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### **Biden Administration Releases Topline Priorities for FY 2022 Discretionary Budget Request**

Today, President Biden submitted to Congress the Administration's budget priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2022 discretionary spending. The [FY 2022 Discretionary Request](#) [linked] includes the Administration's topline discretionary recommendations across the federal government, or "skinny budget," as Congress begins to consider FY 2022 appropriations.

**For the Department of the Interior**, the Administration requests \$4 billion to fund DOI Tribal programs, which is a \$600 million increase over the FY 2021 enacted level. Funds will be directed to support teachers and students in Tribal schools, support clean energy development, and public safety for law enforcement and Tribal Courts.

**For the Indian Health Service (IHS)**, the Administration recommends \$8.5 billion, an increase of \$2.2 billion from FY 2021 enacted. In addition, the discretionary request includes a first-time recommendation of an advance appropriation for IHS in FY 2023 to ensure a more predictable funding stream for IHS. The discretionary request further outlines the Administration's commitment to a "robust consultative process" with Tribal Nations to evaluate options that would ensure IHS has stable and predictable funding in the future, including mandatory funding.

**For the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**, the Administration is requesting \$900 million to fund Tribal Nation efforts to expand affordable housing, improve housing conditions and infrastructure, and increase economic opportunities for low-income families to access affordable housing in Tribal communities.

**For the U.S. Department of Agriculture**, the Administration's request includes an overall budget request of \$27.8 billion to support the deployment of broadband access, safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, addressing the growing threat from wildfire, and funding to support the use of clean energy in rural communities. Specifically, the President's budget requests \$25 million in grant funds for safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure on Tribal lands.

**Funding for Tribal Nations to Address the Climate Crisis.** The Administration's FY 2022 budget request also includes an increase of more than \$450 million to facilitate climate mitigation, resilience, adaptation, and environmental justice projects in Indian Country, including investment to begin the process of transitioning Tribal colleges in the country to renewable energy. The Administration is also requesting \$815 million—a \$540 million increase above the FY 2021 enacted level—for pre-disaster planning and projects that incorporate climate resiliency.

The Administration is expected to release the President's full Budget Request later this spring. The White House's press release on the publication of the FY 2022 Discretionary Request can be found [here](#) [linked].

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