



# TBIC Education Subcommittee

House Committee on Appropriations

H.R. 7608 FY 2021

CARES Act Advocacy

116<sup>th</sup> Legislative Priorities



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(Dollars in Thousands)	FY 2020 Enacted	President's 2021 Request	H.R. 7608 FY 2021	House vs Enacted		House vs President's Request	
<b>ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PROGRAMS (Forward Funded)</b>							
ISEP Formula Funds	415,351	409,589	431,325	15,974	+3.85%	21,736	+5.31%
ISEP Program Adjustments.	5,489	5,585	5,681	192	+3.50%	96	+1.72%
Ed. Program Enhancements	14,303	10,101	14,599	296	+2.07%	4,498	+44.53%
Tribal Education Departments	2,500	-	5,000	2,500	+100.00%	5,000	RESTORED
Student Transportation	56,991	57,113	58,295	1,304	+2.29%	1,182	+2.07%
Early Child Family Dev.	18,852	19,254	21,516	2,664	+14.13%	2,262	+11.75%
Tribal Grant Support Costs	83,407	83,567	83,567	160	+0.19%	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>596,893</b>	<b>585,209</b>	<b>619,983</b>	<b>23,090</b>	<b>+3.87%</b>	<b>34,774</b>	<b>+5.94%</b>
<b>POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS (Forward Funded)</b>							
Tribal Technical Colleges	7,914	7,514	8,151	237	+2.99%	637	+8.48%
Tribal Colleges & Universities	74,282	69,782	76,510	2,228	+3.00%	6,728	+9.64%
Haskell & SIPI	23,748	20,647	26,258	2,510	+10.57%	5,611	+27.18%
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>105,944</b>	<b>97,943</b>	<b>110,919</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>+4.70%</b>	<b>12,976</b>	<b>+13.25%</b>
<b>ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PROGRAMS</b>							
Facilities Operations	74,897	67,585	70,673	-4,224	-5.64%	3,088	+4.57%
Facilities Maintenance	60,906	60,749	64,092	3,186	+5.23%	3,343	+5.50%
Juvenile Detention Center Ed.	500	503	556	56	+11.20%	53	+10.54%
Johnson O'Malley Assistance	20,335	14,640	23,234	2,899	+14.26%	8,594	+58.70%
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>156,638</b>	<b>143,477</b>	<b>158,555</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>+1.22%</b>	<b>15,078</b>	<b>+10.51%</b>
<b>POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS</b>							
Tribal Colleges & Univ. Supp.	1,220	-	1,220	0	0.00%	1,220	RESTORED
Scholarships & Adult Ed.	34,333	-	34,833	500	+1.46%	34,833	RESTORED
Special Higher Ed. Scholarships	2,992	-	3,492	500	+16.71%	3,492	RESTORED
Science Post-Grad Scholarship	2,450	-	2,950	500	+20.41%	2,950	RESTORED
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>40,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,495</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>+3.66%</b>	<b>42,495</b>	<b>RESTORED</b>
<b>EDUCATION MANAGEMENT</b>							
Ed. Prog. Mgmt	32,300	33,686	34,364	2,064	+6.39%	678	+2.01%
Education IT	10,307	15,344	15,381	5,074	+49.23%	37	+0.24%
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>42,607</b>	<b>49,030</b>	<b>49,745</b>	<b>7,138</b>	<b>+16.75%</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>+1.46%</b>
<b>Total, OPERATION OF INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>							
<b>Total:</b>	<b>943,077</b>	<b>875,659</b>	<b>981,697</b>	<b>38,620</b>	<b>+4.10%</b>	<b>106,038</b>	<b>+12.11%</b>
<b>EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION</b>							
Replacement/School Construction	115,504	-	115,504	0	0.00%	115,504	RESTORED
Replacement Facility Construction	23,935	-	23,935	0	0.00%	23,935	RESTORED
Replacement/New Employee Housing	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	NEW	0	0.00%
Employee Housing Repair	13,578	5,066	13,581	3	+0.02%	8,515	+168.08%
Facilities Improvement and Repair	95,240	62,819	95,257	17	+0.02%	32,438	+51.64%
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>248,257</b>	<b>68,885</b>	<b>249,277</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>+0.41%</b>	<b>180,392</b>	<b>+261.87%</b>
<b>Total, BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION</b>							
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>1,191,334</b>	<b>944,544</b>	<b>1,230,974</b>	<b>39,640</b>	<b>+3.33%</b>	<b>286,430</b>	<b>+30.32%</b>

On July 24, 2020, the House Native American Caucus wrote to House leadership and endorsed an inter-organizational letter submitted by NCAI and 20 national and regional organizations regarding tribal priorities in the next COVID-19 response package.

- Investment in broadband access and deployment; and
- at least \$500 million to address critical TCU infrastructure and facilities needs; and
- at least \$65 million in emergency funding relief in Interior's BIE account for critical TCU institutional support; and
- at least \$1 billion in emergency funding to address the backlog of unfunded repairs and renovations at Bureau-funded schools, as defined in 25 U.S.C. §2021 (3); and
- at least \$1.5 billion in direct funding to Bureau-funded schools, as defined in 25 U.S.C. §2021(3) to meet the health, safety, and educational needs of students due to the impacts of COVID-19.



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

July 24, 2020

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington DC, 20515

**Re: Congressional Native American Caucus: Next COVID-19 House Stimulus Package**

Dear Chair Lowey and Ranking Member Granger:

As you prepare the upcoming supplemental appropriations package to address the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 virus, we write on behalf of the Congressional Native American Caucus to urge you to include tribal priorities. We have had an overwhelming number of concerns reach our offices from Indian Country over the past several weeks on these specific issues, and the Caucus is highly supportive of the attached priorities for addressing the issues facing Native Nations. The inclusion of these urgent recommendations is imperative to support both tribal revenues, loan programs, and health initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We respectfully ask that you consider several important provisions including: 1) a set aside for tribes of at least 5.33 percent of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) total amount awarded to state and local governments<sup>1</sup>; 2) flexibility for tribal governments to use CRF funding for lost revenue, and retroactive application; 3) extension of the CRF deadline for Tribes to December 30, 2022<sup>2</sup>; and 4) a 180-day extension to the FCC's Rural Tribal Priority Window for 2.5 GHz spectrum that is set to close August 3, 2020.<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for considering these requests and we appreciate your efforts in supporting tribal issues in the past, as well as your continued work to address the epidemic that is sweeping our country. If you have additional questions, please reach out to either [Heidi.Todachene@house.mail.gov](mailto:Heidi.Todachene@house.mail.gov) in Rep. Deb Haaland's office or [Joshua.Jackson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joshua.Jackson@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Tom Cole's office.

Sincerely,

Deb Haaland, Co-Chair  
Congressional Native American Caucus

Tom Cole, Co-Chair  
Congressional Native American Caucus

<sup>1</sup> See Congressional Native American Caucus request letter to House leadership for CARES 4 (May 6, 2020): <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L5DIDwAnvdwE3GMtUcSKLXU9MbaVPCnK/view?usp=sharing>

<sup>2</sup> See H.R. 7557, To amend title VI of the Social Security Act to extend CRF payments to Tribal Governments (introduced by Rep. O'Halleran on July 9, 2020): <https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/house-passed/7557>

<sup>3</sup> See FCC Public Notice released by the Commission on December 2, 2019: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-20-18A1.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Also see H.R. 2, *Moving Forward Act*, 116<sup>th</sup> Cong. Subbit. G, § 3170, Extension of 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Filing Window: <https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr/2/BILLS-116hr2eh.pdf>

## Legislative Priorities

- Esther Martinez – Passed!
- FUTURE Act – Passed!
- Tribal School Federal Insurance Parity Act - S. 279 & H.R. 895
  - Requesting outreach to both Senate and House.

- **NCAI Annual Convention**
  - November 8 – 13, 2020
  - Education Resolutions
    - **PDX-20-004:** Forward Funding for BIE Higher Education Grant Programs.
    - **PDX-20-031:** Declare a State of Emergency by the US Congress to Address the Education Needs of PreK-20 Native Students.
    - **PDX-20-047:** Urge Substantial Increased Funding of the Tribally Controlled College - University Endowment Program.