



Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

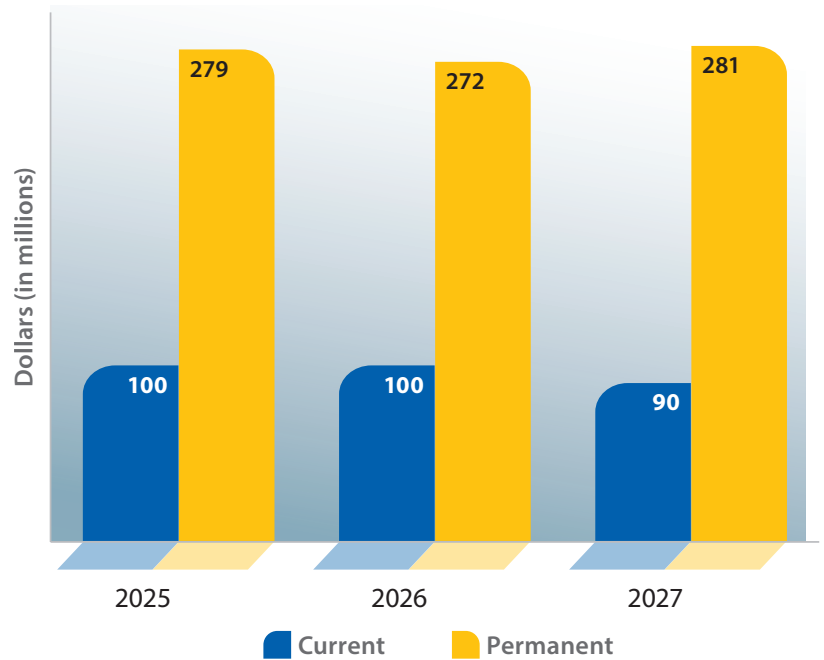
Mission

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

Budget Overview

The 2027 budget request for BTFA is \$90.1 million. The 2027 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. BTFA estimates the budget will support staffing equal to 335 full-time equivalents (FTE).

BTFA Funding



Leadership from Indian Affairs met with Tribes to improve efficiency.

DOI Photo.

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 575 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 more than 4,300 Tribal accounts and more than 414,000 Individual Indian Money accounts.

The 2027 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 financial management 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 \$1 billion annually and has

received 13 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. In addition, BTFA provides document production support for lawsuits and litigation related to Tribal and IIM trust accounts.

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs of \$101,000 are fully funded.



Files in the American Indian Records Repository.

BTFA Photo.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Federal Trust Programs	399	100,009	332	90,090	-67	-9,919
Subtotal, Current	399	100,009	332	90,090	-67	-9,919
Permanent						
Tribal Special Fund	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0
Tribal Trust Fund	0	269,000	0	278,000	0	+9,000
Subtotal, Permanent	0	272,000	0	281,000	0	+9,000
Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other						
Reimbursable	4	0	3	0	-1	0
Subtotal, Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other	4	0	3	0	-1	0
TOTAL, BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTRATION	403	372,009	335	371,090	-68	-919

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity
(dollar amounts in thousands)

APPROPRIATION: Federal Trust Programs

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Executive Direction	1,802	1,459	1,625	+166
Trust and Program Operations				
Trust Operations	78,511	79,157	70,931	-8,226
Program Operations	19,696	19,393	17,534	-1,859
Subtotal, Trust and Program Operations	98,207	98,550	88,465	-10,085
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	100,009	100,009	90,090	-9,919

