



# Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

## Mission

The mission of the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) is to manage the Department of the Interior's trust beneficiaries' financial assets. BTFA provides fiduciary guidance, management, and leadership for Tribal trust and Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts.

## Budget Overview

The 2026 Budget request for BTFA is \$100.0 million. The 2026 Budget delivers BTFA's core programs to

support the execution of the Federal trust responsibilities to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, individuals, and communities.

The 2026 Budget promotes investments in programs to ensure the Department is meeting its financial management trust obligations and targets funding to efforts that ensure effective operations and improve beneficiary services. BTFA successfully executes the Secretary's fiduciary trust responsibilities to properly account, receipt, invest, disburse, reconcile, and report on approximately \$8.8 billion in Indian trust funds on behalf of Tribes (more than 4,300 accounts) and individuals (more than 414,000 accounts). BTFA disburses more than



The American Indian Records Repository (AIRR) stores around 750 million pieces of paper related to Indian trust, education, and other history from as far back as the 1700s.

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## BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTRATION Facts



- BTFA will continue to meet Interior's core responsibilities for sound fiduciary trust management on behalf of individual Indians and Tribes.
- The Bureau provides services to American Indians and Alaska Natives in 574 federally recognized Tribes in the 48 contiguous States and Alaska.
- BTFA will continue to manage approximately \$8.8 billion of Indian trust funds held in about 4,300 Tribal accounts and about 414,000 Individual Indian Money accounts.

\$1 billion annually and has received 12 consecutive unmodified audit opinions for its management of individual Indian trust funds. Trust funds include payments from judgment awards, settlements of claims, land-use agreements, royalties on natural resource use, other proceeds derived directly from trust resources, and financial investment income.

Trust financial management functions include receipting, investing, disbursing, reconciling, and reporting of trust funds on behalf of individual Indians and Tribes. In addition, BTFA provides document production support for lawsuits and litigation related to Tribal and IIM trust accounts.



Research floor at the American Indian Records Repository.

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# SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

## Comparison of 2026 Request with 2025 CR

	2025 CR <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
Current		
Federal Trust Programs .....	100,009	100,009
Total, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration.....	100,009	100,009

<sup>1/</sup> Resource levels included are estimates. The President reserves his authority under the "Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025" (P.L. 119-4) to revise spending within the amounts provided by Congress.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity

## APPROPRIATION: Federal Trust Programs

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
Executive Direction.....	1,459	1,802	1,806
Trust and Program Operations .....	98,550	98,207	98,203
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	100,009	100,009	100,009

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