



NATIVE ED REVIEW

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Final 2018 Budget Released: Title VI, BIE, Impact Aid, and Other Key Programs See increases

On Wednesday night, Congressional Leaders released the final language for funding for the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2018. Overall, the Budget includes increases in funding for Native students, which reflect NIEA's priorities and disregard the Trump Administration's proposals for this year. Funding for Department of Education as a whole is up slightly to \$70.9 billion from \$66.8 billion, with increases to programs that specifically serve and benefit Native students like Title I and Pell Grants. Funding for the Bureau of Indian Education is also up from \$881 million to \$914 million, an increase that NIEA believes is a step forward, in light of the significant cuts proposed by the Trump Administration. The increases as a whole are successes in this very difficult political context.

Specific Increases in Programs that Serve Native Students Directly

NIEA is pleased with the increases for Title VI Formula Grants, Impact Aid, BIE Operating and Construction Funding, as well as modest, but important, increases in funding for the Native Alaska and Native Hawaiian programs, programs that serve postsecondary Native students. We are also happy to report that there is language to resolve an ongoing postsecondary student data concern brought to us by a number of Tribes.

Title VI and Impact Aid

Title VI grants were increased from \$165 million to \$180 million, a 9.3% increase that includes \$5 million more for formula grants, a \$10 million increase for Special Programs for Indian Children, and additional funding for the National Activities account, which includes funding for Native languages. Impact Aid also will receive an increase of 6.4% to \$1.26 billion, which will help address the increased costs schools see under the program.

BIE

BIE funding was increased for both operations and for school construction, in stark contrast with the President's proposed cuts of more than 15%. Funding overall for FY 18 will be \$914 million, an increase from \$888 million last year, in a

political environment that has included attacks on BIE's existence. Construction funding would be funded at \$238 million, an increase of just over \$100 million for schools that NIEA advocated strongly for due to the clear and urgent needs that are long overdue to be addressed. We will continue to make school construction a top priority in the year to come.

Programs that Serve Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian Students and Other Programs of Interests

The Alaska Native Education Equity Assistance Program and the Native Hawaiian Student Education program also saw increases of \$3 million each, victories we sought in coordination with our partners after President Trump proposed eliminating both programs.

Finally, NIEA is happy to report the FY 18 Budget includes language that would direct the Department of Education to allow Native students to release their financial aid information via written consent. NIEA worked to overturn the Department of Education's approach under Secretary DeVos as an inappropriate infringement on tribal sovereignty.

A chart of the programs that NIEA tracks closely with respect to Native education, including those that serve Tribal Colleges and Universities.

| NATIVE EDUCATION DOLLARS (IN MILLIONS) | FY 2017 | PRESIDENT | HOUSE | SENATE | OMNIBUS | PRESIDENT |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | ENACTED | REQUEST | DRAFT | DRAFT | DRAFT | REQUEST |
| | FY 2018 | FY 2018 | FY 2018 | FY 2018 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| INTERIOR | | | | | | |
| TOTAL BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUC. | 891.5 | 754 | 901.9 | 888.9 | 914.4 | 741.9 |
| ELEM. & SEC. EDUCATION | 715.7 | 643.9 | 719.8 | 709.1 | 720.8 | 625.9 |
| POST-SEC. EDUCATION | 140.1 | 118.4 | 156.7 | 153.3 | 158.4 | 92.7 |
| EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION | 133.3 | 50 | 138.2 | 136.3 | 238.3 | 72.9 |
| EDUCATION | FY17 | FY18 | FY18 | FY18 | FY18 | FY19 |
| IMPACT AID | 1,329 | 1236.4 | 1,333.6 | 1,340.1 | 1,411.1 | 1,259.8 |
| INDIAN EDUCATION (TITLE VII) | 164.9 | 143.7 | 164.9 | 165.2 | 180.2 | 164.9 |
| NATIVE HAWAIIAN STUDENT EDUCATION | 33.4 | 0 | 33.4 | 33.4 | 36.4 | 0 |
| ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION EQUITY ASSISTANCE | 32.5 | 0 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 35.5 | 0 |
| STRENGTHENING AN/NH- SERVING INSTITUTIONS | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 30.8 | 15.0 |
| STRENGTHENING TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIV'S (TCUS) | 57.5 | 57.5 | 57.6 | 57.6 | 61.5 | 57.6 |
| TRIBALLY CONTROLLED POSTSECONDARY AND TECH. INST. | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 8.3 |
| STRENGTHENING NATIVE SERVING NON- TRIBAL INSTITUTIONS | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 5.0 |
| HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | FY17 | FY18 | FY18 | FY18 | FY18 | FY19 |
| HEAD START | 9,253 | 9,168 | 9,274.9 | 9,253.1 | 9,863.1 | 9,275 |
| PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT | 250 | 0 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 0 |
| FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION | 151 | 151 | 151 | 156 | 160 | 159 |
| ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS | 50 | 49.9 | 52.1 | 52.1 | 54.1 | 52 |

To see a chart with the funding levels in the 2018 proposed final budget, including Title I and Pell, [please click here](#).

To see the draft of the full Budget, which is contained in the amended version of H.R.1625, [please click here](#).

Next Steps

The Budget was approved by both the House and the Senate on Thursday and is now on the President's desk. Earlier this week, the President indicated that he would sign the bill. NIEA still believe that to be the case, but on Friday morning, President Trump tweeted that he might veto the bill, so final enactment into law is not certain.

In all likelihood, President Trump will sign the bill into law and Congressional leaders from both parties will, similar to last year, be the key deciders of the final levels of funding for programs that serve Native students.

NIEA will provide further analysis of the bill over the coming weeks once it is passed. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Matt de Ferranti at mdeferranti@niea.org or 202-847-0039.

About The National Indian Education Association (NIEA)

NIEA is the Nation's most inclusive advocacy organization advancing comprehensive culture-based educational opportunities for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Formed by Native educators in 1969 to encourage a national discourse on education, NIEA adheres to the organization's founding principles- to convene educators to explore ways to improve schools and the educational systems serving Native children; to promote the maintenance and continued development of language and cultural programs; and to develop and implement strategies for influencing local, state, and federal policy and decision makers. For more information visit www.niea.org.

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