

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



All In-Person Meeting

March 10-13, 2025

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***Agenda Tribal/Interior Budget Council
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Sunday, March 9 – Travel Day

Monday, March 10 Subcommittee Meetings

9:00 – 12:00 **Education Subcommittee
Transportation Subcommittee**

12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 4:30 **Land, Water & Natural Resources Subcommittee
Data Management Subcommittee**

Tuesday, March 11 Subcommittee Meetings/Tribal Caucus

9:00 – 12:00 **Budget Subcommittee**

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 4:00 **Public Safety & Justice Subcommittee
Economic Development Subcommittee**

4:00 – 6:00 **Tribal Caucus**

Wednesday, March 12 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 – 11:00	Opening Remarks	Tribal Co Chairs & AS-IA
11:00 - 11:30	Legislative Updates	Matt Vogel, NCAI
11:30 – 12:00	BIE Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, BIE
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	

1:00 – 1:30	Land & Water (Nat. Resources) Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OTS
1:30 – 2:00	Data Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/Chief Data Officer
2:00 – 3:00	CRS Report	Maribel Murray, Natural Resources Policy; Resources, Science and Industry
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 3:45	Budget Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/DASM/OBPM
3:45 – 4:30	<i>Invited</i> DOJ Updates	Gina Allery/JoAnn Kintz, Office of Tribal Justice, DOJ
4:30 – 5:00	PS&J Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OJS

Thursday, March 13 – TIBC Main Session

9:00 – 9:30	Opening Remarks/Recap	Tribal & ASIA Co-Chairs
9:30 – 10:00	Economic Development Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OIED
10:00 – 10:30	Transportation Subcommittee Update	Full Body/Subcommittee/Director, OIS
10:30 – 11:00	BTFA Budget Strategy Discussion	Full Body/Director, BTFA
11:00 – 12:15	Budget Update FY2027 Tribal Ranking Results	Sharon Omps, Chief, Division of Formulation Sharon Omps (IA)/Vanda Cervantes (BIE)
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:00	Budget Strategy	Full TIBC Body
2:00 – 2:30	Old Business/New Business	Matthew Vogl, NCAI
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 5:00	Tribal Budget Development for Submission	
5:00	Adjourn	

Friday, March 14 – Travel Day

Have a Safe Journey Home

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Executive Summary

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The Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) convened in-person on November 18-22, 2024.

- All six subcommittees convened from November 18-20, 2024.
- On November 22-23, 2024, a quorum was present and official business was conducted.
- A motion to adopt the November 2024 Agenda as a guide passed.
- A motion to adopt the July/August 2024 meeting minutes passed.
- A total of four actions were approved by the full TIBC body, those actions can be found in the New/Old Business section of the minutes.
- An election for the TIBC Co-Chair was held and upon receiving majority votes, Rick Harrison retained the Co-Chair position.

Opening Remarks

Tribal Co-chairs Opening Remarks

Tribal Co-chairs expressed their gratitude to AS-IA Newland and his staff for their commitment to Indian Country over the last four years. We are grateful for all the Biden Administration has achieved for Indian Country, like ARPA and BIL, and are looking forward to the White House Tribal Nations Summit. TIBC has grown and is dealing with more complex issues and the meeting has grown from three to five days long. We thank our federal partners for their support.

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

AS-IA Brian Newland thanked members of his staff for all the work they have done over the past four years. He also thanked members of TIBC and all tribal leaders for their support. TIBC members also expressed their grateful appreciation of AS-IA Newland and his staff.

Leadership Announcements - BIA Director

AS-IA Newland made the announcement of the new BIA director Bryan Mercier. Director Mercier is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. Prior to his appointment as Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he served as the regional director of BIA's Northwest Region.

Executive Director of NCAI opening remarks

Executive Director Larry Wright Jr. acknowledged the many gains under the current administration, but urges everyone to remember that NCAI will continue its important work. The



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Biden Administration has been historic, 80 Natives have been appointed. However, there have been 16 presidents since NCAI's founding in 1944, eight democrats and eight republicans, NCAI and Indian Country continue the work regardless of who is in the White House and the work never stops. NCAI/IGA is hosting a Tribal Leaders Summit on Tuesday December 10 to discuss the transition to the new administration, you are all invited. We all need to work together to make our voices heard and preserve gains that have been achieved.

Legislative Update from Matt Vogel

The current continuing resolution expires on December 20, 2024, and it is unlikely that Congress will pass an omnibus before the new year. House Speaker Johnson has opposed omnibus bills, and Speaker Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune have proposed passing a year-long continuing resolution. This would be a double-edged sword: there would be no funding cuts, but the lack of inflation adjustment means that actual funding would decrease. A short-term continuing resolution is also an option but is likely to affect President Trump's policy priorities within the first 100 days in office. President Biden has requested \$100 billion in supplemental appropriations for disaster aid, however this is unlikely to pass as a stand alone bill, as disaster aid has not been approved since 2022. NCAI recommends a focus on prioritizing the obligation and expenditure of existing funds within the federal budget and efforts to fill senior executive services positions within the US government.

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](#) (BIE Education Subcommittee Presentation), [here](#) (BIE Johnson O'Malley Presentation), and [here](#) (BIE Funded TCU's and Grants).

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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

- Request every federal department publish a report on funding available to Tribal Nations
- Request for DOJ to organize a forum to share public safety & justice data and information, not a consultation
- Request for information on the upcoming DOJ consultation to be posted on the TIBC website
- At next TIBC meeting, discuss ranking tools to determine funding priorities within the scope of PS&J

Transportation Subcommittee

- No action items.

Budget Subcommittee

- Quorum was not reached, no official actions were taken.

Data Management Subcommittee

- Request for Census to attend next meeting
- Request for DHS to create a program to provide funding and technical assistance to help Tribal Nations update to the Real ID system

Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

- Discuss in full TIBC a resolution concerning USDA compact/contract authority and funding
- Communication to Bureau of Ocean Energy Management concerning ongoing questions about projects, project permitting, and consultation procedures

Education Subcommittee

- MOTION: Request the BIE FY26 budget reclassify tribal grant support costs from discretionary to mandatory funding. - motion passed subcommittee
- MOTION: hold a workgroup meeting before March TIBC to discuss tribal grant support costs and the new administration - motion passed subcommittee
- MOTION: Support the re-appointment of Julian Guerrero Jr. as Director of Office of Indian Education in the Department of Education - motion passed subcommittee

New/Old Business



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TIBC Actions:

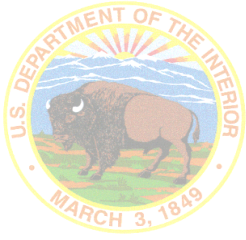
- An election was held, re-appointing Rick Harrison as the TIBC co-chair
- A motion was passed to adopt [TIBC Resolution #24-003](#) Calling on the BIA Division of Transportation to Conduct a Third-Party Review of the Tribal Transportation Program Funding Distribution Formula
- A motion was passed to adopt [TIBC Resolution #24-004](#) Calling Upon Congress to Enact Legislation Regarding USDA Authority to Enter into Co-Management Agreements, Contracts, and Compacts with Tribes for Lands Under National Forest System Jurisdiction
- Request for the technical lead to compile a list of attendance at past TIBC meeting to determine which representatives have been repeatedly absent and should be replaced
- 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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Budget Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2025

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

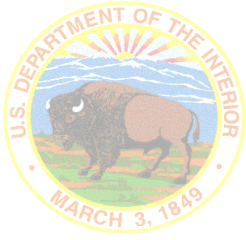
Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

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
 - FY25 Budget Update
 - Funding Status Update (Impacted programs)
 - Staffing Updates (FY24, current, projected)
- FY 2026 Budget Request Update
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- Adjourn



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Data Management Subcommittee Meeting
Agenda

March 10, 2025

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

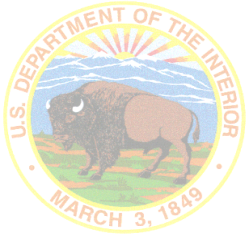
Rick Harrison, Chickaloon Village

Federal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Veronica Lane, Chief Data Officer, OBPM

Melvin Gilchrist, Program Analyst, OBPM

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Voting Member Roll Call
- Issues/Update
 - 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
 - Tribal Data Protection
- Summary of Action Items for Full TIBC
- Adjourn



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Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2025

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

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

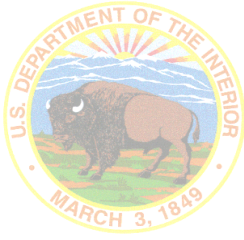
Courtney Two Lance, Oglala Sioux Tribe

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
 - Staffing Updates (FY24, current, projected)
 - Funding Status Updates
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - Review the draft purpose of the economic development subcommittee
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- Adjourn



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Education Subcommittee Agenda

March 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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
 - NIEA Update - Julia Wakeford, Policy Director, NIEA
 - AIHEC Update - Ahniwake Rose, President
 - BIE Report / Status Updates - Tony Dearman, Director; Sharon Pinto, Deputy Director
 - BIE Staffing Update
 - Haskell/SIPI
 - BIE Response to Executive Order 14191, Section 7
 - GSA Leases
 - Inclusion of Employee Fixed Costs for All TCS Employees in FY26 Budget Request
 - BIE FI&R Authority
 - General Tribal Leader Discussion:
 1. Budget/Funding:
 - Methodology for BIE Cost Estimates
 - Letter to Congressional Delegates / Committees / Subcommittees re:

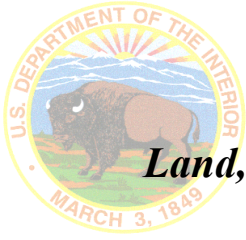
TIBC Education Priorities

2. Policy, Legislative, and Programmatic Ideas, Questions, Concerns

■ Next Steps: Tribal Grant Support Costs

3. Recommendations for BIE Service Delivery, Implementation, Process Improvement

- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- July Agenda Recommendations
- Adjourn



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Land, Water, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2025

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

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

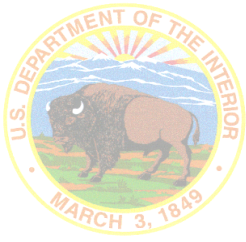
Russell “Buster” Atteberry, Karuk Tribe

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
 - Staffing Updates (FY24, current, projected)
 - Funding Status Update
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - Co-Stewardship/Co-Management Discussion
 - Offshore wind energy
 - Executive Order: Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government’s Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects
 - Executive Order: Declaring a National Energy Emergency
- Summary of Action Items for Full TIBC
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council
Public Safety & Justice Subcommittee Meeting
Agenda

March 11, 2025

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

Tribal Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

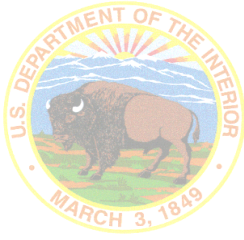
Eugenia Charles-Newton, Navajo Nation

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
 - Staffing Updates (FY24, Current, Projected)
 - Funding Status Update
 - GSA Vehicle O&M Schedule
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - Tribal Priority Ranking Tool – PS&J Data
- Summary of Action Items for Report Out
- Adjourn



Tribal/Interior Budget Council
Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
Agenda

March 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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
 - Staffing Updates (FY24, Current, Projected)
 - Funding Status Update
- General Tribal Leader Discussion
 - BIA Road Maintenance Pilot Project
 - TIBC Resolution #24-003 Update
 - Purpose Statement Review
- Summary of Action Items for Full TIBC
- Adjourn



IA Budget Update

March 13, 2025



Agenda

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

FY 2025 Distribution of Funds



➤ Continuing Resolution (CR) through March 14, 2025.

❖ Tribal Transfers

- IA implemented FY 2025 Tribally requested transfers of TPA base funding under CR1 and CR2. 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 Fiscal Year Tribes under CR1. Funds should be with Tribes or on its way.
- OMB approved IA's request to provide 100% of TPA base and Law Enforcement funding to Calendar Year Tribes under CR2. Funds should be with Tribes or on its way.
- *Please claim funds in ASAP before 03/14/25. During a shutdown, federal employees are not permitted to work, including moving funds to Tribes.*

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OP0 Need to research/update language.
Omps, Sharon P, 2023-10-20T19:05:18.475

BJ1 [@Omps, Sharon P] just speak to the possible shutdown here where we tell them to pull their funding by 11/17.
By then we should have a better idea if we think it will be a shutdown or another CR.
Brooks, Jeannine, 2023-10-20T19:47:28.392

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

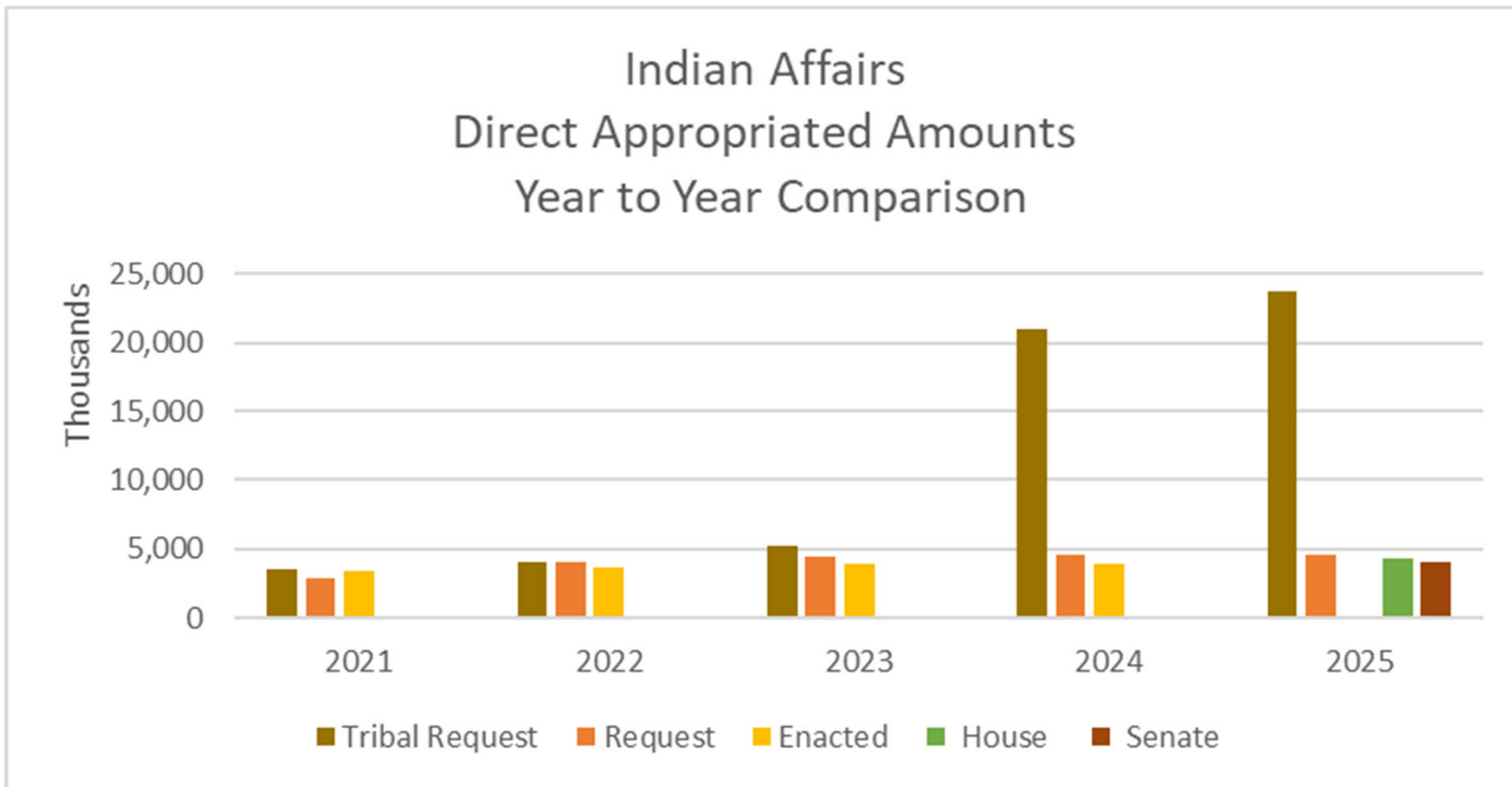
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- OP0** [@Fortney, Melissa] [@Abeita, Shawn P] Please provide an updated table for 2025 by noon on Mon, 11/11.
Thank you.
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- OP0 0** [@Fortney, Melissa] [@Abeita, Shawn P] Thank you for updating the table. Would someone pls remind me why the Senate OIP number changed? It looks like Asst Sec Spt in Exec Direct went up \$2m from the original Senate comp table from the summer. I also used that for the last TIBC and someone might notice and point it out so just want to be prepared w a response. Thank you.
Omps, Sharon P, 2024-11-12T15:22:58.731
- OP0 1** After I sent this, I realize that the \$2m is probably the unallocated amt that we weren't sure where to put it.
Omps, Sharon P, 2024-11-13T13:05:26.607
- FM0 2** Exactly, and we did note the presented numbers would likely change slightly as we needed clarification on a few items.
Fortney, Melissa, 2024-11-13T13:40:45.688

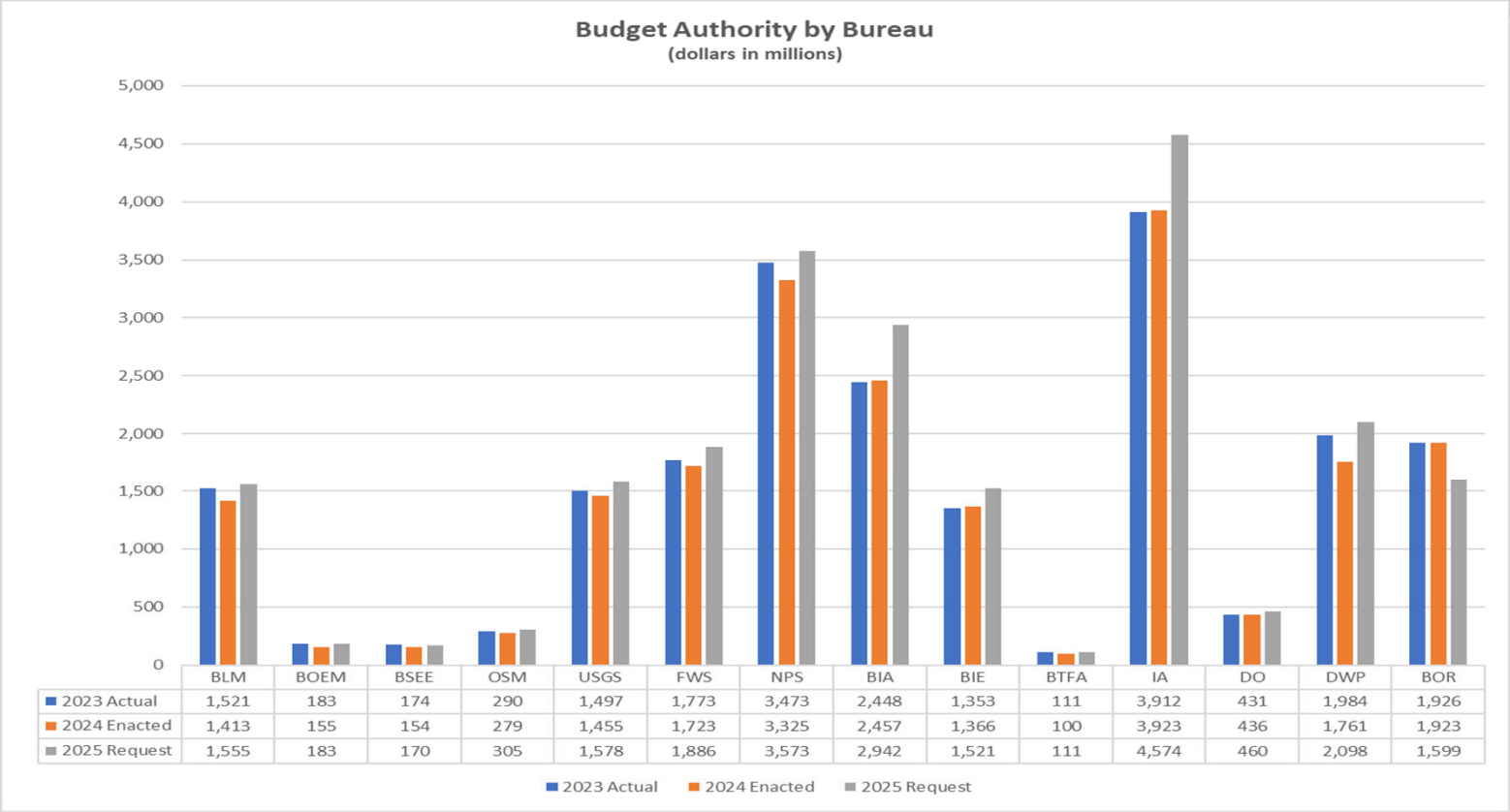
Tribal Request vs PB Request vs Enacted



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DOI by Bureau



FY 2024 enacted amounts are derived from the FY 2025 Senate Committee Support Table.

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OP0 [@Sullivan, Jack] Pls update and add chart for DOI bureau by 10am Friday, 2/28.

Omps, Sharon P, 2025-02-28T05:58:48

SJO 0 This data is pulled from the most recent BiB. The 2025 BiB does not include 2024 enacted amounts, only CR amounts. I've asked Philip if there was a way to get these amounts for 2024 and have not heard back. Do you know of a way to get these? I believe we didn't provide this at previous TIBCs for the same reason.

Sullivan, Jack, 2025-02-28T14:08:46.329

SJO 1 2024 amounts reflected are from the Senate Committee Support Table. POB did have these amounts readily available.

Sullivan, Jack, 2025-02-28T15:39:48.936

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

- ❖ *Submitted the Tribal Priority Ranking Tool*

➤ Regional Offices and Agencies

- ❖ *Facilitated two budget formulation working group sessions and submitted consolidated tribal priority rankings.*
- ❖ *Identify regional office budget priorities.*

➤ Central Office

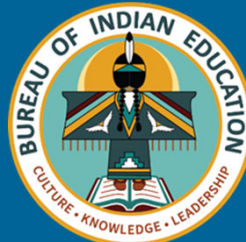
- ❖ *Departmental budget formulation kickoff – Spring 2025*

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[@Sullivan, Jack] Please review this slide edit/add addt'l info as necessary. Thank you.

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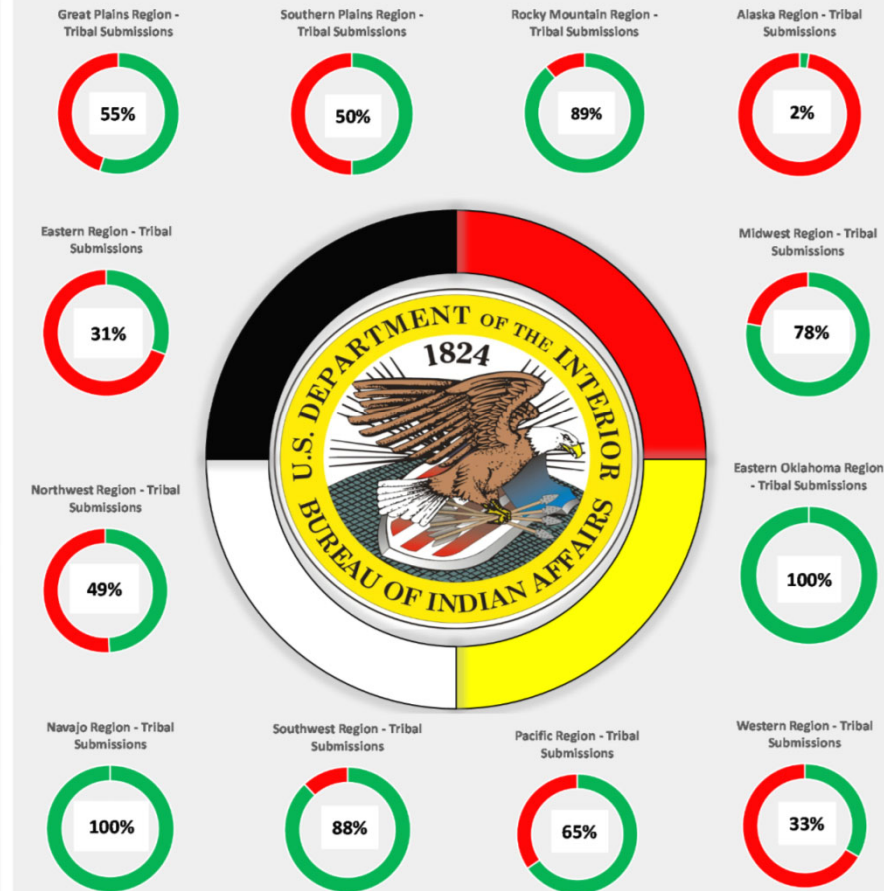
Tribal Priority Program Ranking Results



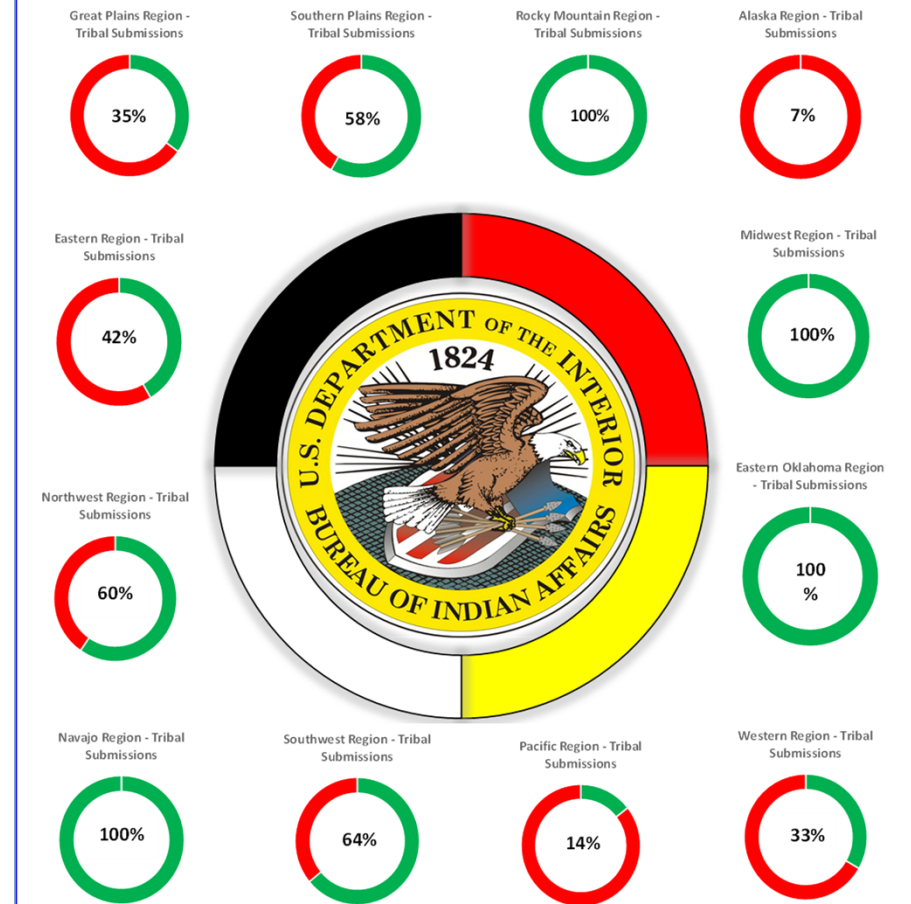
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- ❖ **Participation**
- ❖ **National and Regional Tribal Ranking by Category**
- ❖ **National Tribal Ranking by Program**
- ❖ **Education Ranking - Tribal vs Schools**

FY 2027 Preferred Program Tribal Submissions Regional Summary



FY 2025 Preferred Program Tribal Submissions Regional Summary

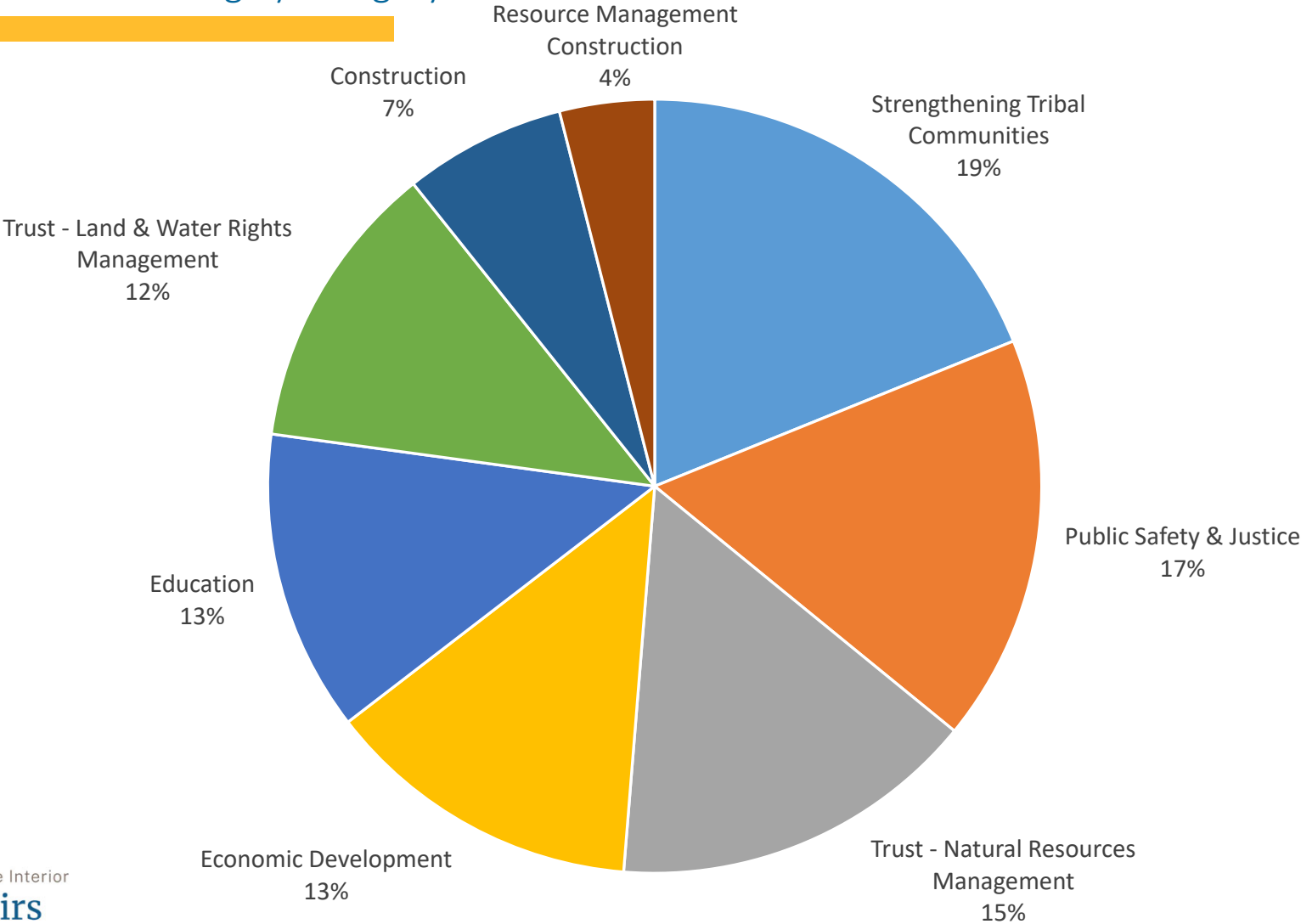


FY 2027 National Tribal Ranking by Category

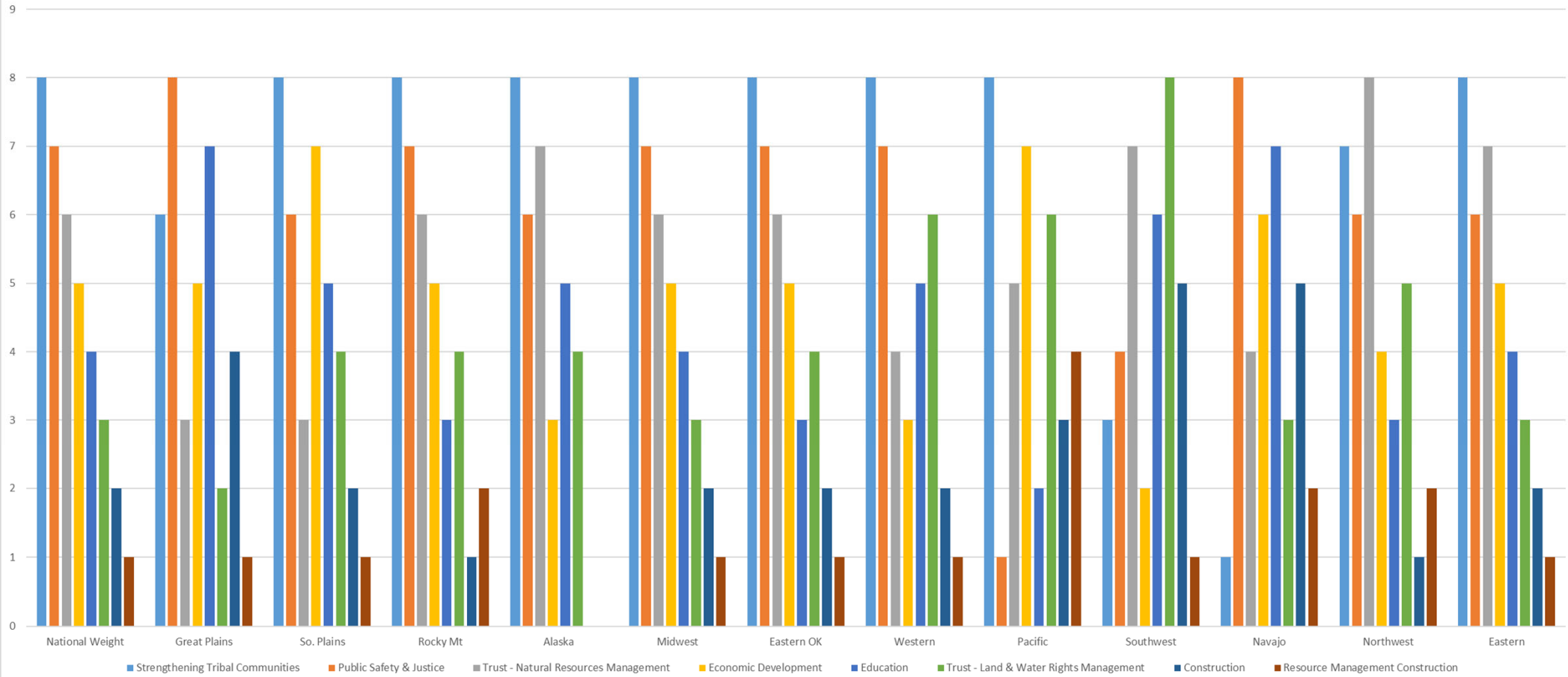


Rank	Category	Weighted Rank
1	Strengthening Tribal Communities	81
2	Public Safety & Justice	73
3	Trust - Natural Resources Management	66
4	Economic Development	57
5	Education	54
6	Trust - Land & Water Rights Management	52
7	Construction	29
8	Resource Management Construction	17

2027 National Tribal Ranking by Category



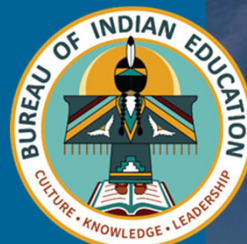
2027 NATIONAL and REGIONAL TRIBAL RANKING BY CATEGORY



Additional Materials (Separate Handouts)



- *Individual Regional versus National Ranking Charts*
- *National Tribal Ranking by Category + Programs (Detailed)*
- *Education Ranking –*
 - *TCS, BOS*
 - *Tribal versus Schools*



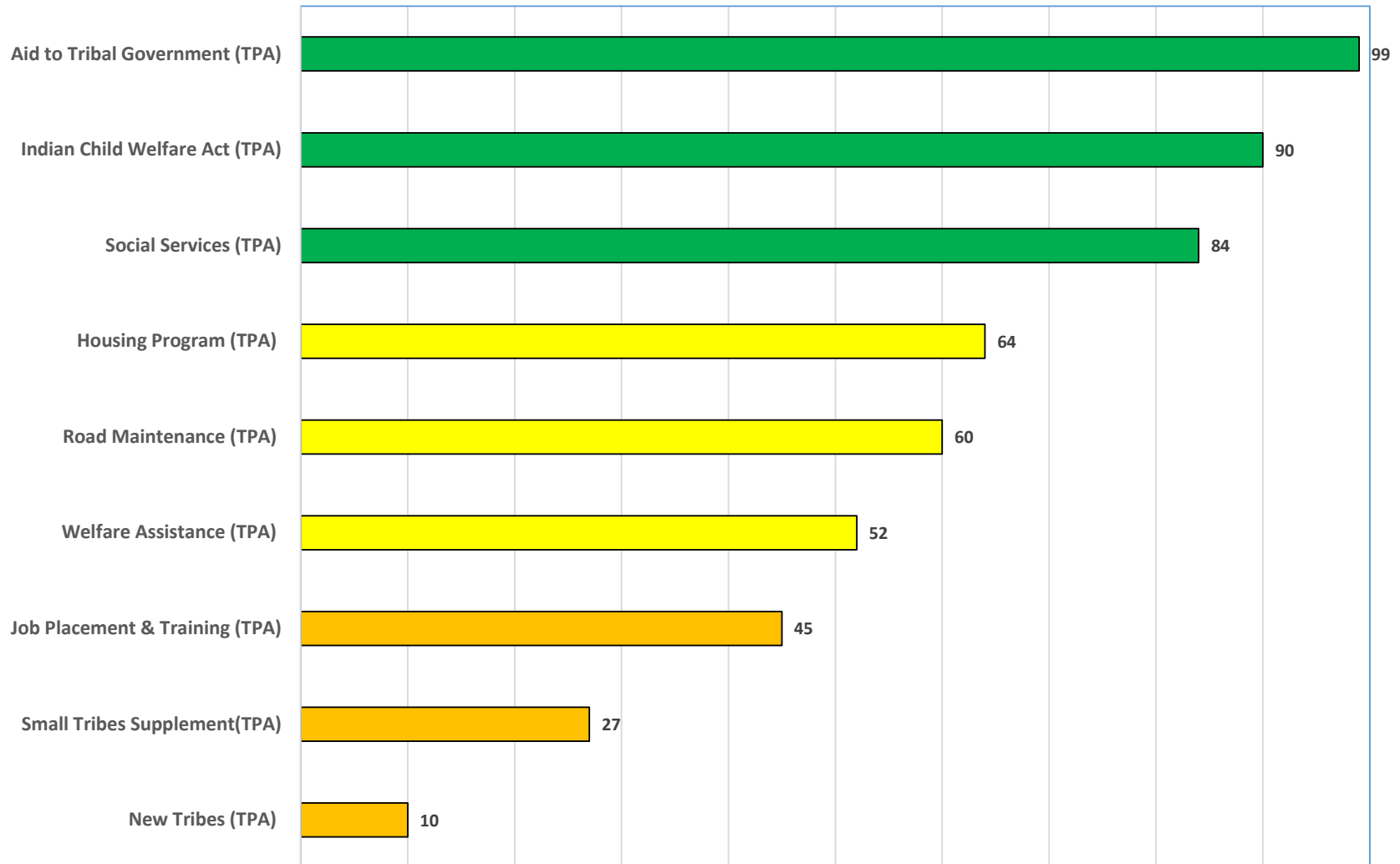
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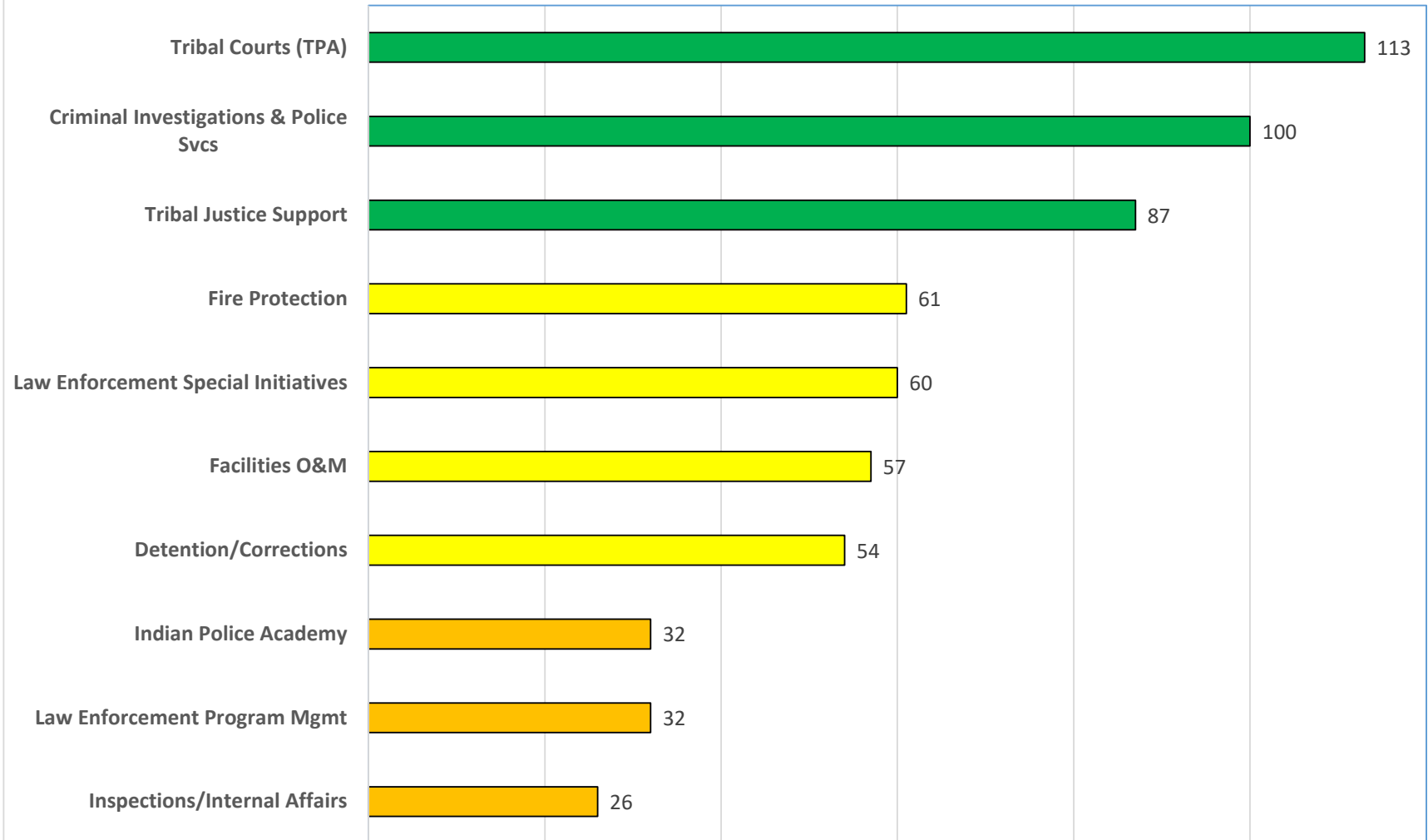
National Tribal Priority Program Ranking by Category + Program

(Categories are in priority ranking order)

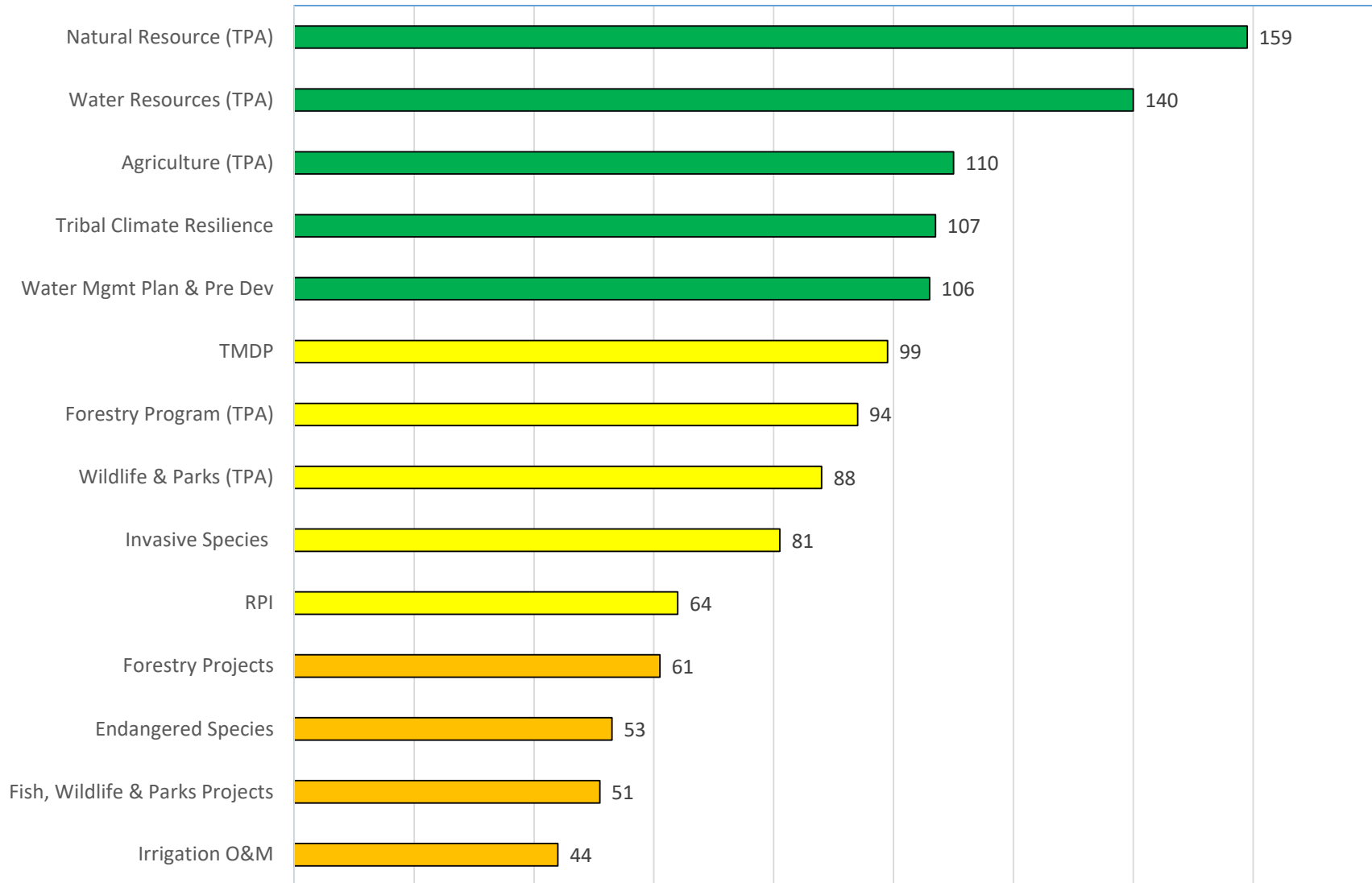
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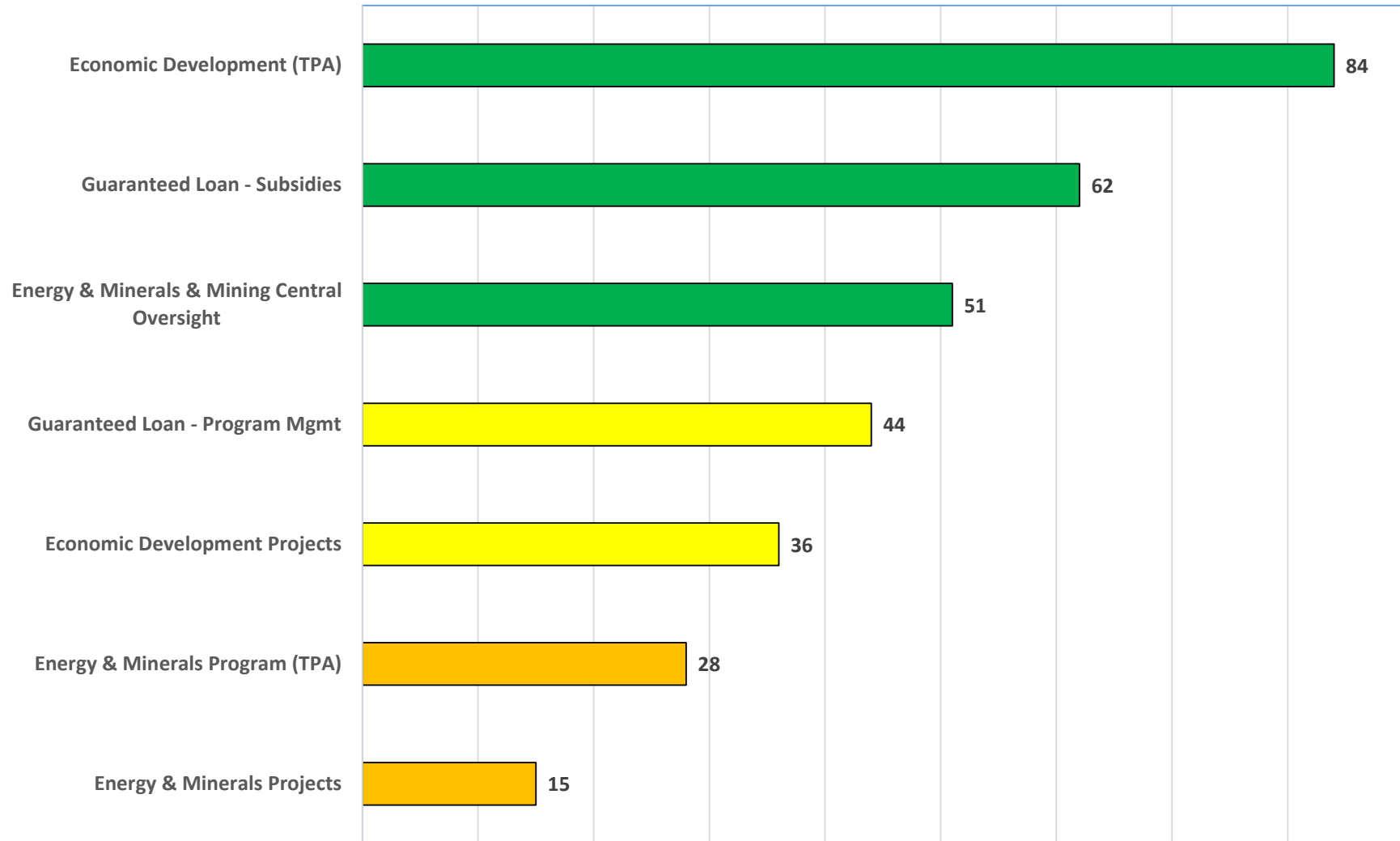
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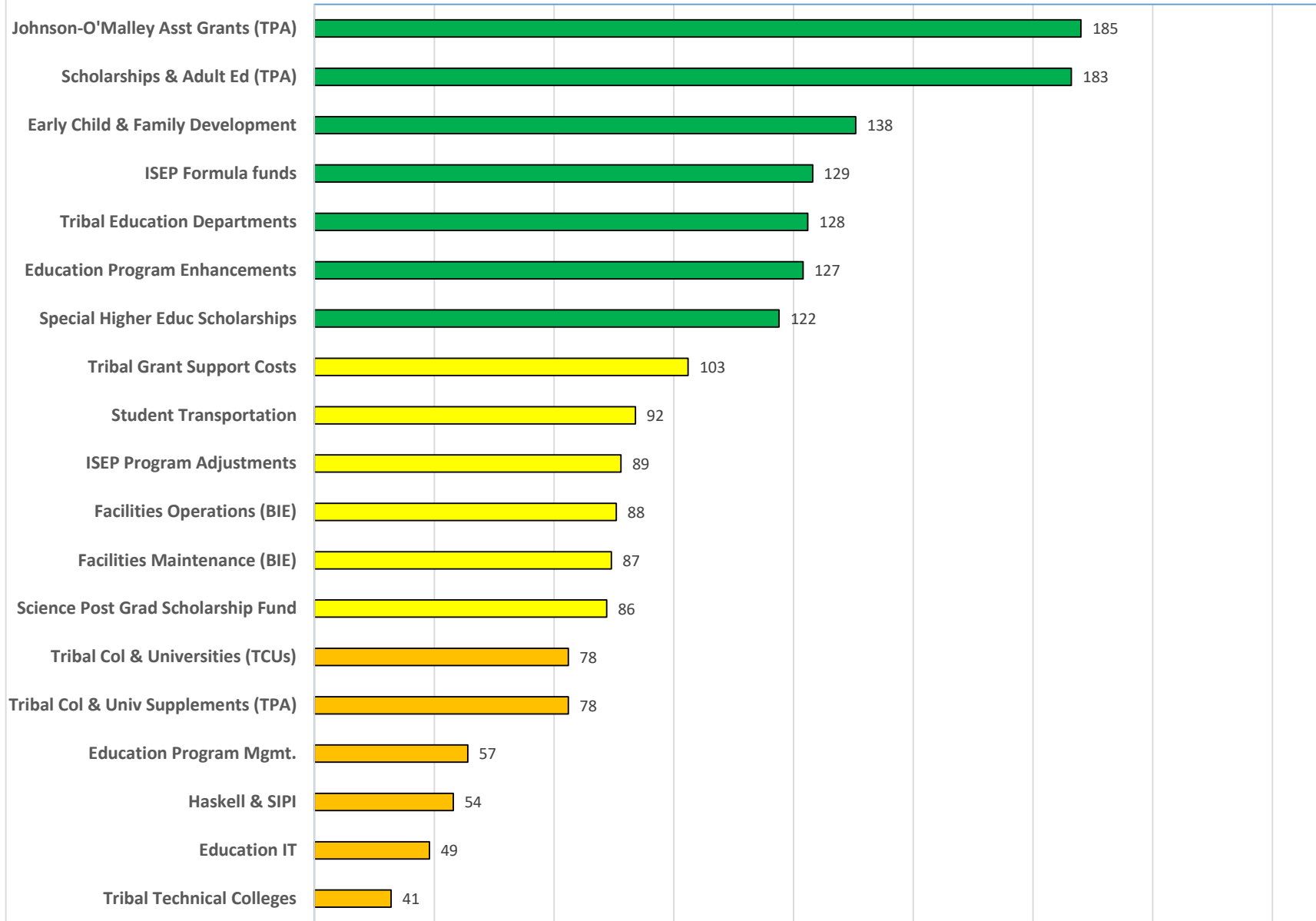
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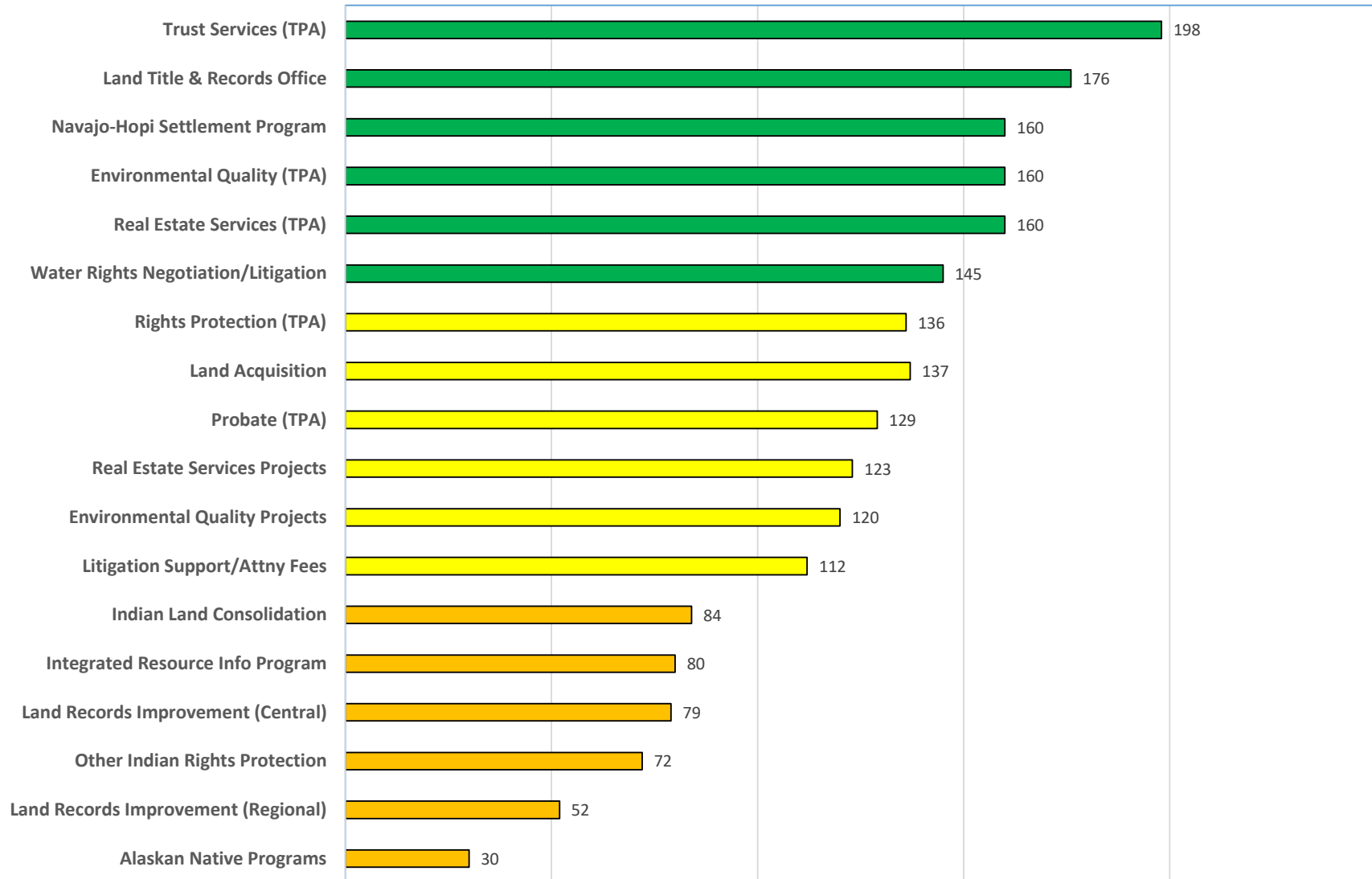
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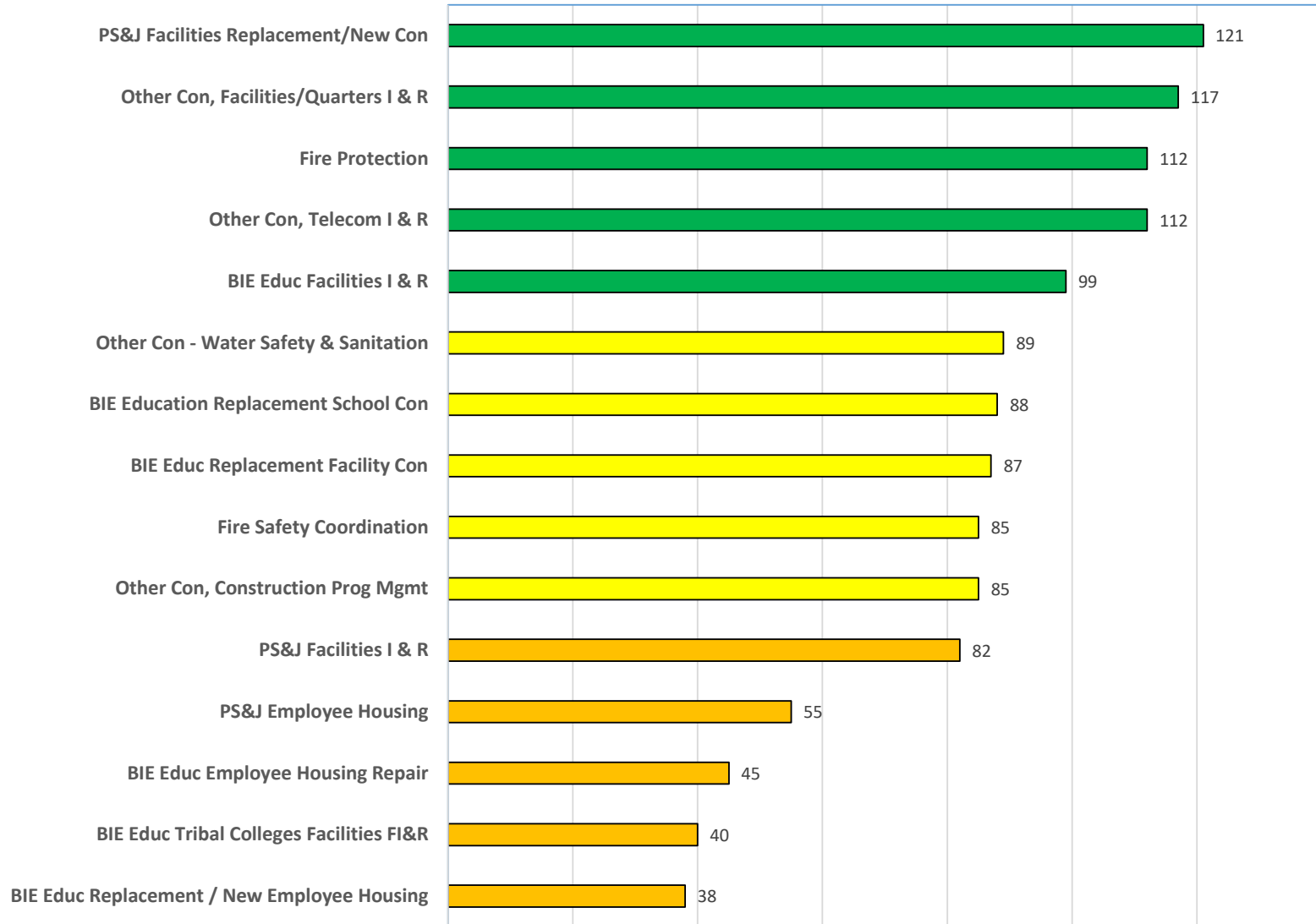
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2027 Trust - Land & Water Rights Management National Ranking



2027 Construction National Ranking



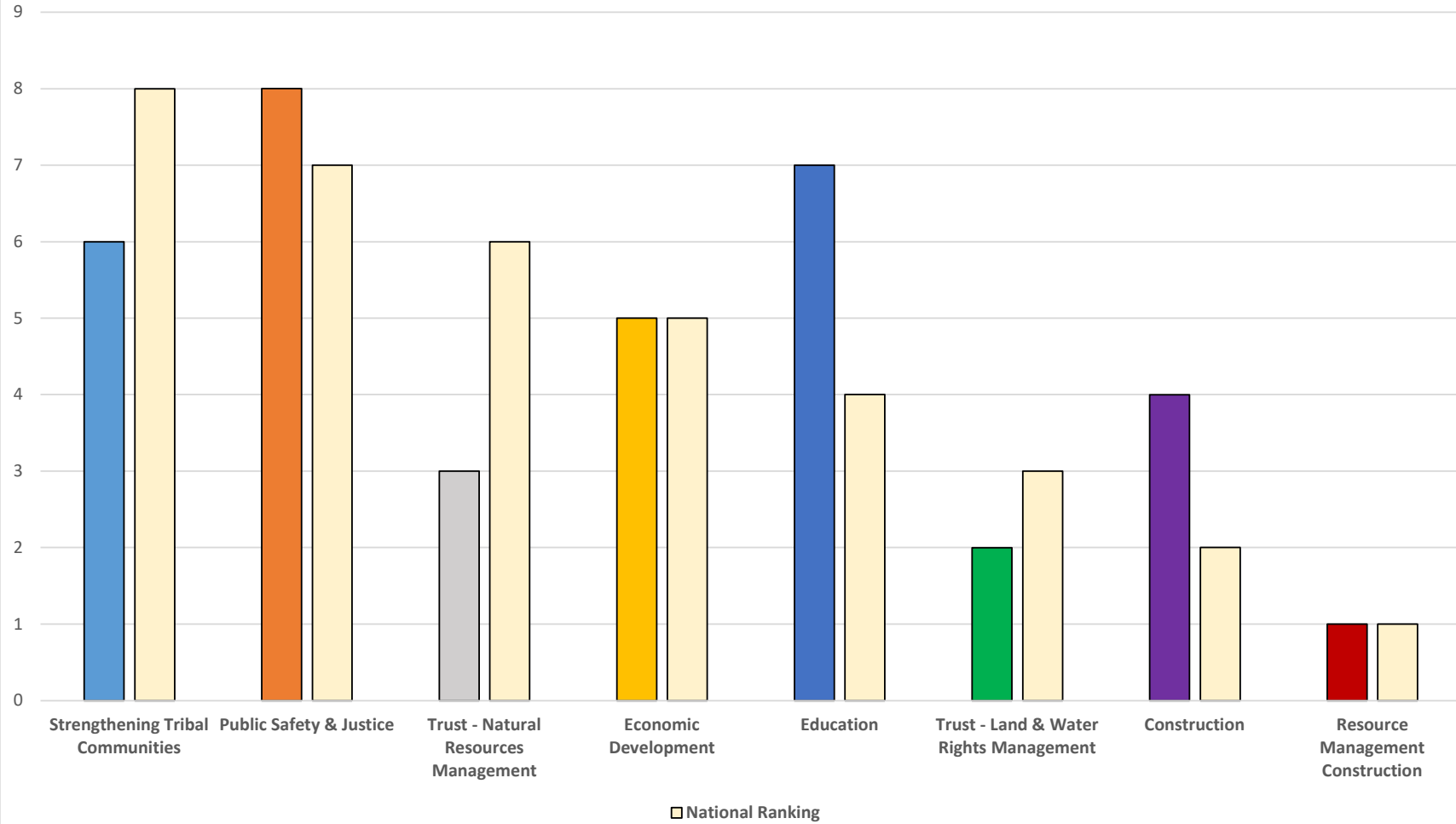
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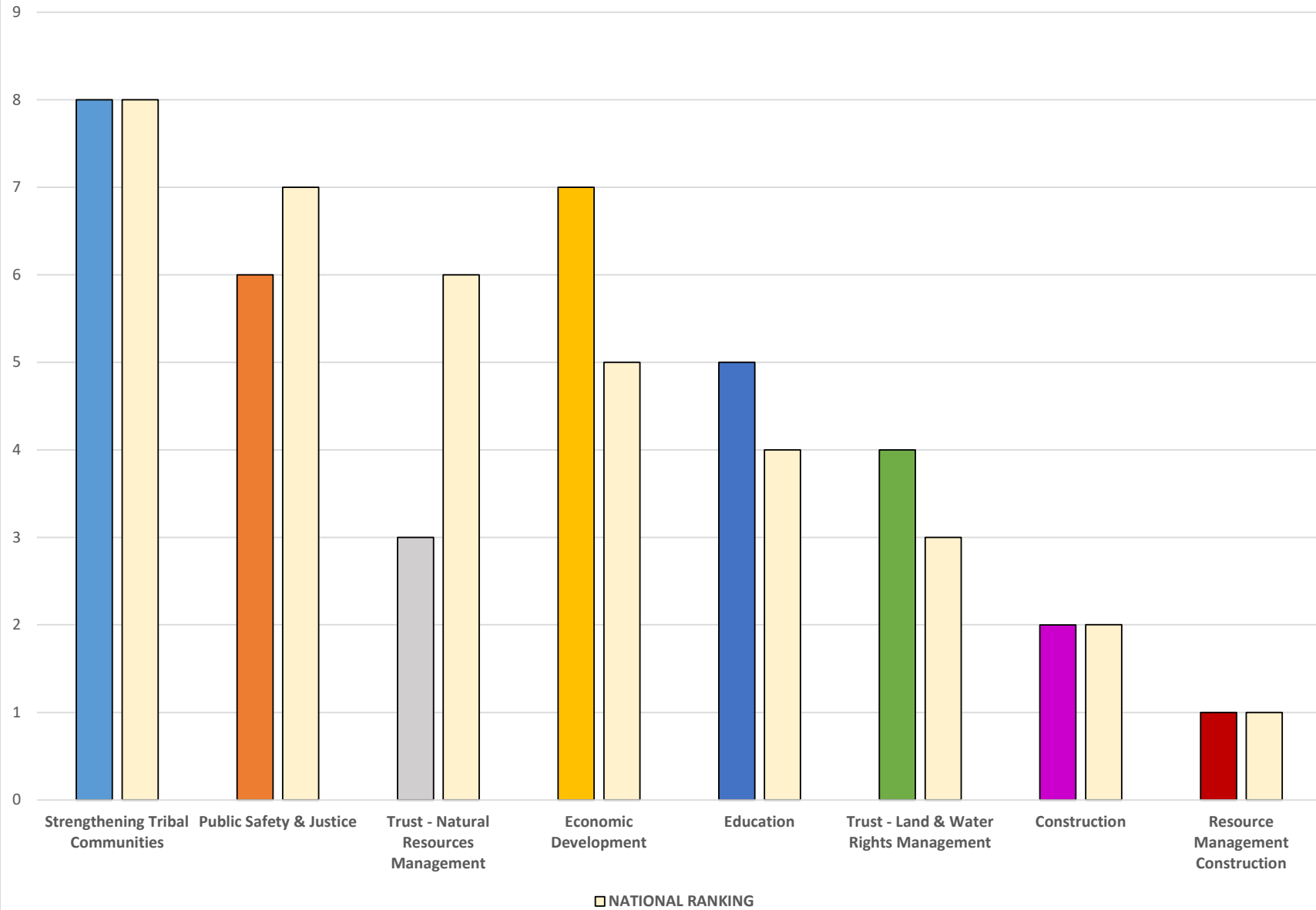
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Regional vs National
Tribal Ranking by Category

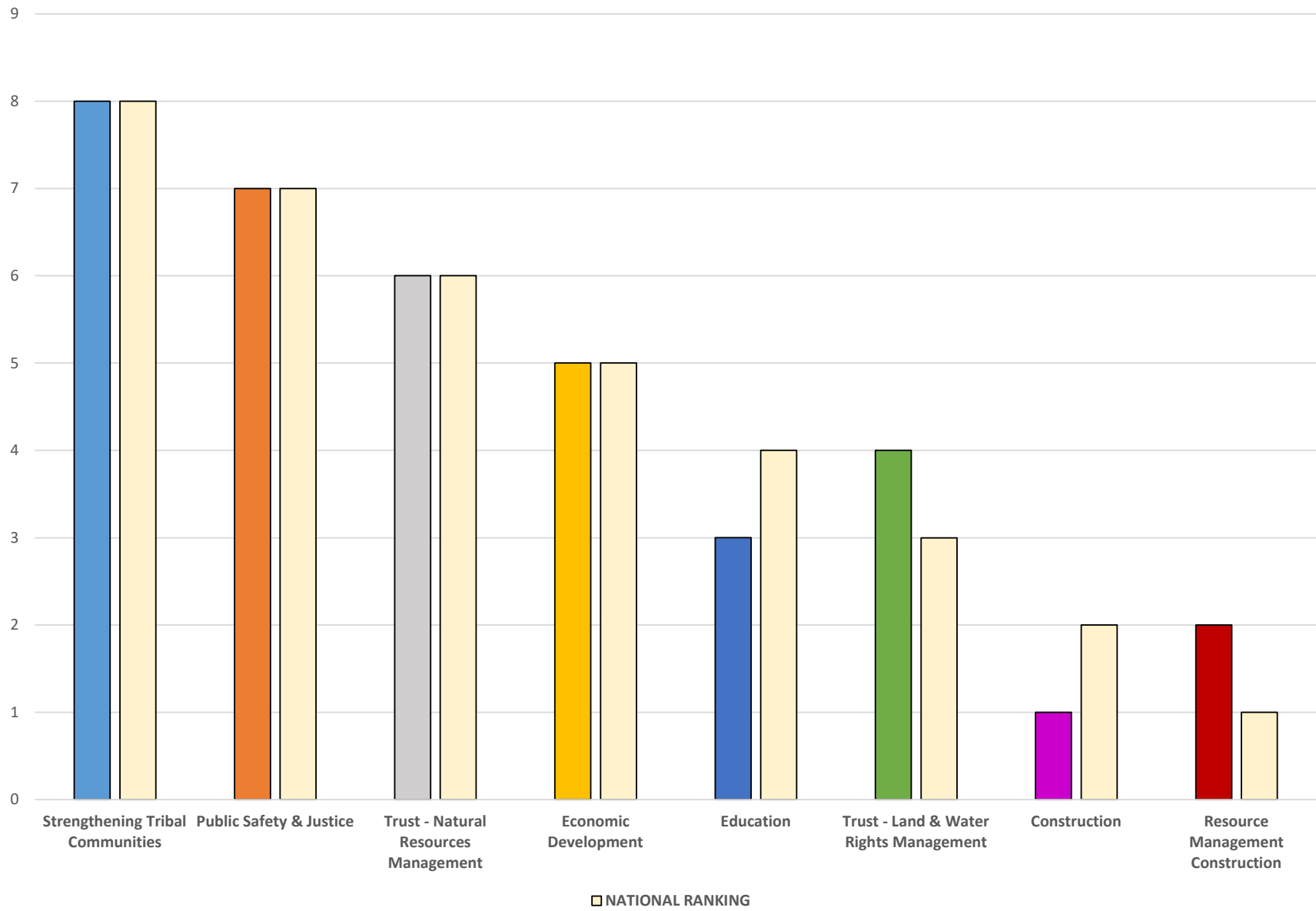
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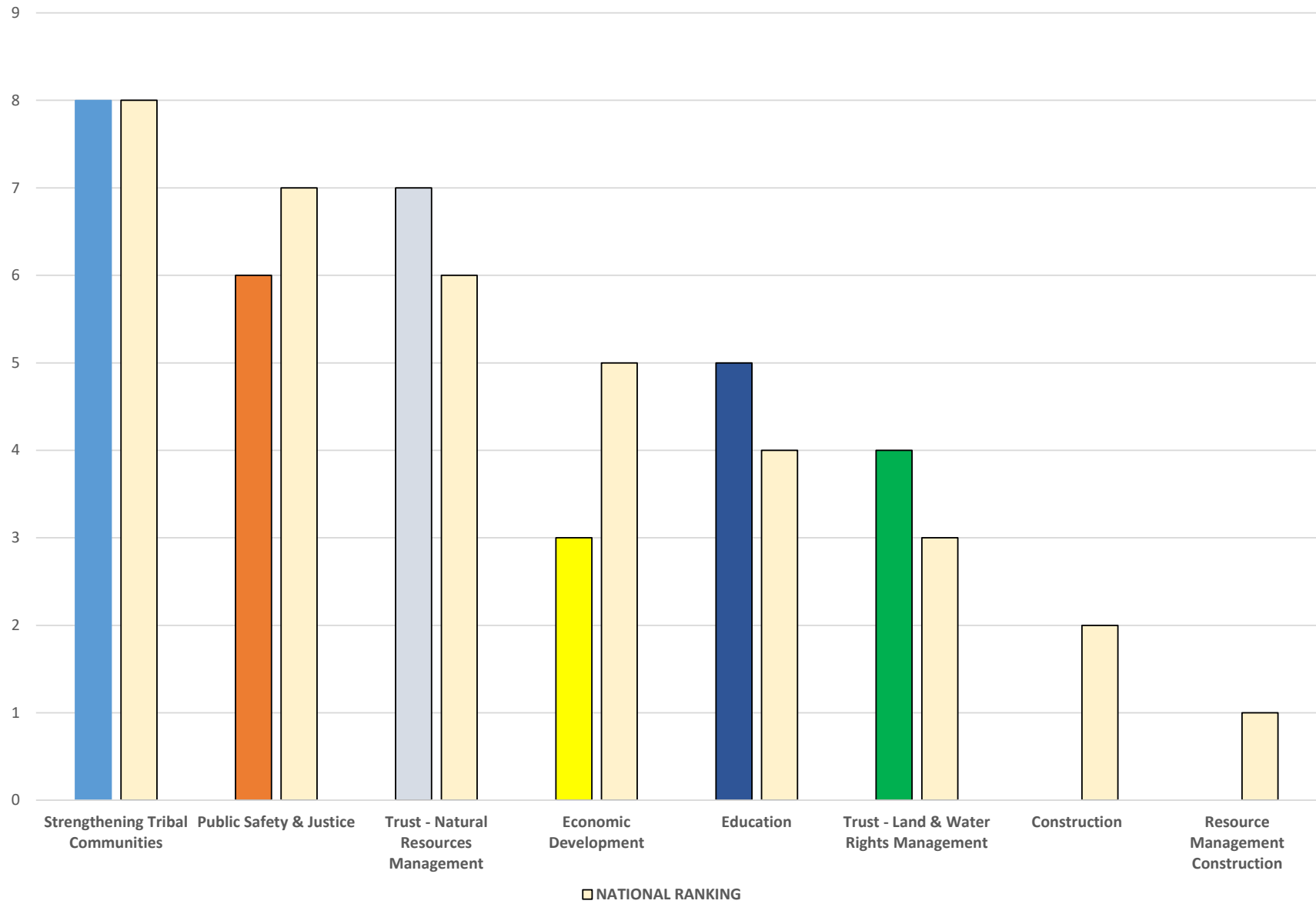
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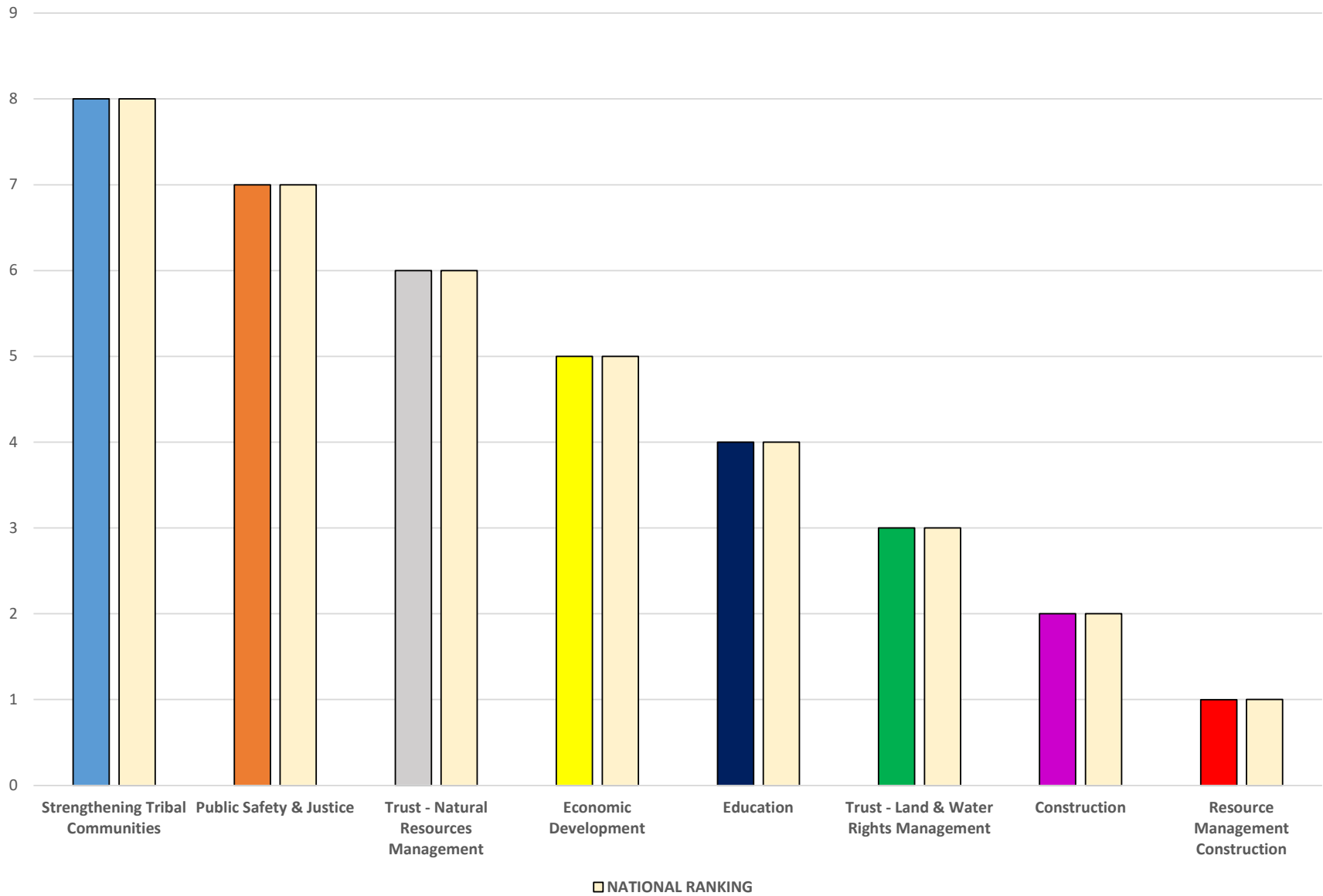
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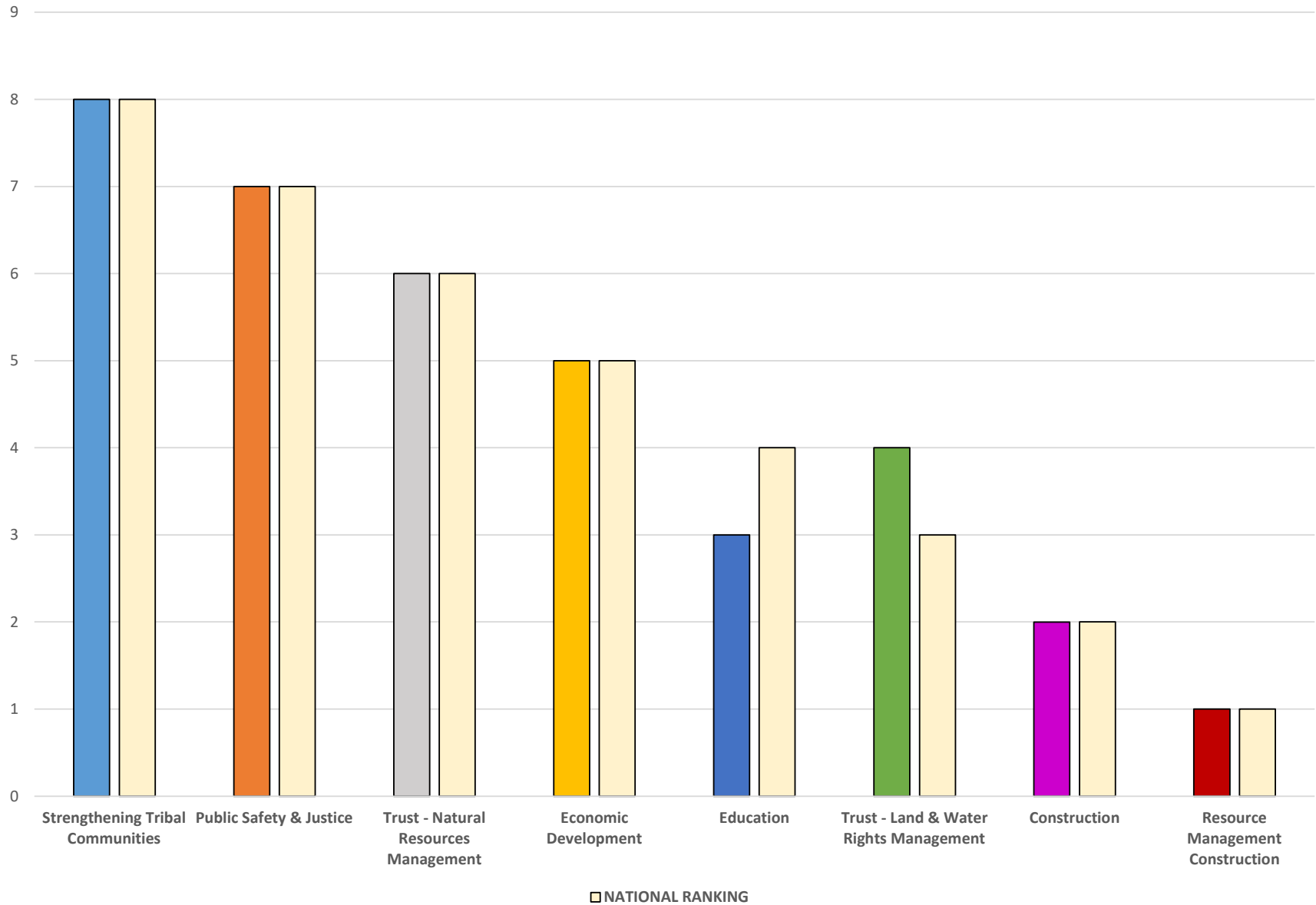
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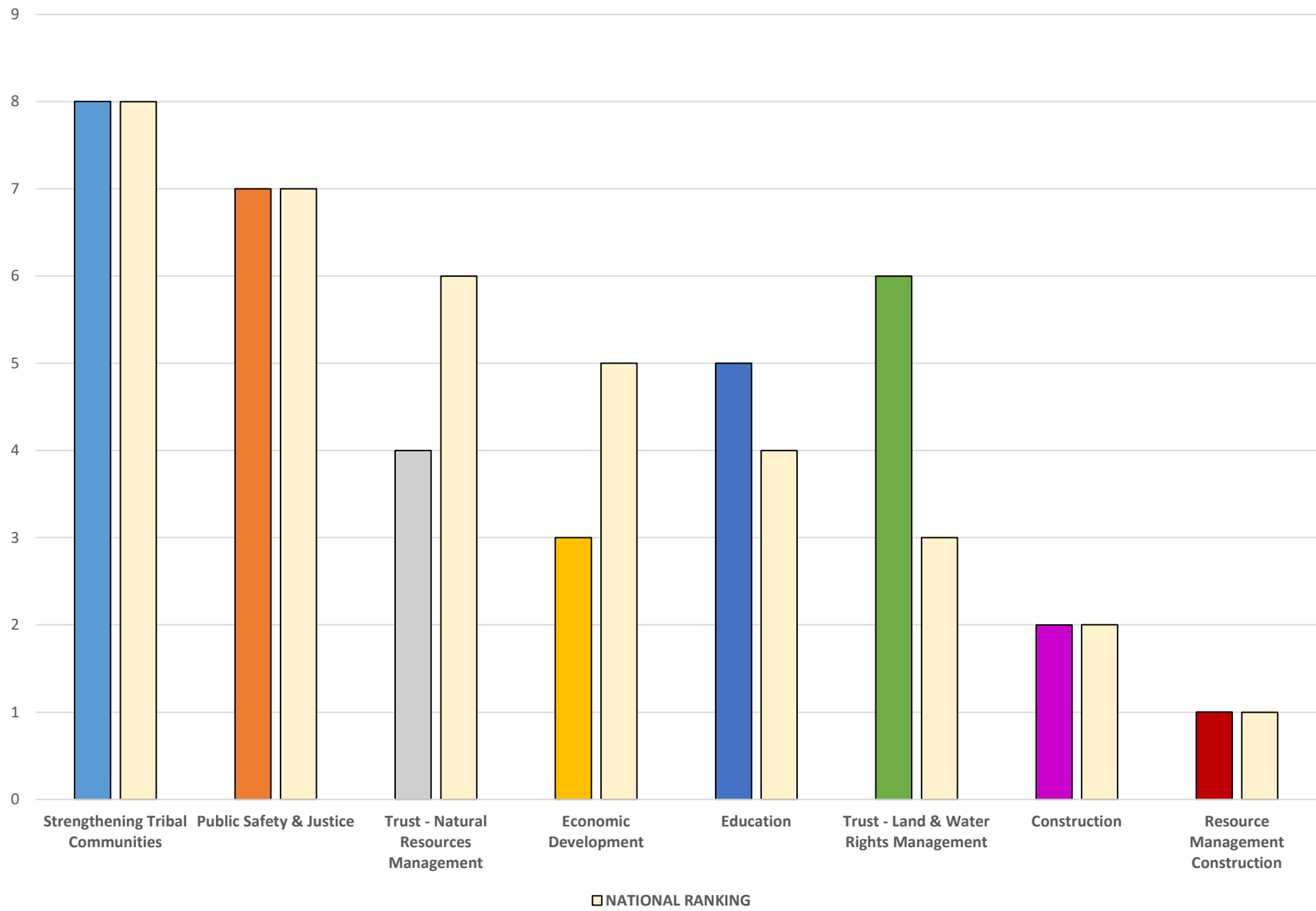
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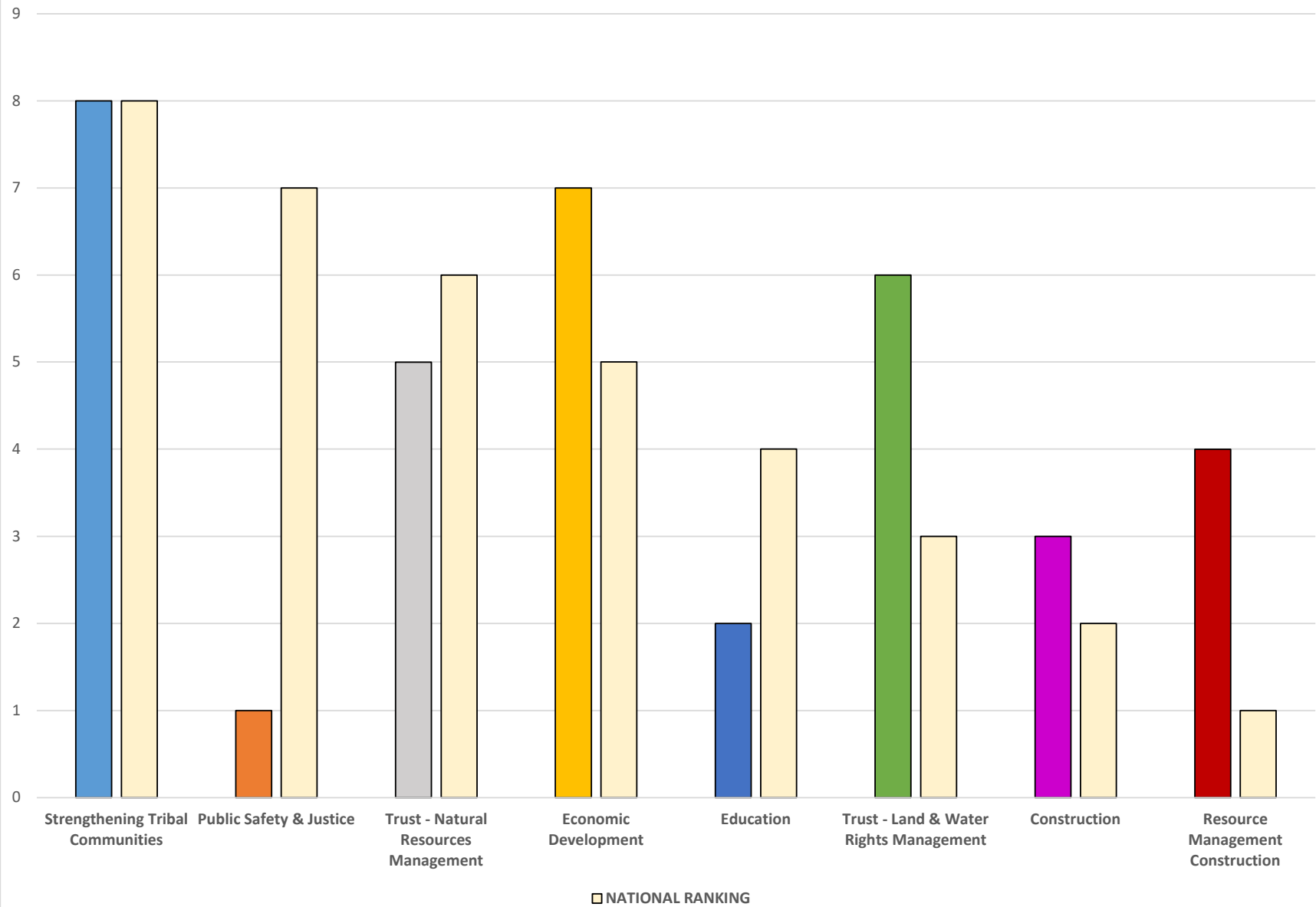
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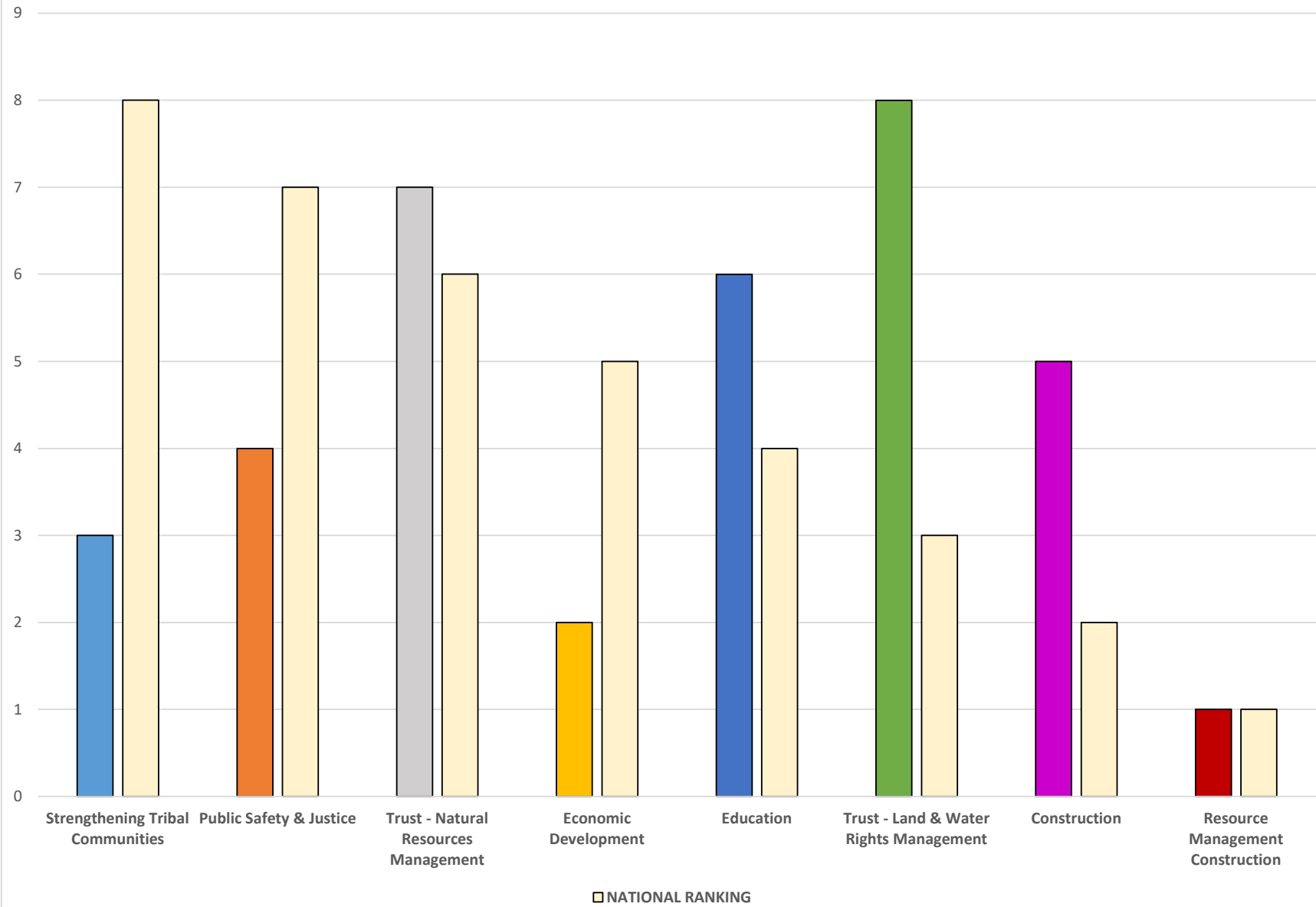
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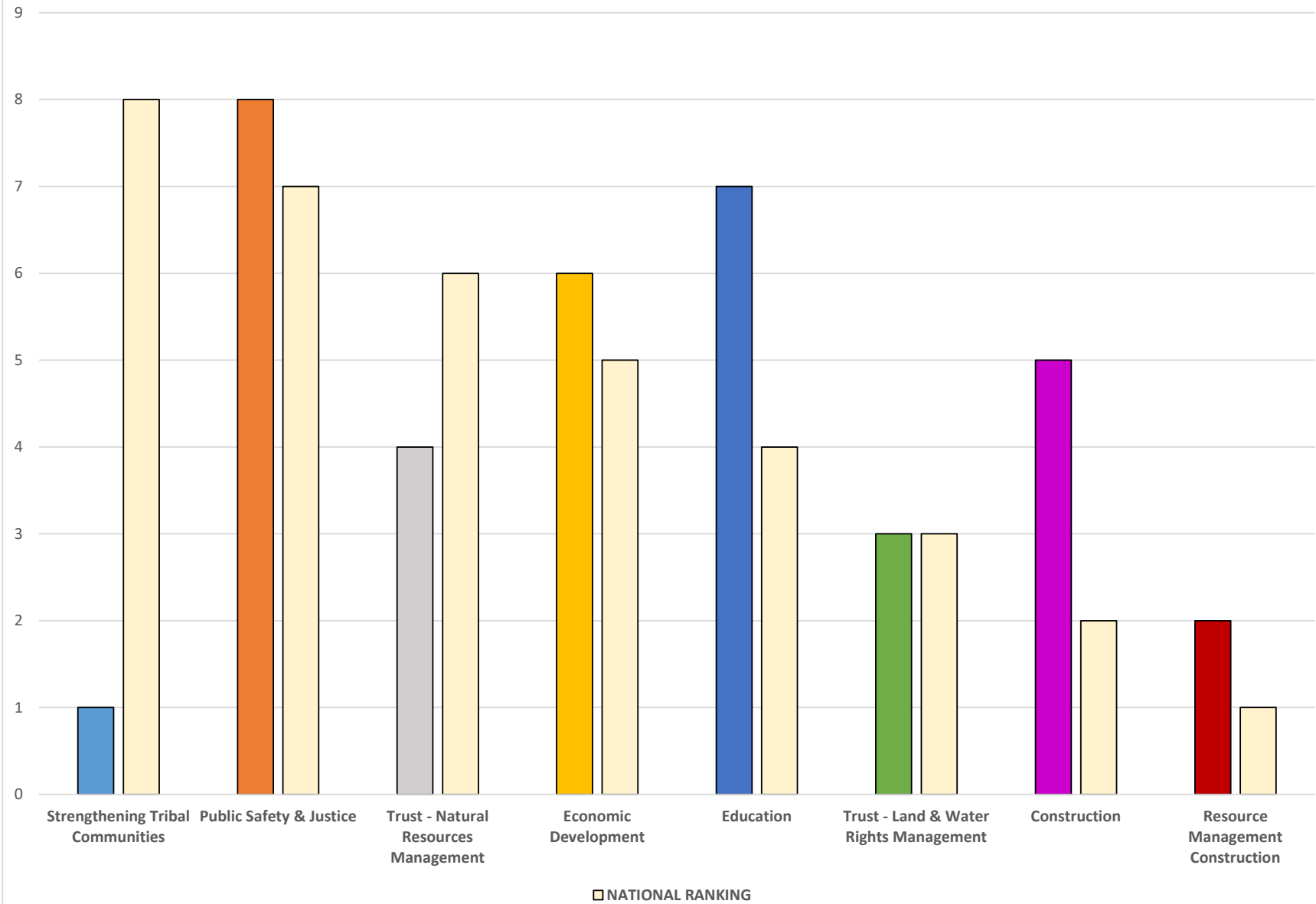
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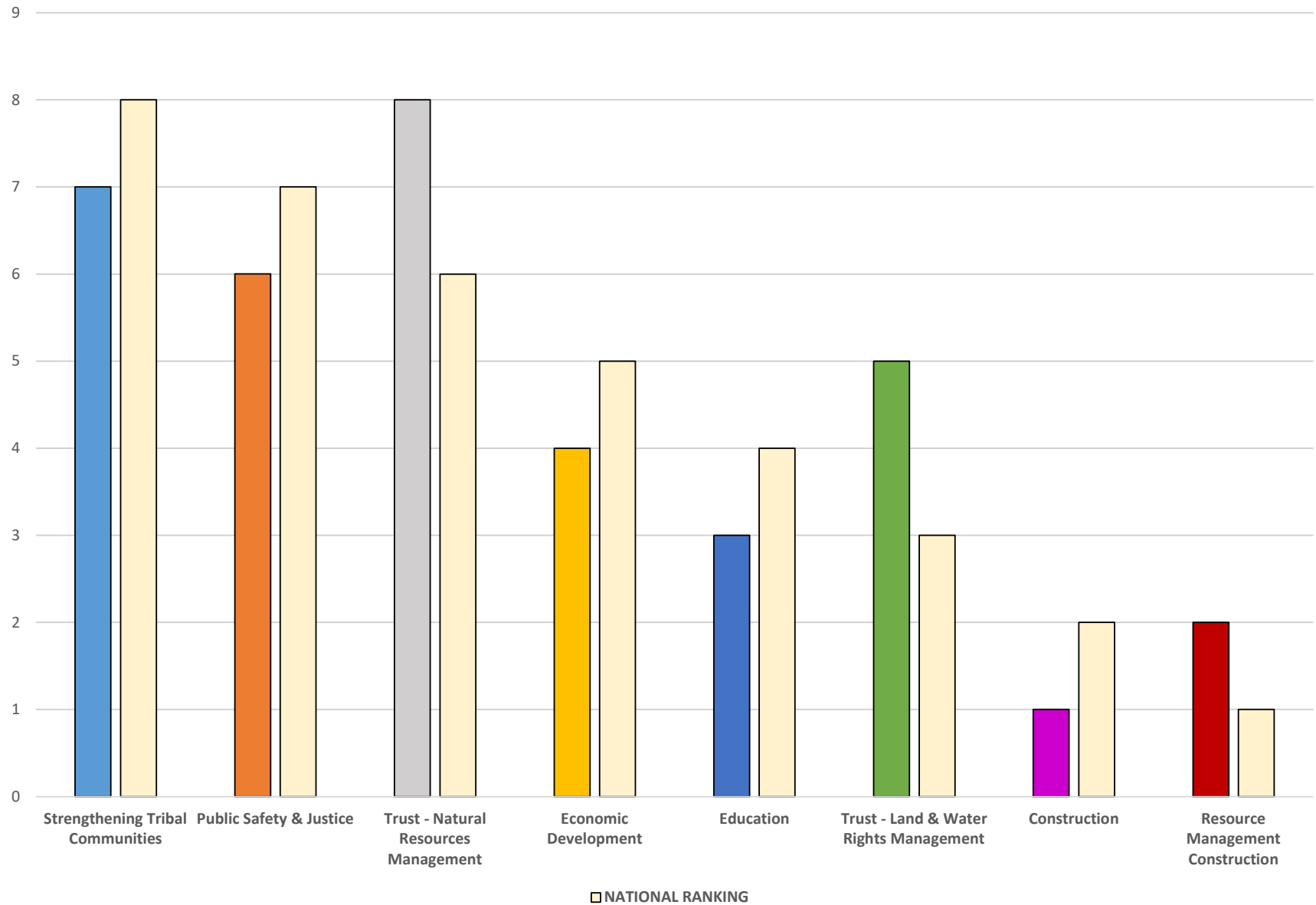
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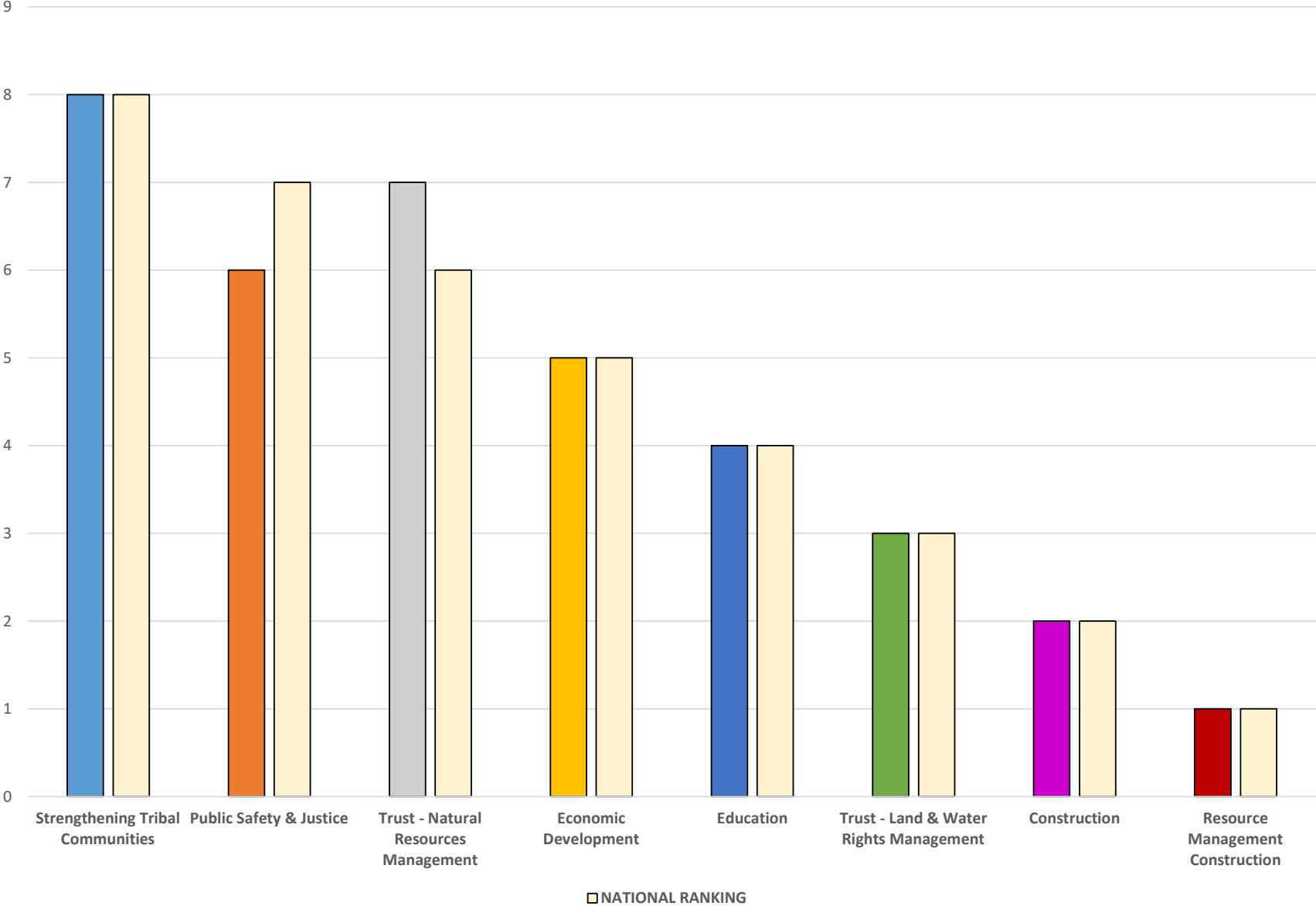
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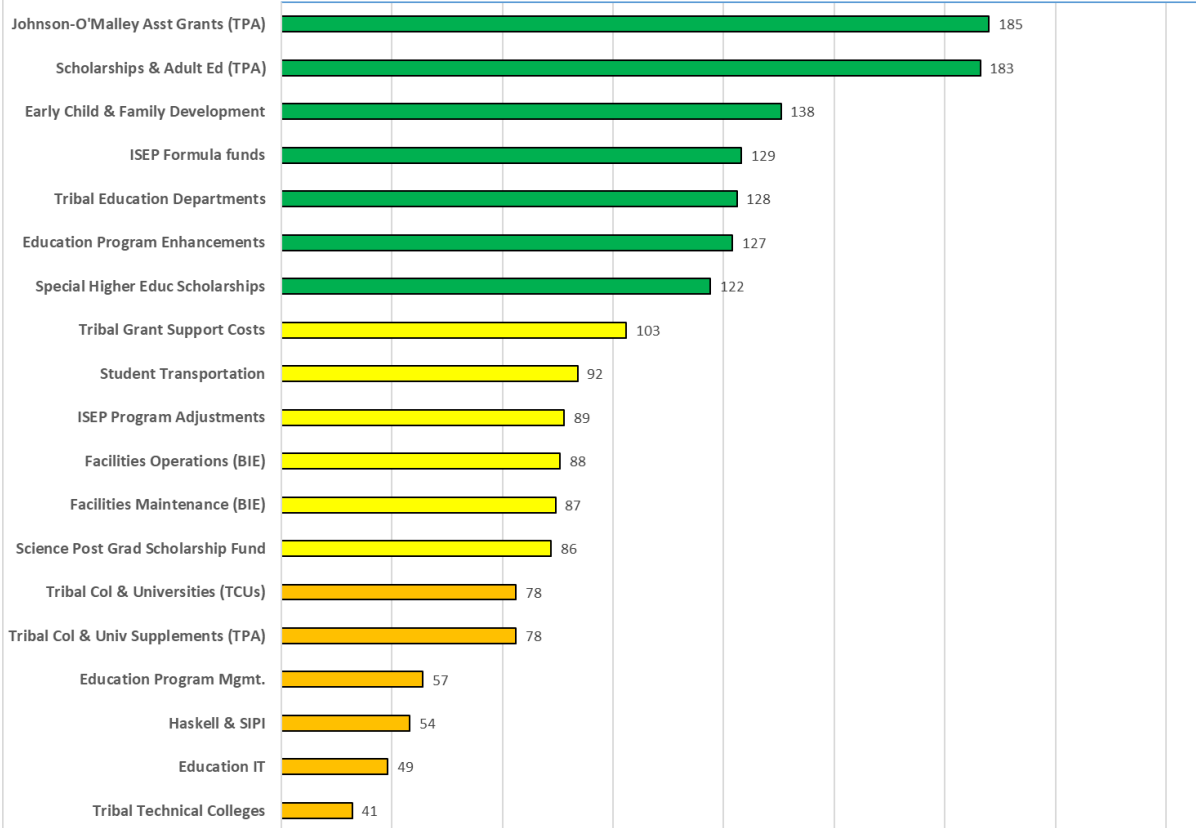


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FY 2027 Education Ranking Tribal versus BIE Funded Schools

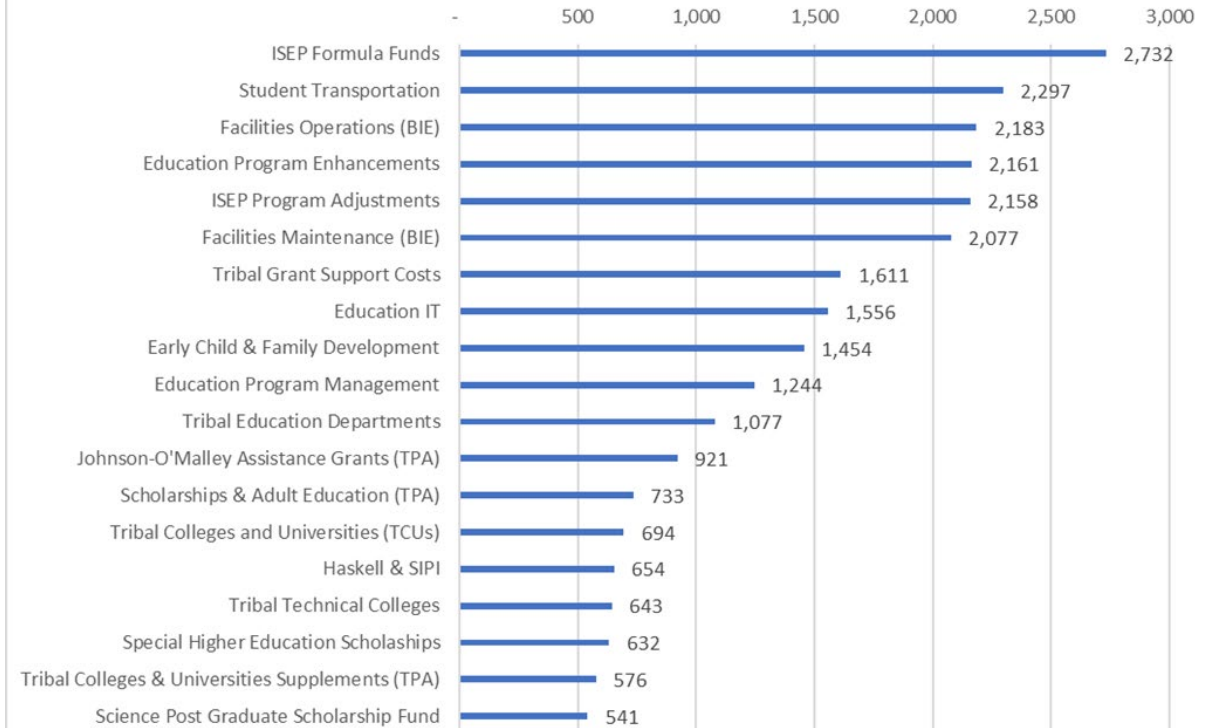
2027 Education National Ranking



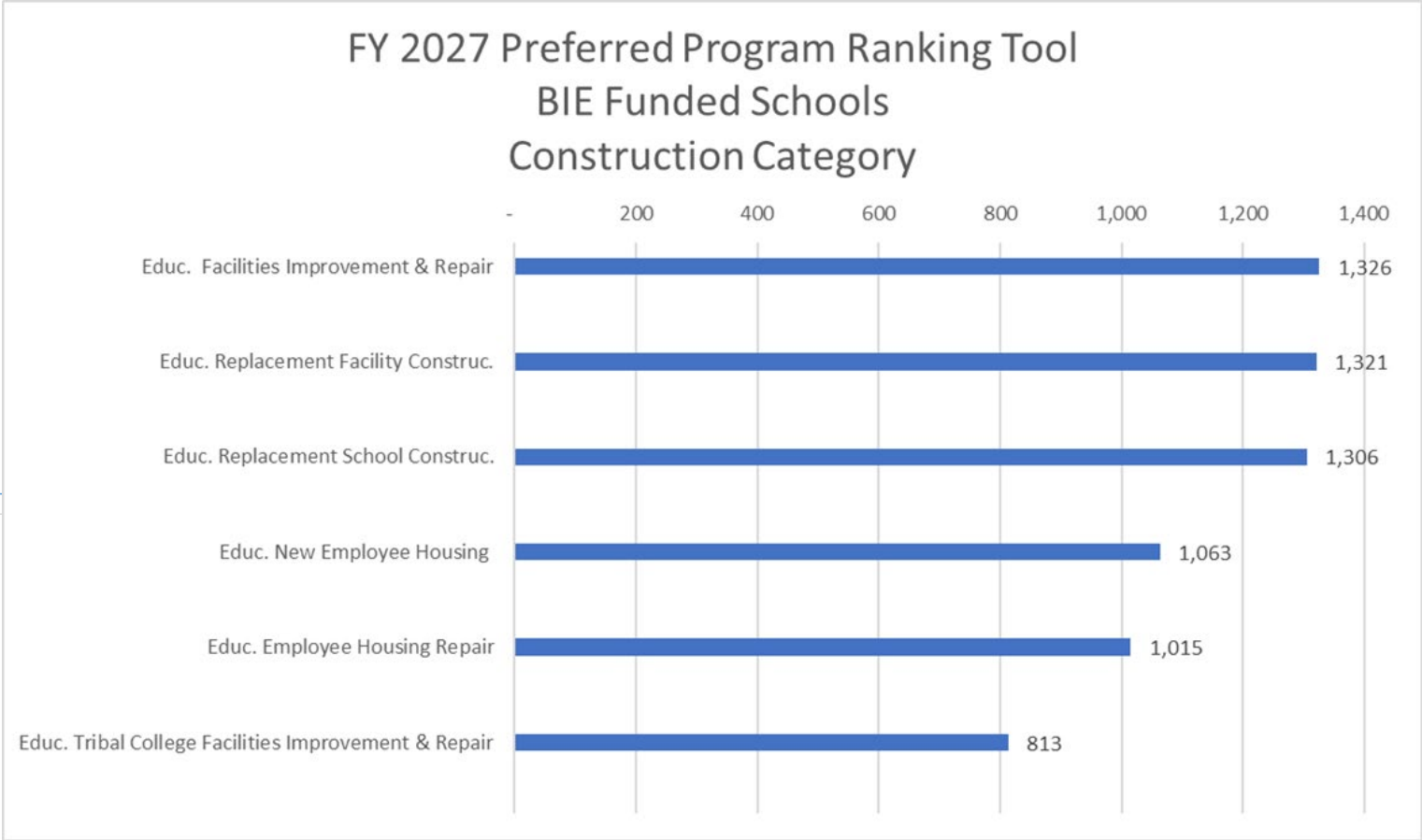
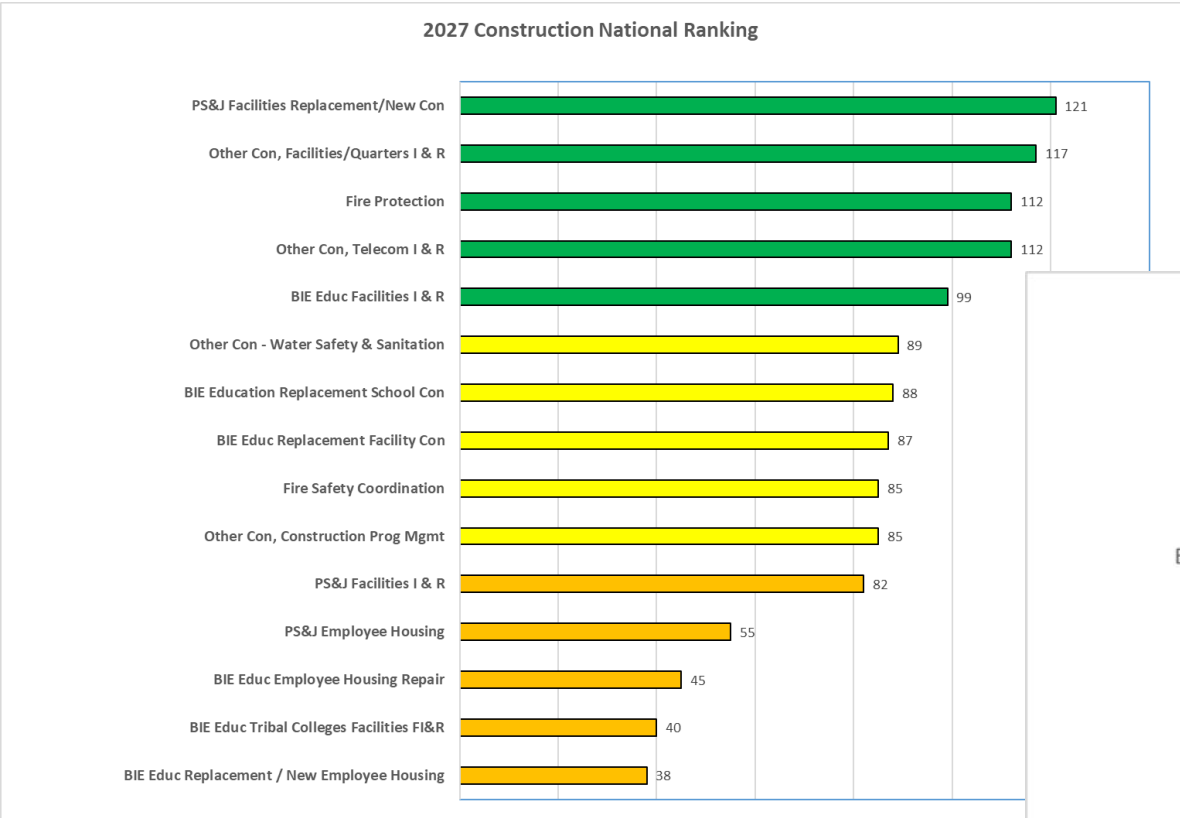
FY 2027 Preferred Program Ranking Tool

BIE Funded Schools

Education Category



FY 2027 Education Ranking Tribal versus BIE Funded Schools





— BUREAU OF —
**TRUST FUNDS
ADMINISTRATION**

Budget Strategy

Jason Bruno, Acting Principal Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Operations
Julie Ration, Budget Officer

March, 2025

*We Excel,
Native America Prospers.*

BTFA New Leadership Team



Margaret Williams, Acting Bureau Director

Margaret served as Senior Advisor to the Principal Deputy Special Trustee, a position that she's held since August 2018. She began her federal career in 1992 as an Accountant for the Branch of Investment Accounting in the Office of Trust Funds Management (OTFM) when it was still under the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Margaret brings a 30+-year history and comprehensive knowledge of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians as she was here since before its inception. Her expertise in risk management, trust operations, regulation drafting/implementation and project management is invaluable to the work the entire organization does for Indian Tribes and individual Indian beneficiaries. Margaret received the Department's Distinguished Service Award and Service to Citizens Award for her work on the Boarding School Initiative.

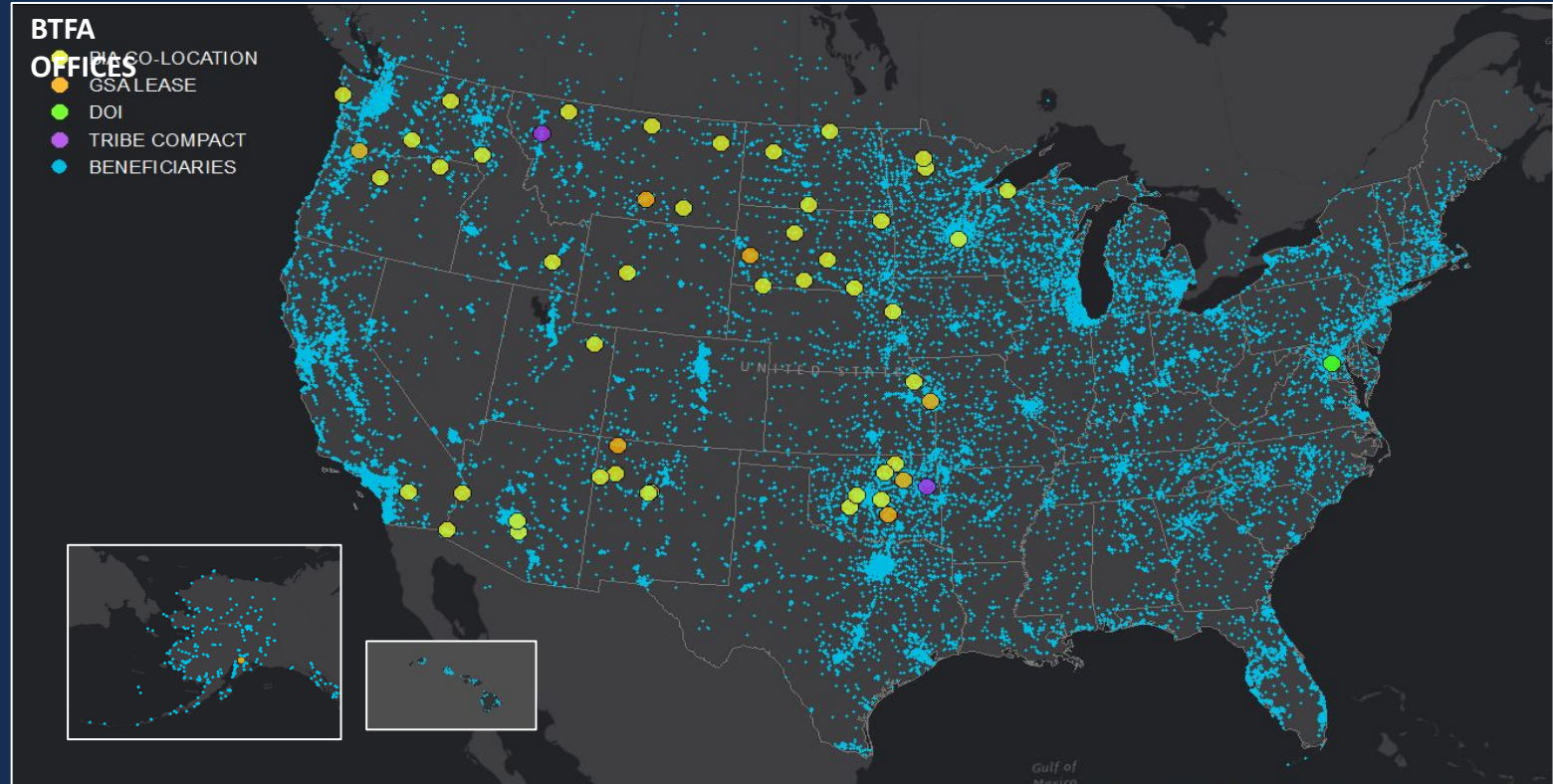


Jason Bruno, Acting Principal Deputy Bureau Director

Jason holds a BA from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and a Juris Doctor with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Additionally, he serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Association for Federal Enterprise Risk Management (AFERM) and holds the RIMS ERMP-Fed Certification. Jason is bringing over 10 years of experience in the Senior Executive Service to the Bureau.

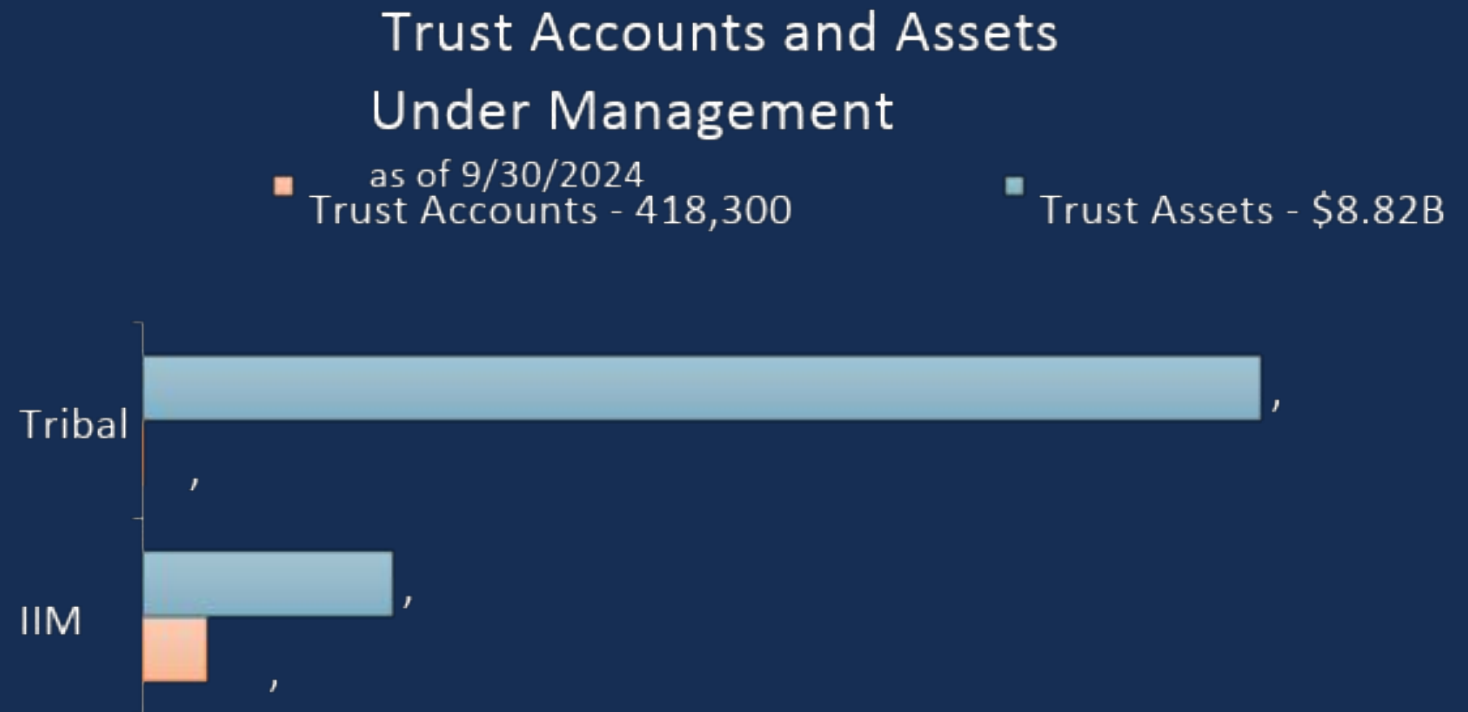
Bureau Snapshot - March 2025

- Support 395K Unique Beneficiaries
 - Across 50 States
 - 3 U.S. Territories
 - 27 Countries
- 68k Whereabouts Unknown
- Currently served by almost 360 federal staff



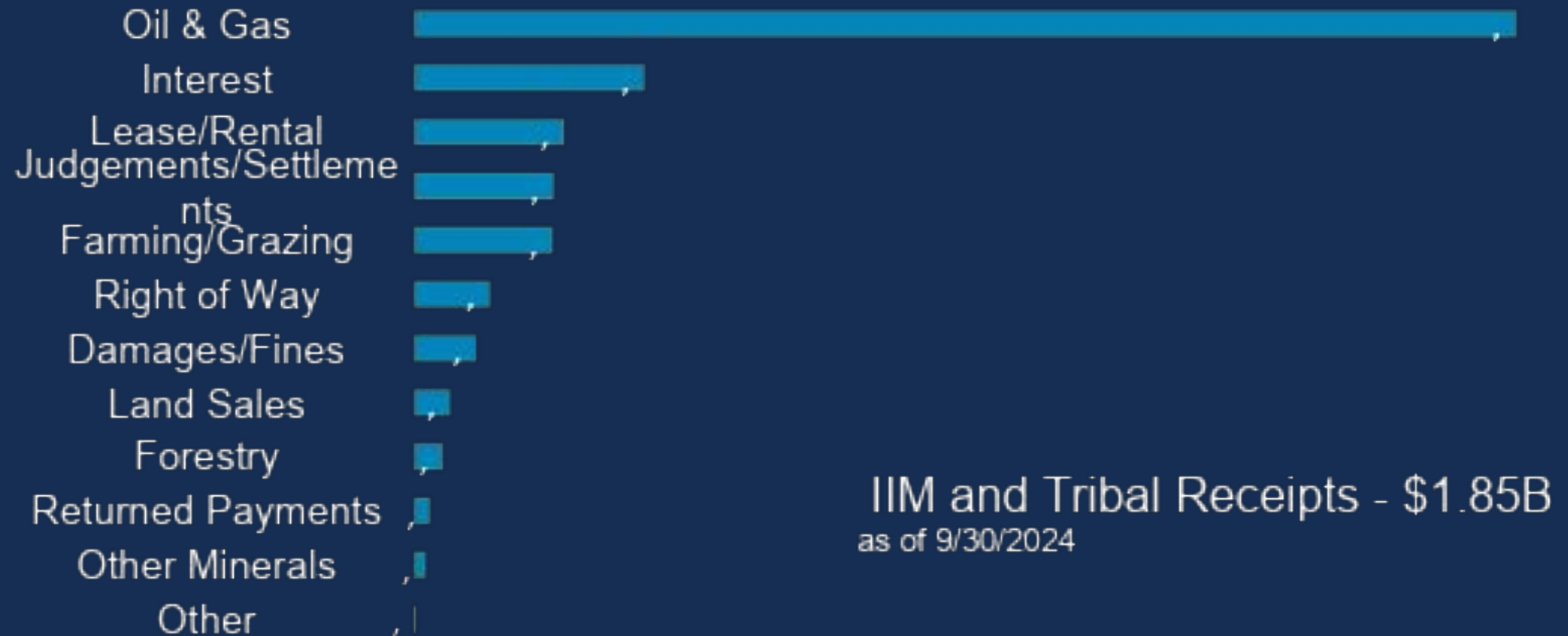
Accounting Operations

- 4,300 Tribal Accounts
- 418,300 IIM Accounts
- \$9 billion invested in U.S. Treasury and Government Fixed income securities
- Process more than \$1 billion per yr, in over 11 million financial transactions
- Annual audited statements
- Investment Strategy



Note: Although over 99% of accounts are held for individual Indians, accounts held for Tribal nations represent 82% of the funds BTFA manages.

Accounting Operations



Modernization and Beneficiary Experience Updates

- Technology Modernization Fund Pilot Program completed, and team is reviewing recommendations and low-cost strategies
- Soft launch underway of self-service voice response at Call Center
- Testing online account access for Tribes; estimated by end of FY25

FY 2025 Budget Request

- *FY 2025 Request is \$111.28 million, which is \$5 million above the 2024 Annualized CR level and +\$11,268 over the 2024 Enacted.*
- *BTFA estimates the budget will support staffing of 441 full-time equivalents in 2025.*

Bureau Comp Table Budget Structure	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Request
Federal Trust Programs		
Executive Direction	1,459	1,765
Trust and Program Operations	98,550	109,512
Trust Operations	77,977	85,939
Field	23,235	25,905
Accounting	16,618	18,634
Settlement Support	17,152	17,997
Information Resources and	20,972	22,719
Information Resources	8,171	8,826
Office of Trust Records	12,801	13,893
Trust Operations Management	0	684
Program Operations	20,573	23,573
Business Management	14,243	15,744
Office of Strategic Oversight and	6,330	7,829
Total, Federal Trust Programs	100,009	111,277
TOTAL, BTFA	100,009	111,277

House/Senate Mark

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

House & Senate Mark

House Mark \$105,277

The language provides \$105.3 million which is:

- +\$5.2 million (+5%) above the 2024 Enacted and
- -\$6.0 million (-5%) below the 2025 Request.

Executive Direction \$1.5 million

Program Operations \$103.7 million

*Does not include language to increase the account threshold which requiring reconciliation, from \$500 to \$1,000.

Senate Mark \$100,472

The language provides \$100.5 million which is:

- +\$463 thousand (+0%) above 2024 Enacted
- -\$10.8 million (-10%) below the 2025 Request.

Executive Direction \$1.4 million

Program Operations \$10 million

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Senate Mark \$100,472,000 (Cont'd)

- The language included:
 - Individual Indian Money Accounts — The Committee has concerns with the timely distribution and management of proceeds held in IIM accounts ... Delays in disbursement and accounting impact the financial health of Tribal members who reside in communities with a lack of economic opportunity and fail to uphold the Department's trust asset management responsibilities on behalf of tribes. The Committee encourages the Department to respond to IIM withdraw requests in as expedited a time as possible.
 - Further, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, the Department shall provide a report to this Committee detailing the number of outstanding distribution requests, the status of those requests, and plans to improve the timeliness of processing distribution requests.

Planning for the Future

BTFA plans to focus on the deliverance of mission related functionality and reducing expenses by:

- Eliminate vacancies
- Hiring freeze
- Restrict travel
- Reduce office space
- Reduce hours at Trust Beneficiary Call Center

Creating Room for 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
- Process Automation - Ongoing



Thank you

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Date	Summary of Action	Responsible Party(s)	Comment/Progress
November 2024			
November 2024	Request to continue to invite Census to future meetings	Data Management Subcommittee, Census	Census invited to Summer 2025 meeting
November 2024	Request DHS provide funding and technical assistance to help Tribal Nations transition into using Real IDs	Data Management Subcommittee, DHS	
November 2024	Request BIE FY26 budget reclassifies Tribal Grant Support Costs from discretionary to mandatory funding	Education Subcommittee, BIE	
November 2024	Education Subcommittee Work Session to be held prior to the March TIBC meeting to address updating the Tribal Grant Support Costs Formula and other issues	Education Subcommittee	Education Subcommittee Work Session held
November 2024	Motion to support Julian Guerrero as the Director of the Office of Indian Education in the US Department of Education.	Education Subcommittee	
November 2024	Request to invite Larry Palmer to the next TIBC meeting to present on the current Tribal Grant Support Cost model	Education Subcommittee	Larry Palmer invited to March 2025 meeting
November 2024	Request to invite someone from Jason Frihege's office at	Education Subcommittee, BIA	Jason Frihege invited to March 2025 meeting

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	BIA to present on the current Contract Support Cost model		
November 2024	Discuss in full TIBC a proposed resolution concerning USDA compacting and contracting authority and funding	LW&NR Subcommittee	Resolution was adopted by the full TIBC
November 2024	Request Bureau of Ocean Energy Management attend next meeting to answer questions about projects, project permitting, and tribal consultation procedures	LW&NR Subcommittee, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	On the March 2025 agenda for discussion.
November 2024	Request every federal department publish a report on available funding and grants for Tribal Nations	PS&J Subcommittee	
November 2024	Request for TIBC to write a letter to DOJ with the following requests: 1) Request for DOJ to organize a forum to share public safety & justice data and information, not a consultation, with a goal of holding this after the 2024 WHTNS; explain how cases are processed; 2) Request for DOJ to schedule meetings to review internal office structure within DOJ, with the goal of	PS&J Subcommittee, DOJ	DOJ-OTJ was invited to meet with the Full TIBC body at the March 2025 meeting.

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	tribal leaders familiarizing themselves with staff assigned to tribal interests, and to learn about federal grant opportunities; 3) Request for DOJ to provide a roster of relevant employee positions related to tribal interests and contact information; 4) Request for DOJ to continue to attend TIBC meetings to present; 5) Request for training on NIBRS and crime statistics sites; 6) Request for an introduction to all attorneys who prosecute cases		
November 2024	Request information on the role of the Solicitor's Office	PS&J Subcommittee	
November 2024	Request BIA explain their methodology for determining when vehicles are serviced or replaced	PS&J Subcommittee, BIA	
November 2024	Request that information on the upcoming DOJ consultation be posted on the TIBC website	PS&J Subcommittee	Information was posted on the TIBC website
	At next PS&J subcommittee meeting, discuss current ranking tools used in	PS&J Subcommittee	On agenda for March 2025 PS&J meeting

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	determining funding priorities within the scope of PS&J		
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 (WHCNA) 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.

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.

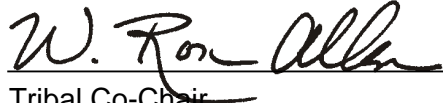
XII. Adoption and Amendments:

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.

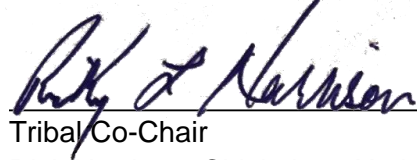
Adopted

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



Tribal Co-Chair

W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



Tribal Co-Chair

Rick Harrison, Chickaloon Native Village

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