, propane, or CNG drivetrain after the first retail sale are not eligible for funding.
 2. The conversion of a bus to a battery-electric, propane, or CNG drivetrain is not eligible for funding.
3. **Be model year 2023 or newer.**
4. Have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs or more.
5. Conform to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).
6. Be maintained, operated, insured, registered, and charged/fueled according to manufacturer recommendations and state requirements.
7. Be equipped with an EPA certified engine if they are Propane or CNG fueled buses.

* Refer to the Program Guide for specific eligibility information.



Infrastructure Funding Restrictions



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What is Build America, Buy America (BABA)?

Certain infrastructure projects are subject to BABA provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

- These require that all the iron, steel, manufactured products and construction materials used in federal infrastructure projects are produced in the U.S.
- This includes, but not limited to: the EV charger, all wiring or fixtures to support the charging equipment, breaker panels or subpanel, conduit from the meter to the panel.

- School buses are **NOT** subject to BABA requirements.
- Electric Chargers (EVSE) and supporting equipment **ARE** subject to BABA requirements,
 - **Applicants should plan to purchase BABA compliant charging infrastructure products.**
 - More information is located at [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) | US EPA](#)

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How to Apply — Overview



1. Visit the Clean School Bus Website for Tools & Resources



2. Register your Organization with SAM.gov



3. Complete your Application Form and Supplemental Applicant Forms



4. Submit Application Package by January 9th, 2025 at 4:00 PM ET

Important! SAM.gov Registration

Check the Systems for Award Management (SAM.gov) to ensure your organization is actively registered as an entity

- An individual user account on SAM.gov is not the same thing as an organization's entity registration.
- Review all SAM.gov entity registration information for accuracy, including bank accounts, addresses, the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and Points of Contact.
- If your organization has no record of a SAM.gov registration, expired or active, and needs to create a new registration, the simplest entity registration type that can participate in the Clean School Bus Rebates is the "Federal Assistance Awards Only" registration.
- For help with SAM.gov, reach out to the Federal Service Desk at: <https://www.fsd.gov>.



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Important! SAM.gov Registration (Cont.)

Only individuals with email addresses listed as one of the following Points of Contact (POC) under an active SAM.gov entity registration will have access to create, edit, save, and submit a Clean School Bus Rebate application for that entity:

- Electronic Business POC
- Alternate Electronic Business POC
- Government Business POC
- Alternate Government Business POC

*Note: When entering the rebate application, applicants must use the same email as is listed in their POC information in SAM.gov. They will be prompted to sign-in to, or create, a free login.gov account.

If you made a SAM.gov account to apply last year, please verify it is still active as accounts that have not been accessed in 365 days will go inactive.

If selected for funding, EPA can only disburse funds to the SAM.gov entity included in the rebate application; selectees are responsible for ensuring their SAM.gov account remains up-to-date and all information in the SAM.gov account, including points of contact and bank account details, is accurate.



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ET. For more information, please visit www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.



Getting to the Application

- After reading the Program Guide and rebate webpage, please begin completing your application.
- The link to the application, additional information on [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) requirements, an application user guide, and other help resources can be found [here](#).
- Sample applications with screenshots will be posted on this page soon.



Clean School Bus Rebates: Online Application Forms

[Clean School Bus Rebate Program](#) | [Online Rebate Forms](#) | [Online Application Form](#) | [Online Payment Request Form](#) | [Online Close Out Form](#) | [Past Program Documents](#)

The [2024 Clean School Bus Rebate Program](#) is now **Open** for submission of rebate applications until January 9, 2025.

Applicant Dashboard Rebate Forms

To submit an application, or view a record of your submitted application, go to the [applicant dashboard](#).



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Application Details

Required information includes:

- **Applicant type**
- **School district information**
- **Information on the existing buses to be replaced** (see Section 3 of the Program Guide):
 - 17-character VIN (Please double check the VIN for accuracy)
 - Manufacturer, model, fuel type, vehicle model year, and Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) in pounds
 - Estimated average annual mileage, fuel consumption, idling hours, and remaining life
 - Owner
 - Odometer
 - NCES ID of school primarily served
 - Scans of bus titles. Allowable file types include pdf, .png, jpeg, and jpg.
- **Information on the new replacement buses** (see Section 3 of the Program Guide):
 - Estimated GVWR in pounds
 - Fuel type: Fuel types that can be selected for new replacement buses may be limited based on the vehicle model year and fuel type entered for the old bus to be replaced. See Section 3 of the 2024 CSB Rebate Program Guide for bus eligibility requirements.
- **Primary and alternate business contacts for your organization.**

*Please note:
Only one application can be submitted per NCES ID.*



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Next Steps – Supplemental Application Forms



Note: all supplemental forms must be signed and attached by submission deadline, or the application will not move forward in the Lottery.

School Board Awareness Certification

- **All applicants** must submit a School Board Awareness Certification to verify the school board’s awareness of the school district’s rebate application. It is imperative that the school board is aware of the application as they will likely have to vote on the approval of the project if the school district is selected for a rebate.

School District Approval Certification

- **Third Party applicants** (eligible contractors and nonprofit school transportation associations) applying for rebates must submit a signed School District Approval Certification to verify the school district’s approval of the third party’s rebate application for new buses that would serve their school district.

Utility Partnership Agreement

- **Applicants applying for ZE school buses** must also submit a Utility Partnership Agreement to verify the electric utility provider’s awareness of the school district’s rebate application.

Coordination and communication between the school district and the local utility are critical to initiate early and to continue throughout the project.



Workforce Development and Job Quality

Workforce planning and preparation are critically important elements of successful clean school bus deployment.

Workforce planning should focus on:



- ✓ **All workers associated with the project**, including current drivers, mechanics, electricians, bus monitors, and other essential personnel.
- ✓ **Safe operation and maintenance of new buses and infrastructure** for students and workers.
- ✓ **Job quality for workers** and adequate support during the transition, including worker voice and representation throughout the process (e.g., current workers are not replaced or displaced from new buses, workers are compensated their wages for time spent in training, etc.).

*Note: It is a **requirement** that all electricians installing, maintaining, or operating infrastructure are certified by the **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program**.

Costs associated with **workforce development** are an **eligible** use of program funds.



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Summary of CSB Funding Opportunities to Date



Clean School Bus Cumulative Award Summary			
Total Awards	Total School Districts	Total Awarded Funds	Total Buses to be Replaced
1,019	1,323	\$2,787,109,000.00	8,879

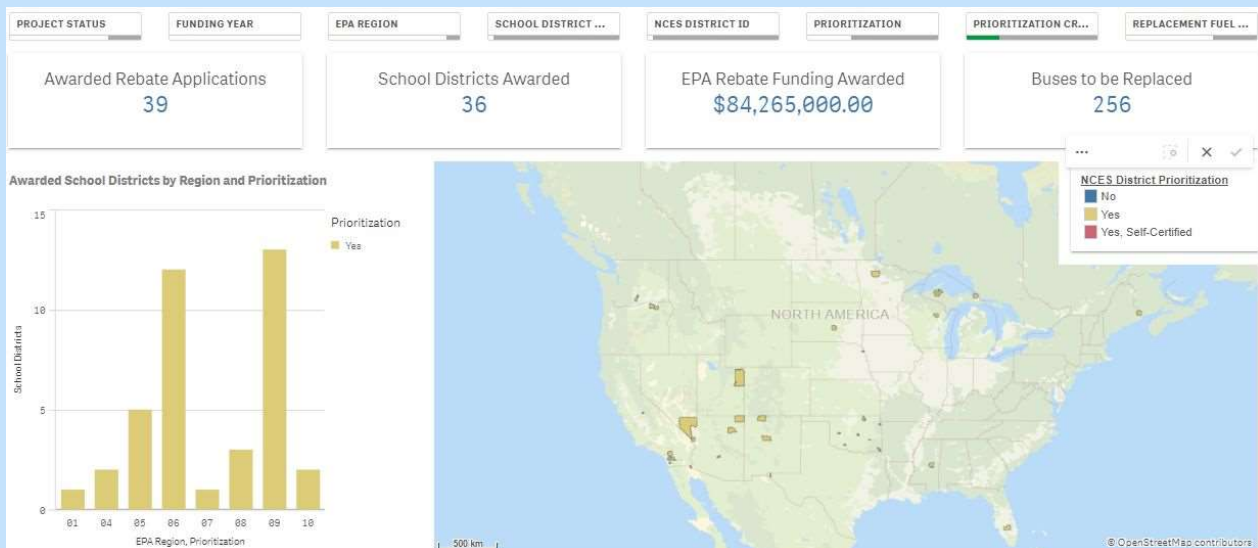


So far, the EPA has offered 3 funding opportunities under the Clean School Bus Program: 2022 CSB rebates, 2023 CSB grants, 2023 CSB rebates. The 2024 CSB rebates program is currently open.

Credit: Jason Goosetree, Sentinel Public School Superintendent, OK

Clean School Bus Rebate Awards Map – Tribal Prioritization*

*Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools and school districts that receive basic support payments for children who reside on Tribal land.

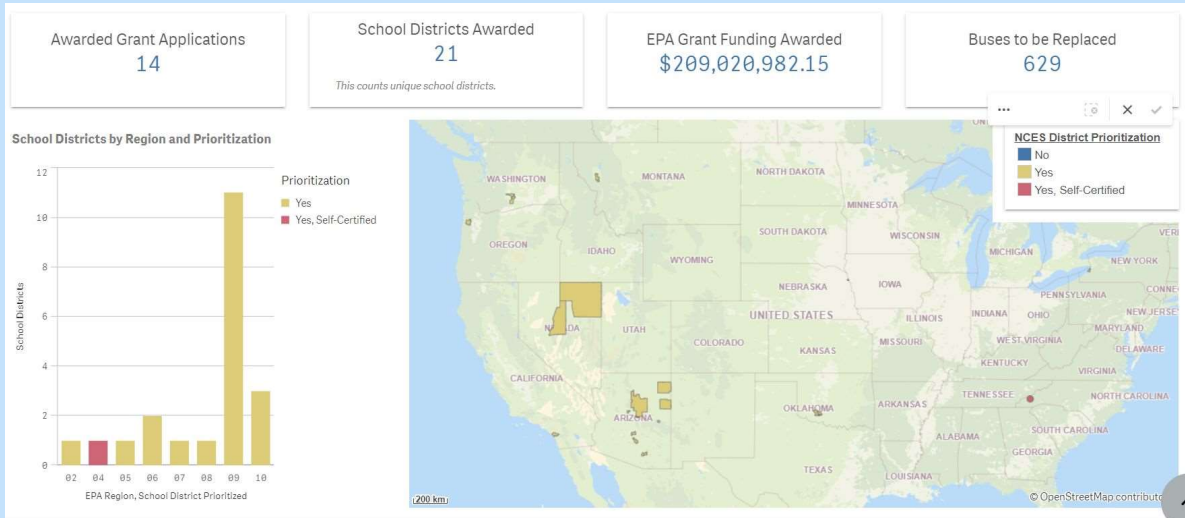


*Results available as of 6.21.24

<https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-awards>

Clean School Bus Grant Awards Map: Tribal Prioritization*

*Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools, and school districts that receive basic support payments for children who reside on Tribal land.



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CSB Awardees: BIE Funded, Tribally-Controlled Schools

School	Funding Program and Year	State	Size of Award	Replacement Bus Type
Oneida Nation School	2023 CSB Rebate Program	WI	\$245,000	7 Propane Buses
Casa Blanca Community School	2023 CSB Rebate Program	AZ	\$265,000	1 Electric Bus
Pleasant Point (Sipayik Elementary School)	2022 CSB Rebate Program	ME	\$1,095,000	3 Electric Buses
Choctaw Central High School	2022 CSB Rebate Program	MS	\$3,555,000	9 Electric Buses
Lower Brule Day School	2022 CSB Rebate Program	SD	\$395,000	1 Electric Bus
Noli School	2022 CSB Rebate Program	CA	\$790,000	2 Electric Buses
Cherokee Central Schools	2023 CSB Grant Program	NC	\$5,925,000	15 Electric Buses

Total Funding: \$12,270,000 for 38 new clean school buses

FY2023 Grant Selectee Spotlight: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

- In partnership with the Cherokee Boys Club, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was selected for 15 electric school bus replacements through EPA’s Clean School Bus Grant program to serve Cherokee Central Schools, a Tribally-operated school system with approximately 1,300 students in grades K-12
- EBCI applied, and was selected, to replace diesel buses from 1991, 1992, and 1998 with clean, electric school buses
- Prior to the Clean School Bus program, the EBCI had previously used other Federal, state, and local funding to replace six older diesel school buses with electric school buses
- By adding 15 buses, the district will increase their total number of electric school buses to 21 – a 100% electric school fleet.



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Principal Chief Richard Sneed and EPA Administrator Michael Regan pose with school children. Source: SACE Staff

Aside from the Cherokee Boys Club, EBCI acknowledged many other partners in this project, including North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC), North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Land of Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition (part of the Department of Energy’s Clean Cities Coalition Network), Duke Energy, Carolina Thomas, and Renewable Design Associates.



FY2023 Grant Selectee Spotlight: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) – Battery Tests and Effectiveness

- Before putting their first electric school bus into rotation, the EBCI conducted a mountain test in the Smoky Mountains
- The battery was at 78% when the bus reached the top, and 84% after going down the mountain.
- The bus has performed well in mountainous terrain and benefits from the regenerative braking through which the bus battery can gain range when driving downhill.
- Their average daily bus route is 50 miles – the bus charges every other day
- The average bus was using around \$800 a month in diesel fuel, compared to the electric buses - which use around \$400 a month in electric costs.



Source: EBCI, and <https://theonefeather.com/2024/01/12/leading-the-way-chokeee-to-receiv-e-15-more-electric-school-buses/>

Other EPA Funding Opportunities: Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)

www.epa.gov/dera

State Grants

- EPA allocates DERA funds to eligible U.S. states and territories for the establishment of diesel emissions reduction programs.
- <https://www.epa.gov/dera/state>



National Grants

- Program solicits applications for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and exposure, particularly from fleets operating in designated poor air quality areas.
- <https://www.epa.gov/dera/national>



Tribal and Territory Grants

- Program solicits applications from Tribal governments (or intertribal consortia), Alaska Native Villages, and territory governments for projects that achieve reductions in diesel emissions and exposure.
- *Note: The DERA Tribal and Territory Grant program was formerly known as the DERA Tribal and Insular Area Grant program and changed in FY2024 in response to partner feedback.*
- www.epa.gov/dera/tribal-and-territory



DERA enables EPA to offer funding to accelerate the upgrade and turnover of legacy diesel fleets.

2024 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal and Territory Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)



Diesel Emissions Reduction Act: 2024 DERA Tribal and Territory Grant Program

The 2024 DERA Tribal and Territory Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) opened May 7th, 2024.

EPA anticipates awarding approximately **\$9 million** in DERA funding under this [FY24 Tribal and Territory Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#): \$8 million for Tribes and \$1 million for territories

EPA anticipates that approximately **12 to 18 grants or cooperative agreements to Tribal governments** (or intertribal consortia) **or Alaska Native Villages**, and 3 to 5 grants or cooperative agreements to territory government entities, subject to the availability of funds, the quantity and quality of applications received, and other applicable considerations.

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines, and equipment may include buses, heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives, and nonroad engines, equipment, or vehicles.

Applications are due December 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET via [Grants.gov](#).



Application packages must be submitted to EPA via [Grants.gov](#) no later than Friday, December 6th, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET. For more information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dera/tribal-and-territory>

Examples of Previously Funded DERA Tribal School Bus Projects

Year	Program	State	Recipient	EPA Funding	Description
2021	Tribal	NC	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	\$502,797.00	Replace five (5) older diesel School Buses with four electric school buses and necessary electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
2009 - 2010	Tribal	CA	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	\$78,000.00	Retrofit six school buses with diesel particulate filters.
2018 - 2019	Tribal	CA	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	\$283,841.00	Replace two (2) school buses and two (2) backhoes
2016	Tribal	AZ	Gila River Indian Community	\$154,000.00	Replace two pre-2007 engine model school buses with buses with 2015 or newer engines
2009 - 2010	Tribal	IA	Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	\$190,000.00	Replace four school buses.
2009 - 2010	Tribal	CA	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	\$250,000.00	Install diesel particulate filters on four school buses, a charter bus, a dump truck, and a water truck; replace two diesel school buses with CNG-powered school buses.

Application Submission Limit

Application Funding Limit: Applications which request EPA assistance funds, per application, in excess of these amounts, are not eligible and will not be reviewed.

- Tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) or Alaska Native Villages **must not exceed \$800,000**
- Territory government entities **must not exceed \$400,000.**

Multiple Application Submission Limit: Applicants cannot submit more than two applications to the EPA under this solicitation. If an applicant submits surplus applications, the EPA will contact the applicant to determine which application(s) to withdraw. In the absence of direction from the applicant, the EPA will review the most recent applications and deem the other application(s) ineligible.

Duplicate Application Restriction: Applicants cannot include the same activities in multiple applications. If an applicant submits more than one application that requests funding for the same project/activities, the applicant will be contacted prior to the EPA review of any of the applications to determine which application(s) the applicant will withdraw from the competition. In the absence of direction from the applicant, the EPA will review the most recent applications and deem the other application(s) ineligible.



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Eligible Diesel Emissions Reduction Solutions

Certified Vehicle and Equipment Replacements

Certified Engine Replacement

Certified Remanufacture Systems

Verified Idle Reduction Technologies

Verified Retrofit Technologies

Clean Alternative Fuel Conversions

Verified Aerodynamic Technologies and Low Rolling Resistance Tires



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Eligible Vehicles, Engines & Equipment

May include, but are not limited to:

- **Buses;**
- Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles;
- Marine engines;
- Locomotive engines; and
- Non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in: *Construction; Handling of cargo (including at a port or airport); Agriculture; Mining; or Energy production (including stationary generators and pumps)*



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Ownership, Usage, and Remaining Life

The existing vehicle must be fully operational.

The participating fleet owner must have owned and operated the vehicle during the 2 years prior to upgrade.

The existing vehicle must have at least 2 years of remaining life at the time of upgrade. Remaining life is the fleet owner's estimate of the number of years until the unit would have been retired from service if the unit were not being upgraded or scrapped because of the grant funding.

Highway Usage: **Tribal applicants:** 5,000 miles/year during 2 years prior to upgrade. **Territory applicants:** 1,000 miles/year during the 2 years prior to upgrade.

- Mileage of two or more units may be combined to reach the thresholds where two or more units will be scrapped and replaced with a single unit.
- If an applicant can demonstrate that a certified highway engine/vehicle is being used in a predominately nonroad application (e.g., firetrucks or utility trucks that idle for long periods to power auxiliary apparatus), engine operating hours as defined in "nonroad usage" may be used for application eligibility purposes.

Nonroad, Locomotive and Marine Usage:

- Agricultural Pumps: 250 hours/year during 2 years prior to upgrade.
- All Other Nonroad Engines: 300 hours/year during 2 years prior to upgrade.
- Locomotive and Marine Usage: 500 hours/year during 2 years prior to upgrade.

Documentation Requirements: Participating fleet owners must attest to the ownership, usage, and remaining life requirements in a signed eligibility statement. The documentation is not required at the time of application but is required if the project is selected for funding. A sample eligibility statement may be found at <https://www.epa.gov/dera/tribal-and-territory>



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How to Apply – Overview



Application packages must be submitted to EPA via Grants.gov no later than Friday, December 6th, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

For more information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dera/tribal-and-territory>

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Important Dates	
Tuesday, May 7th, 2024	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Now Open
May - November 2024	<p>Webinars on DERA Tribal and Territory Grant Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar 1: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (2:00PM – 3:00PM ET) • Webinar 2: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 (7:00PM – 8:00PM ET) • Webinar 3: Thursday, August 15, 2024 (2:00PM – 3:00PM ET) • Webinar 4: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (7:00PM – 8:00PM ET) • Webinar 5: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 (2:00PM – 3:00PM ET) <p>More information can be found on the https://www.epa.gov/dera/tribal-and-territory website under the 'Important Dates' section.</p>
Friday, November 8th, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET	Final Date to Submit Questions
Thursday, November 21 st , 2024, at 2:00 PM ET	Introduction to TCTACs Webinar for Tribal Governments and Communities
Friday, December 6th, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET	<p>NOFO Closes – Application Deadline</p> <p>Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov (www.grants.gov) no later than Friday, December 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) in order to be considered for funding</p>
February 2025 to March 2025	Anticipated Notification of Selection
May 2025 to June 2025	Anticipated Awards

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National	National Indian Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 574 federally recognized Tribes. NIHB works closely with each of the 11 AIHBs across the country, the Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs), and Tribal governments 	https://www.nihb.org/environmental-health/tribal-tac.php
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The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) are cohosting this webinar. The webinar will provide an overview of the EPA and the DOE's Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs) and will explain the roles of NIHB and ITEP in the TCTAC program. The TCTAC programs intend to support tribal capacity by providing free technical assistance to Tribal communities and organizations. You will also hear from invited Tribal partners about their experience working with the TCTACs as well as get a chance to connect with your regional TCTAC.

NIHB will serve as a national technical assistance center focusing on providing support to Tribal entities and communities. Technical Assistance (TA) services include navigating federal grant application systems, identifying federal funds with Tribal eligibility, grant writing support, no cost GIS mapping services, partnership development and connection with national and regional EJ TC TACs and other TA service providers.



Summary of EPA School Bus Funding

CSB	DERA
Grants and Rebates	Grants
Multiple funding opportunities until \$5B is spent	Multiple funding opportunities – yearly appropriation
Vehicle Replacement Projects	Vehicle replacements, engine replacements, retrofit projects, other verified technologies
Diesel/non-diesel ICE school buses ->battery-electric, CNG, or propane	Replacements: Diesel-powered type A, B, C, and D school buses -> diesel or clean alternative fuel engines (including gasoline), and zero emission buses/engines
2024 CSB Rebates Open Now through Jan. 9, 2025	2024 Tribal & Territory DERA Grant Program Open Now through Dec. 6, 2024



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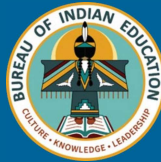


Clean School Bus Program

- Visit our website epa.gov/cleanschoolbus
- Submit program questions to cleanschoolbus@epa.gov and TA questions to cleanschoolbusTA@NREL.gov
- Don't miss any updates, sign up for the listserv!

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Program

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- View the full 2024 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Tribal & Territory NOFO at epa.gov/dera/tribal-and-territory
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IA Budget Update

November 21, 2024



Agenda

- ❖ FY 2024 Execution
- ❖ FY 2025 Status of Appropriations
- ❖ FY 2026 Budget Request
- ❖ FY 2027 Budget Formulation

FY 2024 Execution



➤ Expiring Funds

- ❖ Executed 99.74% of FY 2023 OIP, IGLP, and OIEP.

➤ Carryover Funding

- ❖ \$672M or ~22% of \$3.04B carried over of FY 2024 OIP, IGLP, and OIEP.
 - Balances are lower than the previous year by \$94M and 2% of total funding compared to FY 2024.
 - In FY25 Q1-Q2, Regions and OSG working with Awarding Officials to obligate FY 2024 funding to Tribes.
 - BIE carryover decreased \$83M in FY 2025 compared to FY 2024 due mainly to an increase in obligating forward funding in FY 2024 compared to FY 2023.

FY 2025 Distribution of Funds



➤ Continuing Resolution (CR) through December 20, 2024.

❖ Tribal Transfers

- IA implemented FY 2025 Tribally requested transfers of TPA base funding under CR1. Allows funding to be posted to the lines on which Tribes anticipate using the funding in FY 2025 and avoid reprogramming issues when final funding is provided for FY 2025.

❖ Exception Apportionment

- OMB approved IA's request to provide 100% of TPA base and Law Enforcement funding to FY Tribes under CR1. Funds should be with Tribes or on its way. Please work with IA awarding officials to claim funds in ASAP before 12/20/24 so that Tribes have funding and can continue to operate in the event of a shutdown. During a shutdown, federal employees are not permitted to work, including moving funds to Tribes.
- If the CR extends into January 2025, CY Tribes will also receive 100% of TPA base and LE funding.

FY 2025 Budget Request by IA Bureaus

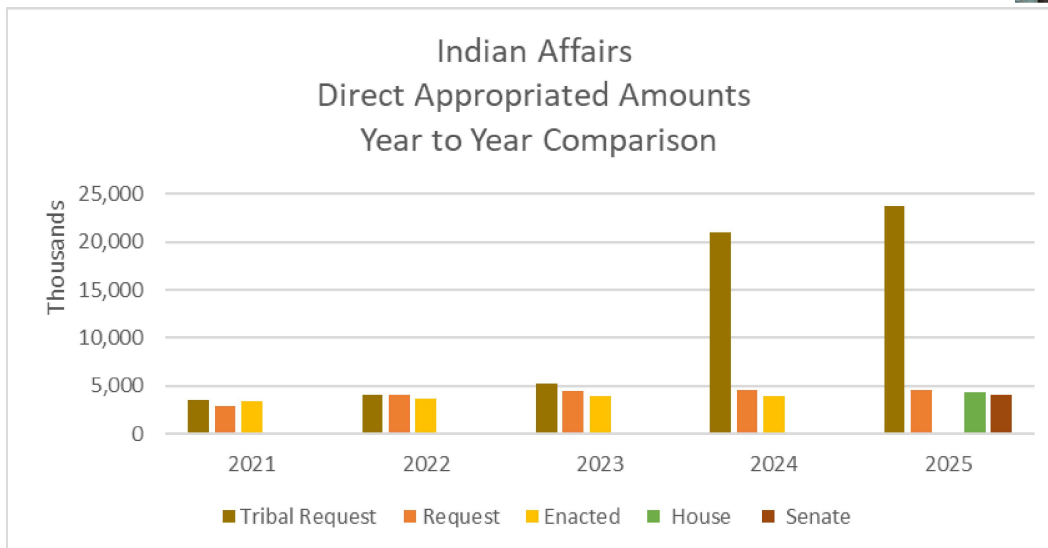


BUREAU ACCOUNT	2024 ENACTED	2025 REQUEST	2025 HOUSE	HOUSE change from ENACTED	HOUSE change from REQUEST	2025 SENATE	SENATE change from ENACTED	SENATE change from REQUEST	SENATE change from HOUSE
TOTAL INDIAN PROGRAMS	3,922,986	4,573,918	4,387,069	+464,083	-186,849	4,119,711	+196,725	-454,207	-267,358
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	2,456,635	2,941,715	2,812,709	+356,074	-129,006	2,597,611	+140,976	-344,104	-215,098
OPERATION of INDIAN PROGRAMS	1,898,550	2,169,386	2,189,150	+290,600	+19,764	1,963,076	+64,526	-206,310	-226,074
CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS ACCOUNT	342,000	426,172	356,000	+14,000	-70,172	356,000	+14,000	-70,172	-
PAYMENTS for TRIBAL LEASES	64,000	120,000	69,000	+5,000	-51,000	69,000	+5,000	-51,000	-
INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION	4,000	11,000	-	-4,000	-11,000	4,000	-	-7,000	+4,000
LWCF TRIBAL LAND ACQUISITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTRUCTION	133,780	154,771	146,296	+12,516	-8,475	146,022	+12,242	-8,749	-274
SETTLEMENTS	976	45,897	32,263	+31,287	-13,634	45,897	+44,921	-	+13,634
INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM	13,329	14,489	20,000	+6,671	+5,511	13,616	+287	-873	-6,384
BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION	1,366,342	1,520,926	1,469,083	+102,741	-51,843	1,421,628	+55,286	-99,298	-47,455
OPERATION OF INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1,131,617	1,210,690	1,198,216	+66,599	-12,474	1,156,853	+25,236	-53,837	-41,363
EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION	234,725	310,236	270,867	+36,142	-39,369	264,775	+30,050	-45,461	-6,092
BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTRATION	100,009	111,277	105,277	+5,268	-6,000	100,472	+463	-10,805	-4,805
FEDERAL TRUST PROGRAMS	100,009	111,277	105,277	+5,268	-6,000	100,472	+463	-10,805	-4,805

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Tribal Request vs PB Request vs Enacted



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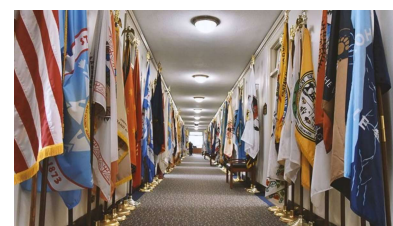
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FY 2026 Budget Request

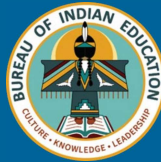


- *Proposed IA Budget Request sent to OMB on September 9, 2024.*
- *No official guidance from OMB.*
 - *Previous transition years, OMB Passback occurs in January/February and President's Budget is released in the Spring.*
- *IA continues to prep Greenbook.*

FY 2027 Budget Formulation



- *Tribes*
 - ❖ *Tribal Priority Ranking Tool*
- *Regional Offices and Agencies*
 - ❖ *Facilitate two budget formulation working group sessions and submit consolidated tribal priority rankings.*
 - ❖ *Identify regional office budget priorities.*
- *Central Office*
 - ❖ *Departmental budget formulation kickoff – Spring 2025*



Budget Formulation Kickoff – Tribal Priority Ranking Tool

October 17, 2024



Agenda

- ❖ **Key Documents**
- ❖ **Budget Formulation Timeline**
- ❖ **2027 Budget Schedule**
- ❖ **FY 2027 Tribal Priority Ranking Tool**
- ❖ **Roles and Responsibilities**
 - Tribal Budget Formulation at the Regions
- ❖ **Demo**

Key Documents



➤ Budget Formulation Guidance

- Attachment A - Budget Formulation Timeline
- Attachment B - Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool
- Attachment C - Final Consolidated Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool by Region
- Attachment D - IA CO Budget Priority Template (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)
- Attachment E - IA Regional Office Budget Priority Template (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

➤ <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/obpm/budget-formulation-guides>

Budget Formulation Timeline

BUDGET FORMULATION TIMELINE Attachment A

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
	CY 2024			CY 2025									
FY 2025	OBPM distributes Guidance and Ranking Tool	Regions hold the first of 2 Tribal Budget Meetings - 1st meeting is to train on Ranking tool and formulation guidance	Tribes submit ranking tool to their regional budget staff.	Regions hold 2nd Tribal Budget Meeting to finalize regional ranking upons submission by all tribes or after the January cut off date.	Regions submit Final Tribal Rankings and Regional Federal Request to Office of Budget and Performance Mgmt (OBPM). OBPM provides Regional rankings to Central Office (CO) programs	National rollup and regional rankings provided to TIBC for deliberation; TIBC body determines budget strategy; Budget Subcommittee prepares tribal budget request and clears with full TIBC body	CO programs provide budget requests to OBPM and OBPM holds CO program briefings	Subcommittee presents final tribal budget to ASIA	ASIA deliberates with Senior leaders and prepares IA budget request; ASIA submits IA budget request to DOI	DOI has briefings with ASIA; DOI marks up and provides passback;	IA appeals passback, receives final numbers; OMB submission is prepared according to guidance	DOI reviews, edits, finalizes OMB submission	DOI submits budget request to OMB; OMB has briefings with all CO programs
	Tribes Meet w/OMB			↑	Tribes Meet w/Congressional Reps			→		Continue Meetings w/Congressional Reps		↑	
	CY 2025			CY 2026									
FY 2026	OMB/DOI/IA negotiate on President's Budget; OMB marks-ups and provides passback; IA appeals; IA Finalizes President's Budget Request (Greenbook)												
	POB and OBPM review, markup and finalize Overviews/ Narratives		OBPM & POB upload full package to MAX for final OMB review and clearance.		President Budget Request (Greenbook) is submitted to Congress	Congr. Briefings to staff & Congr. Hearings; Effect and Capability Statements		Congressional Mark-Up of Budget					
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	CY 2026			CY 2027									
FY 2027	Enacted budget received, or Continuing Resolutions if no enacted budget received												
	Execute FY 2025 budget												
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> ↑ Tribes can provide input into the Budget and the Greenbook ↓ Tribes should meet with White House and Congressional Staff </div>													

FY 2027 Budget Schedule

OCT 17, 2024	IA Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) releases budget formulation guidance, including the Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool, through a virtual kickoff meeting .
OCT 2024 –JAN 2025	IA Regional Budget Staff releases budget formulation guidance, including the ranking Tool, to Tribes in their respective regions. IA Regional Offices hold a minimum of two (2) Tribal budget formulation meetings/work sessions , one of which is to obtain consensus on final rankings. Tribal submission due dates are determined by IA Regional Offices but should be no later than Feb 3, 2025.
FEB 10, 2025	IA Regional Offices ensure that all Tribal ranking Tool submissions (Attachment B) are completed and turned into OBPM, including the Final Consolidated Tribal Ranking by Region. (Attachment C) by Feb 10, 2025.
FEB 10 – MAR 10, 2025	OBPM prepares the National Tribal Priority Rankings.
MAR 10–14, 2025	TIBC Spring Meeting. Results of the National and Regional Tribal Priority Ranking are presented to the full TIBC body by OBPM. The TIBC body deliberates budget priorities and determines budget strategy for FY 2027.
TBD	TIBC Budget Subcommittee will hold a 2-day work session following the TIBC meeting to develop Tribal budget submission.
TBD	TIBC Budget Subcommittee presents proposed budget and draft testimony to full TIBC Committee for approval through a virtual meeting.
TBD	TIBC Tribal Chairs briefs the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs on the approved Tribal budget and testimony.

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FY 2027 Budget Schedule (tentative)

MAR 7, 2025	IA Regional Offices submit their 2027 budget requirements and priorities to IA Field Operations.
MAR 21, 2025	IA Field Operations submit their consolidated 2027 IA Regional Office Priorities. Priorities must be ranked. The consolidated 2027 IA Regional Office Priorities are shared with Central Office (CO) program staff for use in formulating their budgets.
APR 2025	CO program staff submits and briefs their 2027 budget requirements and priorities to OBPM.
APR–MAY 2025	OBPM prepares FY 2027 Budget Deliberation Information Briefing to include all Tribal, regional, and CO submissions.
APR–MAY 2025	IA budget deliberations with Senior Management. OBPM develops IA budget proposal.
JUN 2025	FY 2027 IA Budget Proposal due to Department of Interior Budget Office.
JUL–AUG 2025	DOI final decisions (DOI Passback) released. OBPM develops 2027 IA Budget Request to OMB.
AUG 4–8, 2025	TIBC Summer Meeting.
SEP 2025	FY 2027 IA Budget Request due to OMB.
OCT 2025	FY 2028 Budget Formulation begins.
DEC 2025	FY 2027 OMB Passback.
FEB 2026	FY 2027 IA Greenbook goes to print.

Tribal Priority Ranking Tool



- Provides a forum for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes to submit recommendations for Tribal initiatives, policies, and budget recommendations.
- Ensures Tribes are able to provide meaningful input into the IA budget request by prioritizing program preferences.
- Biennial process – priority rankings will be used for 2027 and 2028 budget requests - but Tribes may submit an updated Tool each year.
- National and Regional Tribal Priority Ranking Results presented at TIBC Spring Meeting and used to develop Tribal Budget Request. Also used by IA during budget deliberations so senior leadership can make informed decisions.

Tribal Priority Ranking Tool



- IA programs (budget lines on Comp Table) are organized within eight (8) strategic funding categories
 - 1) Strengthening Tribal Communities
 - 2) Trust Natural Resources Management
 - 3) Trust Land & Water Rights Management
 - 4) Public Safety and Justice
 - 5) Economic Development
 - 6) Education (Note: Schools should only rank this category)
 - 7) Construction
 - 8) Resource Management Construction.

Tribal Priority Ranking Tool

Trust - Natural Resources Management

Program **Priority (1-14)**

Natural Resources (TPA)
Supports the strategy of improving the management, protection, and development of Indian land and natural resource assets by allowing Tribes to manage their own natural resources and compliance with various regulations and requirements.

Irrigation
Enables Tribal irrigation and legal direct.

Rights Pr
Supports the litigation. The United States participate on.

Tribal M
Individual Tribes determine programs on.

Endanger
The program (NSA, PL 9 of confidence required to be

Tribal Cl
Supports Tribal land-use plans, needs, tribal identification, address, and position under Ed.

Agriculture
Under the act, Departmental funds support agriculture projects.

Inventory
On-site program implementation through the field record.

Forestry
Underneath, it resources in a management.

Forestry
Resources on it.

BIE I
The child, school, or other services, of confidence required to be filed.

BIE E
This line item includes: language position under Ed.

BIE T
Tribal field work or other projects.

BIE S
Through various states, SE.

BIE M
This line item includes: Tribal field work or other projects.

BIE E
The program allows development, improve, this program avoid.

EDUCATION -- Schools and TCUs should only complete this category

Program **Priority (1-19)**

BIE ISEF Formula Funds
BIE ISEF formula funds represent the primary school year funding source for school instructional and operational costs.

Strengthening Tribal Communities

Program **Priority (1-9)**

Aid to Tribal Government (TPA)
Provides assistance to federally recognized Tribes to achieve and maintain stable government program and operational services, helping Tribes ensure adherence and compliance with their own governing documents. The program assists Tribal government systems by providing baseline funding for Tribal government programs and operational services to file effect.

New Tribes (TPA)
Helps foster strong and stable Tribal governments by providing a stable base of funding. This line item provides TPA base funding for a newly recognized Tribe to establish and carry out the day-to-day responsibilities of a Tribal government. Once a Tribe has been acknowledged as a federally recognized Tribe, its designated funding remains in the New Tribes program line for three fiscal years at which time the funding is then base transferred for the Tribe to the Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) line item.

Small Tribes Supplement (TPA)
In 1993, the Small Tribes Initiative was created to support PL 93-638 by fostering a stable Tribal governments' ability to exercise their authority as sovereign nations. The purpose of the initiative was to provide small Tribes with a minimum TPA base funding by which they could run viable Tribal governments.

Social Services (TPA)
Under the umbrella of Social Services, Tribes operate a multitude of programs, including Financial Assistance and Social Services, Child Protection Services and Child Welfare (CPS/CW), Adult Protection (APS), supervised EMS Services, and Family and Domestic Violence. These funds provide support for front line responders handling the child and domestic violence in Indian Country. This program also supports the TAP Kiook project - a fingerprint-based check of national census databases and above-threshold requests.

Welfare Assistance (TPA)
This program provides welfare assistance to American Indian and Alaska Natives who have no access to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) who do not meet eligibility criteria for TANF, or have exceeded the lifetime limit for TANF services. The Welfare Assistance program is designed to be secondary. Welfare Assistance has traditionally played a large role in the ability of Tribes to take care of their citizens and supports Tribal self-determination and self-governance.

Indian Child Welfare Act (TPA)
This program provides the support of Indian families and also provides assistance for the reunification of families. Tribal ICWA directors have become central contact points for Tribes and Indian families in seeking assistance for temporary and permanent placement of Indian children. The work of ICWA staff has resulted in improved coordination and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, thereby recognizing the Tribal authority over Indian children in need of permanent placement.

Housing Program (TPA)
Serves as a safety net program, targeting those neediest individual Indians residing within approved service areas who cannot meet income requirements set forth by Tribes administering Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing programs. This program improves the quality of life of Indians qualified to participate in the program by eliminating substandard housing and homelessness on or near federally recognized reservation communities.

Road Maintenance (TPA)
Provides the primary source of funds for maintenance of all IA roads and bridges constructed with Highway Trust Fund (HTF) resources under the Federal Highway Administration Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program in Indian Country. Road Maintenance program funding supports roads that serve BIE schools in Indian Country. Annually, BIE

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- ❖ Within each category, Tribes are not required to rank all program lines.
- ❖ They can rank one line, all lines within the category, or any portion of the lines that apply to their Tribe.
- ❖ Additionally, they are not required to rank all categories, only those categories that are applicable to their Tribe.

CATEGORY RANKING

Category	Priority (1-8)
Strengthening Tribal Communities	Not Ranked
Trust Natural Resources Management	Not Ranked
Trust Land & Water Rights Management	Not Ranked
Public Safety and Justice	Not Ranked
Economic Development	Not Ranked
Education	Not Ranked
Construction	Not Ranked
Resource Management Construction	Not Ranked

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Tribal Priority Ranking Tool

- ❖ The information gathered from the Tribes using this Tool will be weighted to determine which programs in each category rank highest.
- ❖ Information will be weighted and totaled by category, first by Tribe, then consolidated to the regional level, and then on a national scale.

Priority #	Strengthening Tribal Communities	Trust Natural Resources Management	Trust Land & Water Management	Public Safety and Justice	Economic Development	Education	Construction	Resource Management Construction
Priority 1	9 Points	14 Points	18 Points	10 Points	7 Points	19 Points	15 Points	7 Points
Priority 2	8 Points	13 Points	17 Points	9 Points	6 Points	18 Points	14 Points	6 Points
Priority 3	7 Points	12 Points	16 Points	8 Points	5 Points	17 Points	13 Points	5 Points
Priority 4	6 Points	11 Points	15 Points	7 Points	4 Points	16 Points	12 Points	4 Points
Priority 5	5 Points	10 Points	14 Points	6 Points	3 Points	15 Points	11 Points	3 Points
Priority 6	4 Points	9 Points	13 Points	5 Points	2 Points	14 Points	10 Points	2 Points
Priority 7	3 Points	8 Points	12 Points	4 Points	1 Points	13 Points	9 Points	1 Points
Priority 8	2 Points	7 Points	11 Points	3 Points		12 Points	8 Points	
Priority 9	1 Points	6 Points	10 Points	2 Points		11 Points	7 Points	
Priority 10		5 Points	9 Points	1 Points		10 Points	6 Points	
Priority 11		4 Points	8 Points			9 Points	5 Points	
Priority 12		3 Points	7 Points			8 Points	4 Points	
Priority 13		2 Points	6 Points			7 Points	3 Points	
Priority 14		1 Points	5 Points			6 Points	2 Points	
Priority 15		1 Points	4 Points			5 Points	1 Points	
Priority 16			3 Points			4 Points		
Priority 17			2 Points			3 Points		
Priority 18			1 Points			2 Points		
Priority 19						1 Points		

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Key Roles and Responsibilities



- **IA Central Office Budget Staff** – Provides budget formulation guidance and support, prepares IA budget request; prepares National Tribal Priority Ranking
- **IA Central Office Programs** – Identifies Central Office priorities and justifies budget needs, while considering Tribal and Regional Office priorities
- **IA Regional Directors and Regional Budget Staff** – Provides budget formulation guidance, training, and support to Tribes, releases Tool to Tribes, monitors submissions, prepares regional rollup of Tribal priorities; identifies Regional Office budget requirements
- **Tribal Representative by Region** – Attends regional Tribal budget formulation sessions and represents Tribes in their Region during the TIBC Spring Meeting.
- **TIBC Budget Subcommittee** – Discusses budget strategy and process improvements, develops Tribal Budget Request

Tribal Budget Formulation Sessions



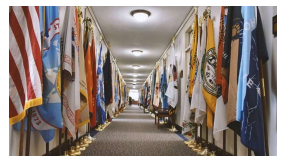
- **Each IA Regional Office will provide:**
 - ❖ **Two (2) budget formulation meetings with Tribes**
 1. The first meeting is a training session on the Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool and the Federal Budget Process.
 2. The second meeting is a review and consensus on the consolidated regional Tribal ranking, including the categories.
 - ❖ The ranking **Tool** to all Tribes within their region, including OSG Tribes, and the BIE POC
 - ❖ **Guidance** on the overall budget formulation process.

Finalizing Tribal Ranking Submissions by Region



- **To complete regional Tribal ranking submissions, each IA Regional Office will:**
 - *Consolidate and weight all Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool information submitted by Tribes in their region. (See weighting instructions in the guidance document.)*
 - *Meet with Tribes to discuss their overall regional Tribal ranking. Agree upon any changes or recommendations proposed to their final ranking.*
 - *Provide Central Office, OBPM with a copy of their final regional Tribal ranking, including category rankings, using Attachment C – Final Consolidated Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool by Region.*
 - *During the Spring TIBC Meeting, regional representatives should be present to address any issues related to their regional rankings.*

Tribal Budget Formulation Sessions - BIE



- **The BIE Budget Officer and their budget formulation staff will**
 - *Coordinate with IA Regional Budget Offices to confirm the dates of initial and follow up budget formulation meetings with Tribes.*
 - *Coordinate with BIE ADDs and EPAs to designate POCs for each region.*
- **The designated BIE budget formulation staff and POC's will attend each IA Regional Office's budget formulation meetings with the Tribes.**
- **Then the BIE budget formulation staff will meet (can be done virtually) with all schools in the regional area to provide a demonstration and distribution of the ranking Tool and guidance, outlining that the schools need to complete only the Education and Construction Category rankings.**

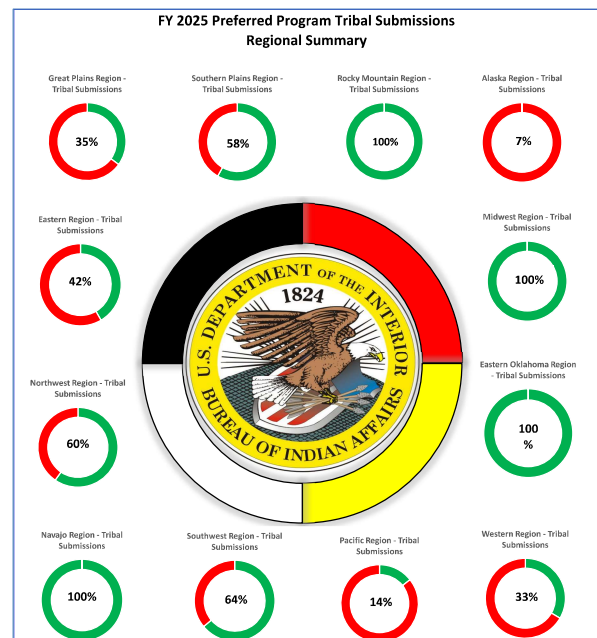
Tribal Budget Formulation Sessions - BIE



- The BIE POC will monitor ranking Tool completion rates, reach out to those schools that have not completed the ranking Tool, and offer technical assistance or other assistance to obtain and complete their submission.
- The BIE budget formulation staff will consolidate overall weightings for each line item within the Education and Construction Categories for all of their schools using the weighting factors included in this guidance.
- Once consolidated, the BIE budget formulation staff will send that weighting to each IA Regional Office for inclusion in their overall weighting process. The BIE budget formulation staff and POC should attend the second budget formulation session with each region, review the consolidated ranking, and develop a unified regional ranking for the Education and Construction Categories.
- During rollout of the National Ranking, OBPM and BIE budget staff will present the Education and Education Construction rankings from schools as well as Tribes both separately and combined.

Encourage Participation

- Review FY25 participation rate
- Conduct outreach to Tribes that did not participate last time
- Provide training on the tool, monitor submissions, send out reminders
- Emphasize rankings are used to inform IA leadership when making budget decisions
- Provide examples of positive outcomes
 - Increased funding to Tribal Courts O&M, Tiwahe





TRIBAL PREFERRED PROGRAM RANKING TOOL DEMONSTRATION

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Tribal Interior Budget Council Resolution #TIBC-24-001

Title: Calling on the Administration to Preserve the Base BIA/BIE Budget and BTFA Funding in the President's Budget while also Including Water Settlement Monies Reclassified as Mandatory Funding and that Said Monies are Removed from the BIA Interior Budget

WHEREAS, the Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) was created to provide a forum and process, consistent with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Section 450(a)1 and Executive Order 13175 and the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Government to Government policy, whereby Tribal nations and the DOI work together to develop policy and budgets that provide for 1) the DOI to fulfill its Treaty obligations and Trust responsibilities; and 2) the fulfillment of Tribal nations' inherent sovereign rights of self-determination, self-governance, and self-sufficiency, as well as securing levels of funding necessary to strengthen Tribal governmental capacity to serve their citizens and communities; and **WHEREAS**, Tribal nations are sovereign governments that have a government-to-government relationship with the federal government embodied by 375 treaties, the U.S. Constitution, Acts of Congress, Executive Orders, Supreme Court decisions, federal regulations, and customary practices of U.S. foreign relations; and

WHEREAS, Tribal nations ceded millions of acres of land and natural resources, often by force and/or coercion, that are the foundation of the wealth and power of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has assumed a trust responsibility to protect these rights and to fulfill its solemn commitments to Tribal nations and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, in these solemn agreements, the United States government made promises it is obligated to fulfill in perpetuity, which codify the unique political status of Tribal nations and establishes the bedrock principles of the federal government's "trust responsibility" to protect the remaining lands and inherent rights of self-determination, self-government, and

WHEREAS, the United States government has failed to uphold its treaty obligations and trust responsibilities to Tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, this centuries-long failure has created and perpetuated socioeconomic conditions that inhibit Tribal nations' inherent rights of self-determination, self-government, and self-sufficiency that were promised to be preserved by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, when Congress enacts Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) appropriations, BIA distributes Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) funding based on each tribe's historic TPA funding baseline, which was established through the 1990s tribal shares process; and

WHEREAS annual appropriations for some accounts—such as Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements—are widely variable and are based on specific amounts authorized in any given fiscal year"; and

WHEREAS in the past, these widely variable accounts—when funded—have negatively impacted funding in other areas, for example, Congress reduced the ILWC account by more than \$44 million from Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 to FY2022 due to supplemental funding for Indian water settlements provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA; P.L. 117-58); and

WHEREAS, 25 U.S.C. Section 5325(a)(1) states: "The amount of funds provided under the terms of self-determination contracts entered into pursuant to this chapter shall not be less than the appropriate Secretary would have otherwise provided for the operation of the programs or portions thereof for the period covered by the contract, without regard to any organizational level within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services, as appropriate, at which the program, function, service, or activity or portion thereof, including supportive administrative functions that are otherwise contractable, is operated."; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal / Interior Budget Council requests the Administration preserve the base BIA/Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) budget and Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) funding in the President's Budget while also including in the President's Budget water settlement monies reclassified as mandatory funding and which are removed from the BIA Interior Budget.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Tribal/Interior Budget Council at the November 21-22, 2024 Tribal/Interior Budget Council meeting held in Washington, DC, with a quorum present.

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Date	Summary of Action	Responsible Party(s)	Comment/Progress
July 2024			
July 2024	Formula funding methodologies to be explained by OJS at next subcommittee meeting.	PS&J Subcommittee, BIA-OJS	On the November 2024 PS&J Subcommittee agenda.
July 2024	Request for OJS to provide the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee with a citation of the requirement of at least 21 years of age to become a certified officer.	PS&J Subcommittee, BIA-OJS	On the November 2024 PS&J Subcommittee agenda.
July 2024	Presentation and discussion of EPA Clean School Bus Program impact on Indian Country at next subcommittee meeting	Transportation Subcommittee Chairs	On the November 2024 Transportation Subcommittee agenda.
July 2024	Request that Indian Affairs continue to educate Congress and White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA) on existing negotiated IDC rates by Tribal Nations, and that those negotiated rates be applied across all applicable agencies.	Indian Affairs- BIA	
July 2024	Standing request that Indian Affairs provide updates and analysis on carry-over and expiring funds at the Summer TIBC meetings and a follow	Budget subcommittee, BIA	

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	up report in the subsequent Fall TIBC		
July 2024	Request for the Division of Realty and Estate Services to attend the TIBC Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Meeting in November 2024 to discuss Succession Planning on agricultural land use leasing.	Land, Water, & Natural Resources subcommittee, Division of Realty and Estate Services	On the November 2024 LW&NR Subcommittee agenda.
July 2024	Request to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between Co-Management and Co-Stewardship agreements between Tribal Nations and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management – the MOU shall reference appropriate provisions within Executive Order 14112 such as but not limited to Sec.5; and that the MOU requires equitable funding for all tribal co-management and co-stewardship programs.	Land, Water, & Natural Resources subcommittee, USFWS, NPS, BLM, BIA	
July 2024	Requesting BOEM to find direct funding for Tribes to select their contractors instead of BOEM. If this is unattainable, then can BOEM expand the scope of the	Land, Water, & Natural Resources subcommittee, BOEM	

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	affected area to incorporate more Tribal concerns; Expressed concerns related to BOEM’s processes.		
July 2024	Request BIE provide an updated explanation on the funding of new facilities construction, including the detailed identification of needs: i.e. remodeling, replacement schools, teacher housing. This should include data on schools in poor condition and provide an update on the ages of all school buildings.	Education Subcommittee, BIE	
July 2024	Link Contract Support Costs conversations with Tribal Grand Support Costs, including for Mandatory Appropriations and updated formulas. Outline next steps recommendations to revise the Tribal Grant Support Costs distribution formula at the next meeting.	Education Subcommittee	
July 2024	Request BIE share details of the refined ranking tool for Tribal Priority Allocations	Education Subcommittee, BIE	
July 2024	Continue to work toward defining full funding for Indian Education.	Education Subcommittee	

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July 2024	Request BIE IT funds to be allocated to tribally controlled schools, and request clarification on purposes of the line item	Education Subcommittee, BIE	
July 2024	Request BIE share the methodology for calculating full funding for the JOM Benchmark Report at the next TIBC meeting.	Education Subcommittee, BIE	
July 2024	Request the consideration of CTE in funding weight distributions	Education subcommittee	
July 2024	The education subcommittee resolves to provide parity for SIPI with Haskell Indian Nations University, as outlined by Delegate Shije and supported by the All Pueblos Governors Council	Education subcommittee	
July 2024	Request for an education subcommittee workgroup meeting during the 2024 NIEA Convention in Palm Springs, CA	Education Subcommittee, NIEA	TIBC Education Subcommittee Field Session was held on October 9, 2024 during the NIEA Annual Convention in Palm Springs, CA.
July 2024	Motion approved to appoint Jacque Hostler-Carmesin as voting member of the Transportation subcommittee as a replacement for Misty Rickwal.	TIBC	TIBC Directory has been updated to reflect this.

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July 2024	A motion was passed to appoint in total six voting subcommittee members to the Economic Subcommittee as follows: Dillon Shije, Manuel Heart, Karen Linnell, Herminia Frias, Otto Tso and Nathan Notah. The economic subcommittee tribal co-chairs are Courtney Two Lance and Kitcki Carroll and federal co-chair Onna LeBeau.	TIBC	TIBC Directory has been updated to reflect this.
July 2024	Motion approved to adopt TIBC Resolution #TIBC-24-002, <i>Request the Administration to create a line item that would provide at least \$93 million annually to fund School Resource Officers at every BIE-funded school.</i>	TIBC	
March 2024			
March 2024	Motion approved to establish PS&J working group to meet with the Deputy Bureau Director and OJS to discuss lowering the minimum hiring age of Police officers from 21 to 18.	PS&J Subcommittee, BIA-OJS	On the July 2024 PS&J Subcommittee agenda.
March 2024	Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEO) discussion be added to next subcommittee meeting.	PJ&J subcommittee co-chairs	Moved to the November 2024 PS&J subcommittee meeting.

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March 2024	Transportation subcommittee to hold a field working session before the July TIBC Meeting to focus on: a. Funding Formula Education b. BIA ROW process c. Potential solutions for funding issues.	BIA-DOT, Transportation subcommittee	Field Working session was held in Albuquerque, NM on July 11, 2012 in the BIA Region Office Bldg.
March 2024	Motion approved to draft a resolution to recommend to the administration to include in the President’s budget to Congress to move water settlement monies into mandatory funding	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A draft resolution was drafted for TIBC body to approve during the July 2024 meeting.
March 2024	Motion to add to the full TIBC agenda a discussion regarding the development of a process evaluating the possibility of creating and housing a database within the data management subcommittee to collect and protect tribal data	Full TIBC body	On the July 2024 Data Management subcommittee agenda
March 2024	Invite Freedom of Information Act Officer (FOIA) to future TIBC Meeting	Data Management Subcommittee	FOIA officer unavailable to attend July 2024 meeting, tentatively scheduled for Fall 2024 meeting.
March 2024	Offshore Wind Energy - request for information from Federal Agencies (DOI and	LW&NR Subcommittee	BOEM scheduled to attend LW&NR subcommittee, BSEE is unavailable for July meeting.

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	DOE) regarding consultation process		
March 2024	Draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the transition from Co-Stewardship to Co-Management.	LW&NR Subcommittee	On the July LW&NR Subcommittee agenda.
March 2024	Add grazing and fire issues to the upcoming Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee	LW&NR subcommittee co-chairs	On the July LW&NR Subcommittee agenda.
March 2024	Motion for TIBC to make a programmatic request for 93 million dollars for SROs - School Resource Officers and all funded amounts.	TIBC Full Body	Included in the TIBC FY26 Budget Recommendations
March 2024	Motion made to request that the Education Subcommittee request for the Johnson O' Malley program be forward funded for FY2026 based budget requests be calculated at fully funded levels in anticipation of increased student enrollment.	Full TIBC Body, BIE	Full funding calculation needed for JOM estimated student enrolment
March 2024	Draft a letter of support to the BIE for the competitive grant for state assessments.	Education subcommittee, NCAI technical staff	Draft LOS to be considered by Education subcommittee for Full TIBC approval at the July 2024 meeting.
March 2024	Request made for documentation that clarifies which regions were consulted	BIA, BIE	Update will be included in the BIE update during the July

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	in the development of the BIE funding formula.		2024 Education Subcommittee meeting
March 2024	Derick Leslie officially instated as a voting member of the TIBC Education Subcommittee	Full TIBC Body	Derick Leslie was appointed to the education subcommittee during the Fall 2022 TIBC meeting and required action to increase the subcommittee voting members to include this appointment.
November 2023			
November 2023	Recommendation that TIBC meeting be increased to five meeting days, the increase would allow subcommittee’s more time to discuss issues before the Full TIBC meeting.	Co-Chairs, NCAI, BIA, AS-IA	March 2024 meeting agenda has been revised to 5 days.
November 2023	TIBC election for 1 of 3 Co-chair positions.	TIBC full membership	W. Ron Allen was elected by majority vote. Each subsequent Fall meeting will hold an election for a single co-chair position until 2026. After 2026 election, an election will be held at the conclusion of each co-chairs 3 year term.
November 2023	Motion approved requesting BIA-OJS hold orientation webinars sessions covering P.L. 93-638 and Self-Governance Programs before the 2024 Spring TIBC meeting.	BIA-OJS	

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November 2023	Motion approved to support the "Public Safety in Indian Country" provisions within the August 2023 DOI-STAC Policy Recommendations.	Tribal Co-Chairs	
November 2023	Motion approved to start discussions re: amending or changing 25 U.S.C. § 5325 (a)(1) Secretarial Amount; specifically updating the baseline funding provisions within.	PS&J Subcommittee	On the March subcommittee agenda.
November 2023	Motion approved to draft a position statement regarding the NIBRS Report, specifically a vote of “no confidence” in the database reporting system.	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A letter was drafted for TIBC body to adopt position statement.
November 2023	Motion approved to support coordination with the Data Management Subcommittee to identify metrics and data points within the PS&J programs to use for adequate program funding.	PS&J and Data Management Subcommittee Co-Chairs	On the March PS&J Subcommittee agenda.
November 2023	Motion approved requesting Indian Affairs separate the Criminal Investigations and Law Enforcement sub-activities and list them individually within the Greenbook.	AS-IA, BIA	This change was not included in the FY25 Greenbook.
November 2023	Motion approved to draft and adopt a resolution requesting	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A draft resolution was drafted for TIBC body to approve

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	that AI/AN program funding be held harmless with regards to reductions in funding within any future Executive and Congressional debt ceiling limit negotiations.		during the March 2024 meeting.
November 2023	Motion approved to draft and adopt a resolution requesting the DOI-Indian Affairs allowance to exceed annual OMB budget guidance in order to fulfill its fiduciary trust obligations to AI/AN's.	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A draft resolution was drafted for TIBC body to approve during the March 2024 meeting.
November 2023	Motion approved to draft and adopt a resolution requesting continuation of the President's budget proposal to shift Contract Support Costs and Payments for Tribal Leases from discretionary to current mandatory funding.	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A draft resolution was drafted for TIBC body to approve during the March 2024 meeting.
November 2023	Motion approved requesting to the Department of Interior for equitable funding amounts needed to implement Joint Secretarial Order 3403- Joint Secretarial Order on Fulfilling the Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes in the Stewardship of Federal Lands and Waters, for FY 2025 and subsequent years.	LW&NR Subcommittee	On the March LW&NR subcommittee agenda.

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November 2023	Motion approved to authorize three types of work sessions/ meetings to be held between Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and TIBC Education Subcommittee and to meet between the November 2023 and March 2024 meetings and to report back during the March 2024 meeting.	BIE, Education Subcommittee work group	A hybrid work session was held on February 14 th 2024 between BIE, OBPM, and DFMC.
November 2023	Motion approved requesting Bureau of Indian Affairs - Division of Transportation to work with the TIBC Transportation Subcommittee to hold three regional working sessions, and to report these findings back to the transportation subcommittee a future TIBC meeting.	BIA-DOT, Transportation subcommittee	On the March Transportation subcommittee agenda.
November 2023	Recommendation made from within the subcommittee to include a Tribal Data Advisory Group Update, as a standing agenda item and designates Veronica Lane, Chief Data Officer, Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM) to provide those updates to the subcommittee.	Data Management subcommittee	On the March Data Management Subcommittee agenda.
August 2023			

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August 2023	Upcoming Meetings and Information	Co-chairs, NCAI, BIA, AS-IA	<u>Spring 2024 meeting.</u> Date: March 18-21, 2024. Location: TBD-Washington, DC. <u>Summer 2024 meeting.</u> Date: July 29-Aug. 1, 2024. Location: Pala, CA. <u>Fall 2024 meeting.</u> Date: October 28-31, 2024. Location: TBD-Washington, DC.
August 2023	Send a letter to the House and Senate to support a request to Congress to fully fund BIA Road Maintenance at fiscal year 2024 authorized level.	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A letter was sent to House and Senate Leadership and Appropriations Leadership on Oct. 18, 2023.
August 2023	Send a letter to House and Senate to support a request to Congress to fund BIE ISEP at \$950 Million for fiscal year 2024	NCAI Technical Staff with approval by the TIBC body.	A letter was sent to House and Senate Leadership and Appropriations Leadership on Oct. 18, 2023.



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Executive Summary

All presentations, handouts, and attachments are posted to the [TIBC Webpage](#) under [Meeting Materials](#).

The Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) convened in-person on July 29- August 2, 2024.

- All six subcommittees convened from July 29 - 31, 2024.
- On August 1 - 2, 2024, a quorum was present and official business was conducted.
- A motion to adopt the August 2024 Agenda as a guide passed.
- A motion to adopt the March 2024 meeting minutes with corrections passed.
- A total of 4 actions were approved by the full TIBC body, those actions can be found in the New/Old Business section of the minutes.

Opening Remarks

Tribal Co-chairs Opening Remarks

Acknowledgements to Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland and Team

Tribal Co-chairs expressed their gratitude to AS-IA Newland and his staff for their commitment to Indian Country over the last four years and their continued commitment to the TIBC body and its processes. While it is complicated, we also know that this administration has made a commitment to Indian country, and it's revealed in all the different appointments throughout the administration, there's just countless examples where Indian Country is highly recognized in this administration, and we deeply appreciate that.

EO 14112 - Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations To Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination

Tribal Co-chairs identified the importance of the EO 14112, with regard to government-to-government relationship, and removing barriers and impediments to helping tribes advance its goals of governance, self-governance and self-reliance agendas as part of our nation building. The countless programs that the Bureau provides for Indian country, as well as the programs that are available to the other agencies within the purview of the Department of Interior, led by Secretary Haaland, and appreciate the fact that Tribes and the department are working together. Tribes are appreciative of the department's collaboration with other departments and agencies that that affect Indian Affairs, rights and interest.

Contract Support Costs (CSC), 105 (I) leases program and Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements be reclassified to Mandatory Funding



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Tribal leaders remain supportive of the Presidents FY24 budget request to Congress and its request for a budget proposal to shift Contract Support Costs and Payments for Tribal Leases from discretionary to current mandatory funding with emphasis to include and Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements into that proposal.

Maximizing Budget Strategy within the TIBC Body

Tribal Leaders expressed the importance of utilizing TIBC not only for the short-term goals of a single fiscal year's budget, but to look at strategies of capturing a much broader, long-term goal of establishing the uncaptured costs for the benefit of all Tribes. This can be done through calculating the historical shortfalls of Treaty and Trust obligations made with Tribes on behalf of the Federal government, specifically the costs of lost homelands and resources extracted from those lands.

Office of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (AS-IA) Opening Remarks

Welcome, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs (AS-IA) Bryan Newland – AS-IA provided opening remarks on behalf of the Department of the Interior. AS-IA Newland serves as one of the top policy experts for the US Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland.

TIBC serves the administration in its advocacy efforts

AS-IA Newland remarked that under his leadership at Indian Affairs, TIBC has been noticeably more productive and collaborative in his tenure. The amount of education that has taken place over the last four years has been reflective of how much the department's culture has changed over the last fifteen years. AS-IA Newland has attributed this relationship as a reflection of TIBC's leadership from Indian Country and Tribal leaders improving ability to navigate the budget processes through strategic efforts. It was also noted that Tribal leaders should continue to hold the department accountable for the it's actions as this is what their citizens have asked of them by attending these meetings.

Boarding School Initiative Report

AS-IA Newland announced that in after just eight weeks of Secretary Haaland appointment, the administration was able to announce the federal Indian boarding school initiative, and remarked how incredible it was to have done something so monumental in such a short timeframe. AS-IA Newland credits this work to an outstanding team within Indian Affairs, and special recognition to the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration for its lead in these efforts with its research of over one hundred million pages of historical documents. He also commended them for taking on such a emotionally challenging task of going through tragic historical events of Native peoples, many of which these staff are familiar with. AS-IA Newland expresses his gratitude to the staff that sat through some of the most heart wrenching testimonies for over a year and a half and stated how proud he is the work that went into revealing the truth of this dark period in our history.

AS-IA Newland is supporting the legislation which creates a national commission, and its efforts to conduct the next investigative steps that the Federal government couldn't investigate such as churches. He made it a point that while the department did create some broad recommendations, the actual work of implementing those recommendations falls upon the shoulders of every tribal



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leader and the commission.

The full report can be found [here](#). Below are some of the findings/recommendations that AS-IA Newland highlighted to Tribal leaders at the meeting:

- The Federal Government spent approximately \$23.3 billion in modern day funds to establish the system of forced assimilation through, boarding schools, day schools, and the systems that supported those efforts. This is not inclusive of the value of lands that were sold, stolen to support these efforts, nor does it include those value of trust assets that were rated to pay for boarding schools. It also does not account for the value of forced labor that was enacted upon the children at these schools or the number of investments that churches and states put toward these efforts.
- Detailed profiles for each school for the names and tribal affiliations of more than 18,000 students who attended these schools. This information is not a full accounting of all students and doesn't include the day schools.
- Our first recommendation was that the United States Government should issue a national acknowledgement and apology for operating these boarding schools and what was done, and that that should also include a formal repudiation of a policy of forced assimilation, because we can't just apologize for it. This apology must be accompanied by action.
- The second recommendation says that we should make investments to heal or remedy the present-day impacts or effects of these boarding schools, and that that investment should be commensurate with the amount. That we spent to operate or to set up and run these boarding schools. The recommendation is that the funding for that should be flexible, so it's not the federal government telling tribes here's how you need to spend your healing money, and that that funding should also be available to organizations working with all of your people in cities.
- Call for investments and Family Preservation and reunification with a defined goal of measurably reducing the number of Native kids in foster care. Investments in violence prevention, further investments in improving Indian education, as well as language revitalization. And one of the things that we're trying to be clear on is that this shouldn't just be money that's in the budget this, you know, because we've got an ongoing trust and treaty obligation, this money should be invested to undo the harm that was done, so over and above our annual and ongoing trust and treaty obligations.
- Development of a national memorial to acknowledge the people who went through these boarding schools.
- Call for investments in the creation of a process to identify and repatriate children who never returned from those boarding schools. These efforts need to be inclusive of those tribes that may have lost its land base to rebury human remains and funerary objects, and that Federal land should be made available to appropriately do so.
- Calls for the return of former boarding school sites to tribal ownership, particularly where the deeds of transfer have language saying that when they're not used for a boarding school, they'll be reverted to the federal government or to tribal ownership.
- Call for the development of an oral history project to educate the country and the world about these boarding schools.
- Calls for investments and continued research about the present day mental, physical and economic impacts of boarding schools, the intergenerational trauma, so that we can understand how that affects us today.



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- And lastly, we recommend that we continue to work with other countries who have gone through this experience to strengthen our work together on reconciliation.

Indian Affairs Budget Update and Discussion

Update

To view the Office of Budget and Performance Management (OBPM), Budget Formulation and Financial Management’s detailed update, click [here](#). To view the latest BIA Comp tables, comparing enacted spending to TIBC Recommendations, click [here](#); for the BIE Comp table, click [here](#).

BIA budget justifications aka “Greenbook” for FY25 can be found [here](#).

Bureau of Indian Education Update and Discussion

Update

To view the full detailed update and discussion from the Bureau of Indian Education, please click [here](#).

Bureau of Trust Fund Administration Update and Discussion

Update

To view the full detailed update and discussion from the Bureau of Trust Fund Administration, please click [here](#).

Subcommittee Report Outs

Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee

- Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee requests from OJS an explanation of the formula funding methodologies at the November 2024 TIBC.
- Request for OJS to provide the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee with a citation of the requirement of at least 21 years of age to become a certified officer.

Transportation Subcommittee

- Co-Chairs will add to the agenda for the next Transportation Subcommittee meeting a follow up presentation and discussion regarding the EPA Clean School Bus Program with an objective of identifying the impact of this program in Indian Country.
- Co-Chairs will also be adding to the next agenda discussions and presentations that we were not able to accommodate at this week’s subcommittee meeting.
 - BIA-DOT & TIBC regional work session summary report
 - Road Maintenance Letter Update



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- Second Transportation Subcommittee Field Work Session Discussion
- Right of Way (ROW) discussion
- Transportation Funding Strategy
- TTP Formula Education/ Information

Budget Subcommittee

- Request that Indian Affairs continue to educate Congress and White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNA) on existing negotiated IDC rates by Tribal Nations, and that those negotiated rates be applied across all applicable agencies.
- Standing Request that Indian Affairs provide updates and analysis on carry-over and expiring funds at the Summer TIBC meetings and a follow up report in the subsequent Fall TIBC. upcoming meetings.

Data Management Subcommittee

- Coordinate information-sharing session for the next Data Management Subcommittee meeting to draft prospective questions for November US Census Bureau Presentation, FOIA presentation.

Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

- A Request for the Division of Realty and Estate Services to attend the TIBC Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Meeting in November 2024 to discuss Succession Planning on agricultural land use leasing.
- Request to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between Co-Management and Co-Stewardship agreements between Tribal Nations and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management – the MOU shall reference appropriate provisions within Executive Order 14112 such as but not limited to Sec.5; and that the MOU requires equitable funding for all tribal co-management and co-stewardship programs.
- Requesting BOEM to find direct funding for Tribes to select their contractors instead of BOEM,
 - If this is unattainable, then can BOEM expand the scope of the affected area to incorporate more Tribal concerns.
 - Expressed concerns related to BOEM’s processes.

Education Subcommittee

- At the next TIBC session BIE should provide an updated explanation on the funding of new facilities construction, including the detailed identification of needs: i.e. remodeling, replacement schools, teacher housing. This should include data on schools in poor condition and provide an update on the ages of all school buildings.
- This body should link Contract Support Costs conversations with Tribal Grand Support Costs, including for Mandatory Appropriations and updated formulas. The education subcommittee should outline next steps recommendations to revise the Tribal Grant Support Costs distribution formula.
- BIE should share the details of the refined ranking tool for Tribal Priority Allocations.
- This body should continue to work towards defining full funding for Indian Education:
 - This body requests that we expand the scope of Indian education, within the Department of the Interior, to define full funding per Executive order 14112 to



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reflect the full breadth of trust and treaty responsibilities: i.e, develop language and methodologies to justify funding to include not only all aspects of anticipated need, but also what it would take to fully fund an expansive and reimagined Indian education system as authorized in trusts and treaties, to be reflected in the EO benchmark reports for all line items.

- This body requests BIE IT funds to be allocated to Tribally Controlled Schools. Also requesting clarification on the purposes of this line item: is Education IT intended to cover all IT costs for Bureau-funded schools? Is education IT funding allowed to cover staffing for IT?
- This body requests BIE to share the methodology for calculating full funding for the JOM Benchmark Report at the next TIBC meeting.
- This body requests the consideration of CTE in funding weight distributions.
- This subcommittee resolves to provide parity for SIPI with Haskell Indian Nations University, as outlined by Delegate Shije and supported by the All Pueblos Governors Council
- This body requests an Education Subcommittee workgroup meeting during the 2024 NIEA Convention in Palm Springs, CA.

New/Old Business

TIBC Actions:

- A motion was passed to appoint Jacque Hostler-Carmesin as voting member of the Transportation subcommittee as a replacement for Misty Rickwal.
- A motion was made to appoint in total six voting subcommittee members to the Economic Subcommittee as follows; Dillon Shije, Manuel Heart, Karen Linnell, Herminia Frias, Otto Tso and Nathan Notah. The economic subcommittee tribal co-chairs are Courtney Two Lance and Kitcki Carroll and federal co-chair Onna LeBeau.
- A motion was passed to adopt TIBC Resolution #TIBC-24-002, *Request the Administration to create a line item that would provide at least \$93 million annually to fund School Resource Officers at every BIE-funded school.*
- Next Meeting Dates: (Subject to Change)
 - 2025:
 - o Spring 2025 – March 10-14, 2025 (Washington, DC)
 - o Summer 2025 – August 4-8, 2025 (Western Region)
 - o Fall 2025 – November 3-7, 2025 (Washington, DC)
 - 2026:
 - o Spring 2026 – March 9-13, 2026 (Washington, DC)
 - o Summer 2026 -July 20-24, 2026 (Northwest Region)
 - o Fall 2026 – November 16-20, 2026 (Washington, DC)

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TRIBAL/INTERIOR BUDGET COUNCIL PROTOCOL

Approved by Tribal Representatives on: 11/05/21

Mission: To provide a forum and process, consistent with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Section 450 a-1 and Executive Order #13175 and Department of the Interior's (DOI or Department) Government to Government policy, whereby Tribes and the Department work together to develop policy and budgets that promote:

- 1) DOI to fulfill its Trust responsibilities and Treaty obligations; and
- 2) the fulfillment of Tribes' inherent sovereign rights of self-determination, self-governance, and self-sufficiency, as well as securing levels of funding necessary to strengthen Tribal governmental capacity to serve their Tribal citizens and communities.

I. Introduction

The Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) is established to provide a forum for the Tribes and Tribal organizations to work with DOI officials in the formulation of the Indian Affairs annual budget requests and performance plans in the spirit of the President's Government-to-Government consultation and collaboration policy.

II. Purpose

Tribal representatives will advise and make recommendations to DOI and Indian Affairs on:

- a. development of Indian Programs within DOI and Indian Affairs (IA) budget requests relative to the priority needs of Indian Country and the Department, Tribal governments, and individual American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) beneficiaries;
- b. strategic planning and data collection processes and systems to justify budget increases to meet Federal treaty and trust obligations and fully fund budget priorities;
- c. budget formulation, fund distribution, program management, and statutory and regulatory reporting requirements, including Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and Program Assessments as they apply to the federal and Tribal systems;
- d. policy and performance measure changes that improve the budgeting policy for the long-term, including development of standards and criteria for GPRA and Program Assessments and the DOI Strategic Plan measures;
- e. establishment of meaningful and effective relations and communication with all Federal officials that influence the Indian Affairs and their respective budgets, including the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the White House; and
- f. assist in facilitation with other federal agencies to ensure a coordinated budget strategy for Tribal programs.

This protocol document provides the formal framework for TIBC meetings, activities,

and actions and for any subgroup(s) authorized to perform activities as authorized by these TIBC protocols and policy.

III. **Membership**

Membership on the TIBC includes the following (or the equivalent thereof):

- a. Indian Affairs Representatives:
 1. Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (AS/IA)
 - i. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
 - ii. Deputy Assistant Secretary-Management
 - a. Chief Financial Officer
 - b. Associate Chief Information Officer – Indian Affairs
 - c. Director, Office of Budget and performance Management
 - d. Director, Office of Facilities, Property, and Safety Management
 - iii. Deputy Assistant Secretary-Policy and Economic Development
 - a. Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development
 - b. Director, Office of Self Governance
 - iv. Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - a. Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations
 - b. Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services
 - c. Deputy Bureau Director, Justice Services
 - d. Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Services
 - e. Regional Directors
 - v. Director, Bureau of Indian Education
 - a. Deputy Bureau Director, School Operations
 - b. Chief Academic Officer
 - c. Associate Deputy Director Division of Performance and Accountability
 - d. Associate Deputy Director Bureau Operated Schools
 - e. Associate Deputy Director Navajo Schools
 - f. Associate Deputy Director Tribally Controlled Schools
 - vi. Bureau of Trust Funds Administration Representatives
 - a. Director
 - b. Principal Deputy Bureau Director
 - c. Budget Officer
- b. White House Representatives
 1. Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
 2. Office of Management and Budget
 3. Executive Director of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, or equivalent
- c. Tribal representatives:
 1. Twenty-four elected or appointed Tribal officials will be nominated and selected to serve on the TIBC, two from each of the 12 BIA Regions. Tribal officials may formally designate a non-elected representative by written notification.
 2. Selection criteria: Each Region will establish a transparent process to nominate and select two Tribal officials to serve on the TIBC and a third Tribal official to serve as an alternate. These three names will be forwarded to the Regional Director. The Regional Director may help

facilitate the nomination process. Each region should ensure that all Tribes have an opportunity to provide input on the nomination and selection process.

d. TIBC Leadership:

1. There shall be three Tribal Co-Chairs who shall be elected by a vote of the Tribal representatives of the TIBC. The Chairs shall be elected in a manner that is representative of direct service, self-governance, and contracting Tribes.
2. The Tribal Co-Chairs shall serve three-year terms. If a sitting Tribal Co-Chair is unable to continue to serve in that capacity for any reason, or is unable to meet the attendance requirements of the TIBC, appointment by the Tribal representatives of TIBC of a Tribal Co-Chair to complete the current term can be held at any other full TIBC meeting and may be decided by a majority vote of the Tribal representatives. The Tribal Co-Chairs may serve multiple consecutive terms.
3. So that Tribal Co-Chair terms are staggered by one year, the first election of the Tribal Co-Chairs will elect one Tribal Co-Chair for a term of one year, one Tribal Co-Chair for a term of two years, and one chair for a term of three years. After this initial election, Tribal Co-Chairs will serve three-year terms, subject to III(d)(2) above.
4. The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs serves as the federal Co-Chair and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary will serve in the Assistant Secretary's absence. The AS/IA may delegate his/her duties to another senior DOI/BIA official.

IV. Length of Service

- a. Tribal representatives are appointed for three-year terms. Tribal representatives may be appointed for multiple terms. In the event that a TIBC representative can no longer serve on the TIBC, or cannot meet attendance requirements, the BIA Regional Director shall—in consultation with Tribes in their Region—appoint a new Tribal representative to complete the current term.

V. Responsibilities

- a. The Tribal representatives from each region will advocate on behalf of Tribes in their region.
- b. Tribal representatives serving on the TIBC and officials from the Indian Affairs regional offices are responsible for coordinating input from Tribal leaders within their respective Regions, as well as providing a report of recommendations and actions to their respective region's Tribes and ensuring thorough communication about the activities and actions of TIBC.
- c. Tribal representatives, NCAI and BIA Regional directors should work together to ensure that Tribal representatives have an opportunity to present updates to relevant intertribal gatherings in their region prior to and at the end of the budget formulation process.
- d. DOI Indian Affairs staff members serving on the TIBC are responsible for facilitating the active participation of Tribal representatives in the formulation of the Indian Affairs budget request and annual performance plan.
- e. DOI Indian Affairs is responsible for working with TIBC Tribal representatives

- prior to the budget formulation season to secure a calendar hold on the appropriate DOI and OMB officials' calendars to attend the spring TIBC meeting.
- f. DOI Indian Affairs will develop a draft agenda in consultation with the Tribal Co-Chairs and send it to Tribal representatives no later than 30 calendar days before the meeting.
 - g. The TIBC Co-Chairs will moderate TIBC meetings and ensure TIBC objectives are acted upon.
 - h. TIBC Tribal representatives should make every effort to participate in all in-person and webinar/phone TIBC meetings. Each Representative can backfill their participation at in-person/remote TIBC meetings with their alternate Representative once per budget formulation cycle (except in extenuating circumstances conveyed to and approved by the TIBC co-chairs). If a Tribal Representative is unable to meet their attendance obligation, the TIBC Co-Chairs will ask the BIA Regional Director to consult with Tribes in their region to designate a different TIBC Tribal representative. Before action to replace a TIBC member is taken, TIBC Tribal Co-Chairs will attempt to make direct contact with the member. This attendance standard will ensure that Tribal representatives at each meeting are up-to-date and actively engaged in the work of the TIBC.
 - i. TIBC shall identify its representative who shall testify before any Congressional Committee for TIBC-related invitations.

VI. Meetings

- a. TIBC will meet for official business at least three times per year: once in the Spring, once in the Summer, and once in the Fall.
- b. TIBC meeting dates, time, agenda topics, federal participants, and location will be decided at a previous meeting of the TIBC.
- c. TIBC meetings will be held over 2-3 consecutive days unless otherwise agreed and are open to the public. However, only TIBC members are eligible to bring motions and vote.
- d. Seating at TIBC meetings shall be designated by the TIBC Co-Chairs. All Tribal leaders are welcome to attend any Tribal Caucus and speak by request to and approval by the Co-Chairs.
- e. Any Co-Chair may recognize non-TIBC members in discussions at meetings. However, priority shall be given to TIBC members before a non-member is given the opportunity to discuss the issue.
- f. Regular meetings (see "Meetings" VI(a)) may be conducted via video or telephone conference.
- g. Special meetings may be called by the Co-Chairs with advance notice to all representatives. These meetings may be conducted via video or telephone conference.
- h. The TIBC members shall be supported with sufficient resources to enable them to fulfill the purposes of this council.
- i. TIBC members shall be prepared to take action on business brought before TIBC during each meeting.

- j. TIBC Tribal representatives will be reimbursed through their BIA regional office in a manner that is acceptable to the TIBC Tribal representative.
- k. The TIBC budget will be reviewed and approved by the TIBC annually.

VII. Quorum and Voting

- a. A quorum will be met by:
 - 1. Three-fourths (18) majority of the voting Tribal representatives (24); or
 - 2. Three-fourths (9) of Tribal regions representing BIA regions (12).
 - 3. In the absence of a quorum, a working meeting will be held with no formal actions.
- b. Voting is limited to Tribal representatives or their designee of the TIBC.
- c. A vote requires a simple majority of TIBC representatives present to pass.

VIII. Sub-Committees

- a. Purpose.
 - 1. Sub-Committees convene TIBC representatives, participants, and Federal reps to engage in more extensive detail on budgets and budget policy and provide recommendations and supporting data to the full TIBC membership.
- b. Establishment.
 - 1. The TIBC may establish Sub-Committees to review, investigate, and/or evaluate issue(s) of importance and provide recommendations to the TIBC.
 - 2. The TIBC must establish a clear mission, purpose and objectives and/or tasks for the Sub-Committee(s).
 - 3. The number of Sub-Committee voting members and chair(s) are determined by the full TIBC by vote.
 - 4. The Chair(s) of each Sub-Committee serve in a non-voting role within the Sub-Committee they chair, except in the event of a vote that requires a tiebreaker.
 - 5. Sub-Committees are intended to operate for a duration specified by the TIBC at the Sub-Committee's inception. A Sub-Committee's term, however, may be extended by a majority vote of the TIBC. If no extension is granted the Sub-Committee will be dissolved.
 - 6. Standing Sub-Committees may be established to address long-term or continuing issues for the TIBC. A standing Sub-Committee's continuation must be agreed to annually at the first National Budget Meeting of the calendar year.
 - 7. The TIBC may dissolve Sub-Committees by a simple majority of TIBC representatives present when a quorum has been met (See Section VII "Quorum and Voting").
- c. Responsibilities.
 - 1. Each Sub-Committee will present to the full TIBC only when there are specific decision items that require consideration by the full body.
 - 2. In the event that a Sub-Committee has decision items to present, each

recommendation shall be discussed individually by the TIBC and only adopted after a motion is made and seconded and approved by the TIBC.

3. All members of the TIBC shall receive written notice of Sub-Committee meetings in advance and be provided the opportunity to participate telephonically.
 4. Indian Affairs officials will assist TIBC Co-Chairs and Sub-Committee chair(s) in inviting and securing participation of appropriate federal officials both within DOI as well as in other federal agencies.
 5. Sub-Committee chair(s) will be responsible for working with the full TIBC to fill vacant positions on Sub-Committee. The TIBC will approve any proposed changes to Sub-Committee membership at the next meeting. However, proposed new members may participate in Sub-Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity until their official membership is approved.
 6. TIBC Tribal Sub-Committee members should make every effort to participate in all in-person and webinar/phone Sub-Committee meetings. Each representative can backfill their participation at in-person/remote TIBC meetings with their alternate representative once per budget formulation cycle (except in extenuating circumstances conveyed to and approved by the Sub-Committee co-chair). If a Tribal Sub-Committee member is unable to meet their attendance obligation, the Sub-Committee chair(s) will work with the TIBC Co-Chairs to identify and designate a replacement member. Before action to replace a TIBC Sub-Committee member is taken, the TIBC Sub-Committee chair(s) will attempt to make direct contact with the member. This attendance standard will ensure that representatives at each meeting are up-to-date and actively engaged in the work of the Sub-Committee.
 7. Each Sub-Committee leader will designate a single individual, either a technical advisor or other staff assistant, to act as the logistical lead responsible for the following Sub-Committee operations:
 - i. working with the Sub-Committee chair(s) to schedule meetings;
 - ii. tracking meeting topics, discussion, outcomes, and follow up;
 - iii. working with the chair(s) to draft meeting agendas and circulate them to Sub-Committee membership at least one week in advance of meetings;
 - iv. tracking Sub-Committee membership, attendance, and managing a process to on-board new members;
 - v. working with the Sub-Committee chair(s) to draft talking points, meeting minutes, and other relevant documents; and
 - vi. ensuring the availability of relevant printed materials for each meeting (agenda, presentations, past meeting notes, etc.).
- d. Sub-Committee Quorum and Voting.
1. A quorum shall be established when a simple majority of Sub-committee voting members are present.
 2. Sub-committee meetings will be open to attendance and participation by the full TIBC membership.
 3. A motion can be brought by a member of the Sub-committee and an affirmative vote will be a simple majority of the voting membership.
 4. Sub-Committees may include technical staff or other non-TIBC members as required to fulfill the intent of the subgroup.

5. Sub-Committee meetings are open to all TIBC members.

IX. Conflicts of Interest

- a. TIBC Tribal representatives will speak on issues for the general benefit of Indian Country. It is assumed that Tribal TIBC representatives will speak from the experience of their Tribes for the benefit of Indian Country in general and that no conflict of interest with any other Tribe occurs when a member speaks about any Tribal issues in their particular Region.
- b. TIBC members will not present proposals that will create an unfair advantage over any other TIBC member or Tribe for the individual person, his/her personal office, or his/her Tribe in the budget process.

X. Meeting Records, communications, and dissemination of TIBC documents

- a. It is the responsibility of Indian Affairs to ensure that accurate records of meeting actions are recorded and summarized as the minutes to be approved by the full TIBC. The written record shall at a minimum be a summary of issues and topics discussed and action(s) taken and not the discussion surrounding the action.
- b. Action items will be developed and provided to the TIBC representatives no later than 21 calendar days after the meeting. Indian Affairs will provide a progress report on action(s) taken at subsequent TIBC meetings.
- c. Indian Affairs is responsible for tracking the following information from Tribes every year:
 - 1. Each region's two TIBC representatives and alternates
 - 2. Each region's technical support staff (if any).
- d. Tribal representatives may be asked to follow up on specific action(s) on a voluntary basis.
- e. Information regarding TIBC meetings, activities, and actions shall be posted on the Indian Affairs website.

XI. Protocol Duration:

This Protocol will be reviewed every six years from the date of adoption.

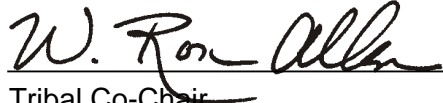
XII. Adoption and Amendments:

This protocol document may be adopted, amended, or terminated per the voting procedure.

The date of adoption and all subsequent amendment dates shall be recorded following this section.

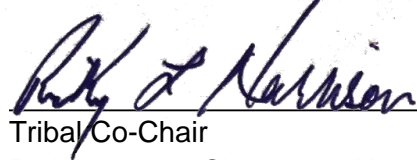
Adopted

The TIBC Protocol was amended during the November 2-5, 2021 TIBC meeting and adopted on November 5, 2021 with a quorum present.



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