



INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mission – The mission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to enhance the quality of life, promote economic opportunity, and carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Natives. The mission of the Bureau of Indian Education is to provide quality education opportunities from early childhood through life in Indian Country for individuals attending BIE schools.

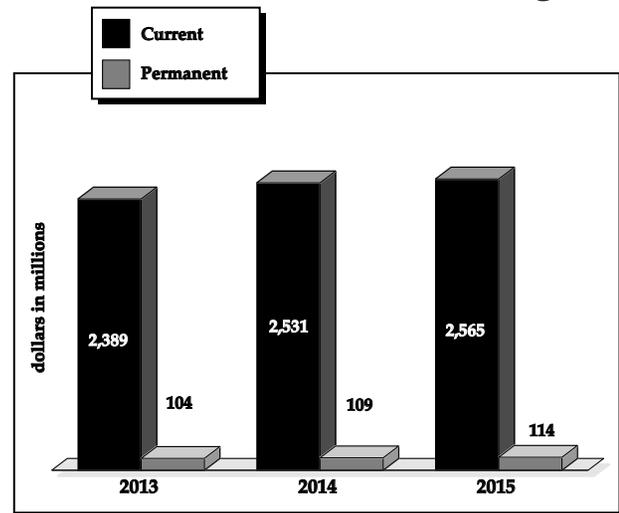
Budget Overview – The 2015 President’s budget request for Indian Affairs is \$2.6 billion in current appropriations, \$33.6 million above the 2014 enacted level. The BIA estimates staffing will equal 8,110 full time equivalents in 2015, an increase of 37 FTE from 2014.

Indian Affairs provides services to more than two million American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. The BIA fulfills Indian trust responsibilities, promotes self-determination on behalf of 566 federally recognized Indian Tribes, provides direct services to Tribes, and funds tribal compact and contracts to support natural resource management, law enforcement, and social service programs in Indian Country. The BIE manages a school system with 169 elementary and secondary schools and 14 dormitories providing educational services to 41,000 students in 23 States, operates two post-secondary schools, and administers grants for 29 tribally controlled colleges and universities.

The primary missions of Indian Affairs are to honor the Nation’s trust, treaty, and other responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives and improve the quality of life in tribal and native communities. The strategies to achieve these objectives build upon progress made over the past four years establishing strong and meaningful relationships with Tribes, strengthening the government-to-government relationships, delivering services to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and advancing self-governance and self-determination.

The 2015 budget supports continuing efforts to advance self-governance and self-determination, promote efficient and effective governance, prudently manage tribal natural resources, build stronger economies and self-sufficiency, and maintain safer Indian communities. Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs Funding



ensures trust and restricted Federal Indian-owned lands are managed effectively and accurately account for revenues in a timely and efficient manner. The Bureau works to expand educational opportunities and increase student achievement, restore tribal homelands, and protect Indian treaty rights.

Operation of Indian Programs and Construction – The 2015 budget request for the Operation of Indian Programs account is \$2.4 billion, an increase of \$33.8 million above the 2014 enacted level. The 2015 budget request for the Construction account is \$109.9 million, a decrease of \$216,000 below the 2014 enacted level.

Promoting Self-Governance – The 2015 request for contract support is \$251.0 million, including funding for the Indian Self-Determination Fund, an increase of \$4.0 million above the 2014 enacted level. Based on the most recent analysis, the requested amount will fully fund estimated 2015 contract support costs. The availability of contract support cost funding is a key factor in tribal decisions to assume responsibility for operating Federal programs important to the furtherance of self-governance and self-determination. In a further effort to facilitate tribal 638 contracting, the budget includes an additional \$1.2 million to increase services from the Department’s

INDIAN AFFAIRS FACTS

- **The Bureau of Indian Affairs was established in 1824 under the War Department and transferred to the Department of the Interior in 1849.**
- **Provides services to more than two million American Indians and Alaska Natives in 566 federally recognized Tribes in the 48 contiguous States and Alaska.**
- **Administers and manages 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface mineral estates held in trust by the U.S. for individuals and Tribes.**
- **The Bureau of Indian Education provides education services to approximately 41,000 Indian students through 183 schools and dormitories. The BIE also provides funding to 31 colleges, universities, and post secondary schools.**
- **Employs nearly 9,000 personnel of whom over 80 percent are American Indian or Alaska Native.**

Office of Indirect Cost Negotiations. This Office negotiates indirect cost rates with non-Federal entities that contract with the Department of the Interior, including tribal governments, in accordance with Federal government regulations.

Tiwahe (Family) Initiative – As part of the President’s commitment to protect and promote the development of prosperous tribal communities, Indian Affairs proposes the Tiwahe Initiative. Tiwahe means family in the Lakota language. The initiative is a comprehensive and integrated approach to address the inter-related problems of poverty, violence, and substance abuse faced by Indian communities. In its initial phase, the Tiwahe Initiative will provide an additional \$11.6 million to expand Indian Affairs’ capacity in current programs that address Indian child and family welfare and job training issues and implement processes in other programs to better sustain Indian families. The budget proposes a program increase of \$10.0 million to build on social services and Indian child welfare programs that provide culturally-appropriate services toward a goal of empowering American Indian individuals and families in health promotion, family stability, and strengthening tribal communities as a whole. The budget also includes a program increase of \$550,000 to expand job placement and training programs. In recognition that adequate housing is an essential element in building stronger Indian families, the BIA housing program will continue to provide services which result in more functional dwellings and institute changes to alleviate overcrowding in Indian homes. In 2015 BIA law enforcement will begin a pilot program to implement a comprehensive strategy for providing alternatives to incarceration and increased treatment opportunities across Indian Country. To more effectively target funding and evaluate outcomes in meeting social service needs in Indian Country, the budget requests \$1.0 million to develop and institutionalize a

program for evaluating social service and community development needs and to inform programmatic design, evaluation, management, and budgeting.

Improving the Stewardship of Trust Resources Lands – The 2015 budget includes increases totaling \$3.6 million to provide support for the sustainable stewardship of natural resources, including protection and restoration of ecosystems and important landscapes, the sustainable stewardship of land, water, ocean, and energy resources, and climate resilience in Indian Country. The budget requests an increase of \$2.0 million for the development of natural resource information tools to advance landscape-scale resource management in coordination with Interior and other Federal efforts. The budget also includes a program increase of \$1.6 million for deferred maintenance on Indian irrigation projects to bring drought relief in Indian Country.

Advancing Indian Education – The budget provides increases totaling \$3.8 million for elementary and secondary school education activities funded by BIE and education construction. The request includes a program increase of \$500,000 for Johnson O’Malley education assistance grants to support a new student count in 2015 and provides funding for the projected increase in the number of students eligible for grants. The budget includes \$1.0 million to support the ongoing evaluation of the BIE school system to attain improvements in educational outcomes, organizational management, and program performance. The 2015 budget also includes an increase of \$2.3 million to fund site development at the Beatrice Rafferty School for which design funding was provided in the 2014 budget.

The 2015 budget request includes increases totaling \$2.3 million for BIE-funded post-secondary programs. The budget provides a program increase of \$300,000

to meet the needs of growing enrollment at BIE-funded tribal technical colleges. Tribal colleges and universities provide local communities with the resources and facilities to teach community members the skills they need to be successful and overcome barriers to Indian higher education. To further achieve this goal, the budget request provides program increases of \$1.7 million for fellowship and training opportunities for post-graduate study in science fields and \$250,000 for summer pre-law preparatory program scholarships.

Indian Arts & Crafts Board – The 2015 budget request proposes to transfer \$1.3 million in funding for the Indian Arts and Crafts Board from the Office of the Secretary to BIA. The functions of the Board more closely comport to the mission of Indian Affairs and should be aligned with the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

Program Reductions – The 2015 BIA program decreases total \$3.8 million. The budget includes a \$2.0 million reduction in education construction facilities improvement and repair projects after a one time increase in funding in 2014. The budget also reduces funding for Ft. Peck Water System management by \$1.8 million, which reflects projected funding needs.

Tribal Priority Allocations – Collectively, the 2015 budget proposes a total of \$922.6 million in Tribal Priority Allocations, an increase of \$19.3 million over the 2014 level.

Land and Water Claims Settlements – The 2015 budget request for Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements is \$35.7 million, the same as the 2014 enacted level. The \$12.0 million per year Duck Valley Water Rights settlement was completed in 2014, and funding is not requested in the 2015 budget. The 2015 funding requirement for the Navajo Water Resources Development Trust Fund is reduced by \$2.0 million to \$4.0 million to reflect projected need. Funding for the Taos Pueblos settlement is increased by \$6.6 million over 2014 to include indexing requirements. The Navajo-Gallup Water Supply project is increased by \$1.2 million to meet projected 2015 funding needs. The budget proposes \$6.2 million for the first year of current funding for the Aamodt Settlement enacted as part of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010.

Indian Guaranteed Loan Program – The 2015 budget request for this program is \$6.7 million, the same as the 2014 enacted level.

Fixed Costs – Fixed costs of \$9.7 million are fully funded.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2015 Request with 2014 Enacted

	2014 Enacted		2015 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Operation of Indian Programs	5,904	2,378,763	5,926	2,412,596	+22	+33,833
Reimbursable Programs	906	0	906	0	0	0
Allocations from Others	441	0	456	0	+15	0
Construction	104	110,124	104	109,908	0	-216
Reimbursable Programs	5	0	5	0	0	0
Allocations from Others	387	0	387	0	0	0
Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians	5	35,655	5	35,655	0	0
Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account	0	6,731	0	6,731	0	0
Subtotal, Current	7,752	2,531,273	7,789	2,564,890	+37	+33,617
Permanent and Trust						
Operation and Maintenance of Quarters	46	5,312	46	5,528	0	+216
Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	275	101,673	275	105,534	0	+3,861
White Earth Settlement Fund	0	2,500	0	3,000	0	+500
Gifts and Donations	0	100	0	100	0	0
Indian Loan Guaranty and Insurance Fund						
Liquidating Account	0	-80	0	0	0	+80
Revolving Fund for Loans Liquidating Account	0	-600	0	0	0	+600
Indian Arts and Crafts Board	0	0	0	45	0	+45
Subtotal, Permanent and Trust	321	108,905	321	114,207	0	+5,302
TOTAL, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	8,073	2,640,178	8,110	2,679,097	+37	+38,919

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Operation of Indian Programs

	2013 Actual	2014 Enacted	2015 Request	Change
Tribal Government				
Aid To Tribal Government.....	28,167	25,839	24,614	-1,225
Consolidated Tribal				
Government Program.....	73,366	74,623	76,348	+1,725
Self-Governance Compacts.....	149,977	152,881	158,767	+5,886
Contract Support.....	207,743	242,000	246,000	+4,000
Indian Self-Determination Fund.....	1,895	5,000	5,000	0
New Tribes	303	463	463	0
Small and Needy Tribes	1,845	1,845	1,845	0
Road Maintenance	24,123	24,303	24,461	+158
Tribal Govt Program Oversight	8,066	8,128	8,181	+53
Subtotal, Tribal Government	495,485	535,082	545,679	+10,597
Human Services				
Social Services.....	32,494	35,763	40,871	+5,108
Welfare Assistance.....	70,879	74,809	74,809	0
Indian Child Welfare Act	9,995	10,710	15,433	+4,723
Housing Program.....	11,943	8,000	8,009	+9
Human Services Tribal Design.....	414	411	407	-4
Human Services Program Oversight ...	3,054	3,085	3,105	+20
Subtotal, Human Services.....	128,779	132,778	142,634	+9,856
Trust - Natural Resources Management				
Natural Resources, General.....	4,939	5,165	5,089	-76
Irrigation Ops and Maintenance.....	11,322	11,342	11,359	+17
Rights Protection Implementation.....	29,437	35,297	35,420	+123
Tribal Mgmt/Development Program...	9,220	9,230	9,244	+14
Endangered Species	1,170	2,673	2,675	+2
Cooperative Landscape Conservation.	946	9,947	9,948	+1
Integrated Resource Info Program	1,996	1,996	3,996	+2,000
Agriculture and Range	27,494	30,558	30,494	-64
Forestry	41,742	47,735	45,895	-1,840
Water Resources	9,589	10,543	10,297	-246
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	10,782	13,823	13,577	-246
Resource Mgmt Program Oversight ...	5,700	5,986	6,018	+32
Subtotal, Trust - NR Management ...	154,337	184,295	184,012	-283
Trust - Real Estate Services				
Trust Services, General	15,235	15,303	15,150	-153
Navajo-Hopi Settlement Program	1,128	1,135	1,147	+12
Probate	11,966	11,989	12,043	+54
Land Title and Records Offices	13,588	13,732	13,891	+159
Real Estate Services	35,449	36,460	36,435	-25
Land Records Improvement.....	6,416	6,423	6,436	+13
Environmental Quality.....	15,522	15,623	15,644	+21
Alaskan Native Programs.....	971	1,002	1,010	+8
Rights Protection	10,252	11,781	11,803	+22
Real Estate Services Oversight	13,235	13,310	13,443	+133
Subtotal, Trust - Real Estate Services	123,762	126,758	127,002	+244
Public Safety and Justice				
Law Enforcement	303,351	325,696	327,296	+1,600
Tribal Courts	23,404	23,241	23,280	+39
Fire Protection	837	1,077	1,274	+197
Subtotal, Public Safety and Justice ...	327,592	350,014	351,850	+1,836

APPROPRIATION: Operation of Indian Programs (continued)

	2013 Actual	2014 Enacted	2015 Request	Change
Community and Economic Development				
Job Placement and Training	10,922	10,920	11,463	+543
Economic Development	2,247	1,713	1,706	-7
Minerals and Mining	17,610	20,464	20,612	+148
Community Development Oversight ..	2,193	2,203	2,215	+12
Subtotal, Comm and Econ Dev	32,972	35,300	35,996	+696
Executive Direction and Admin Services	226,900	225,782	229,755	+3,973
Bureau of Indian Education				
Elementary and Secondary				
Programs (forward funded)	493,701	518,318	520,755	+2,437
Elementary and Secondary Programs..	116,326	118,402	119,195	+793
Post Secondary				
Programs (forward funded)	64,947	69,793	69,793	0
Post Secondary Programs	58,832	61,887	64,182	+2,295
Education Management	20,258	20,354	20,464	+110
Subtotal, Indian Education	754,064	788,754	794,389	+5,635
Indian Arts and Crafts Board*	[1,279]	[1,279]	1,279	+1,279
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,243,891	2,378,763	2,412,596	+33,833

* The Indian Arts and Crafts Board was funded in Departmental Offices in 2013 and 2014. The IACB is proposed to transfer to BIA in 2015. Non-add figures for 2013 and 2014 are shown for comparison.

Detail of Budget Changes

	2015 Change from 2014 Enacted		2015 Change from 2014 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+33,833		
Tribal Government	+10,597	Community and Economic Development	+696
Contract Support Costs	+4,000	Job Placement and Training	+550
Internal Transfers	+4,130	Technical Support-Energy Projects	+109
Fixed Costs	+2,467	Internal Transfers	-51
Human Services	+9,856	Fixed Costs	+88
Social Services	+5,000	Executive Direction and Administrative Services ...	+3,973
Indian Child Welfare Act	+5,000	Program Evaluations to Improve Services	+2,000
Internal Transfers	-501	Indirect Cost Negotiations Services	+1,180
Fixed Costs	+357	Internal Transfers	+293
Trust - Natural Resources Management	-283	Account Transfer from Construction	+423
Integrated Resource Information Program	+2,000	Fixed Costs	+77
Internal Transfers	-2,982	Bureau of Indian Education	+5,635
Fixed Costs	+699	Johnson-O'Malley Assistance Grants	+500
Trust - Real Estate Services	+244	Tribal Technical Colleges	+300
Internal Transfers	-611	Summer Pre-law Prep. Program Scholarships	+250
Fixed Costs	+855	Science Post-Graduate Scholarships	+1,700
Public Safety and Justice	+1,836	Internal Transfers	-336
Internal Transfers	+58	Fixed Costs	+3,221
Fixed Costs	+1,778	Indian Arts and Crafts Board	+1,279
		Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
		Fixed Costs	[+9,542]

APPROPRIATION: Construction

	2013 Actual	2014 Enacted	2015 Request	Change
Education Construction	52,779	55,285	55,533	+248
Public Safety and Justice Construction	11,283	11,306	11,306	0
Resources Management Construction	32,657	32,759	34,427	+1,668
Other Program Construction.....	8,979	10,774	8,642	-2,132
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	105,698	110,124	109,908	-216

See Appendix E for proposed 2015 construction projects.

Detail of Budget Changes

2015 Change from
2014 Enacted

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-216
Education Construction	+248
Replacement School Construction	+2,276
Facilities Improvement and Repair	-2,046
Fixed Costs	+18
Resources Management Construction	+1,668
Irrigation Projects-Rehabilitation.....	+1,614
Fixed Costs	+54
Other Program Construction.....	-2,132
Fort Peck Water System.....	-1,750
Account Transfers to Operations	-423
Fixed Costs	+41
Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Fixed Costs	[+113]

APPROPRIATION: Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements

	2013 Actual	2014 Enacted	2015 Request	Change
Land Settlements				
White Earth Land Settlement	623	625	625	0
Hoopa-Yurok Settlement.....	249	250	250	0
Water Settlements				
Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement.....	142	142	142	0
Nez Perce/Snake River Water Rights Settlement	9,015	0	0	0
Navajo Water Resources Development Trust Fund	6,000	6,000	4,000	-2,000
Duck Valley Water Rights Settlement ..	12,000	12,044	0	-12,044
Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project...	4,708	7,782	9,000	+1,218
Taos Pueblo Water Rights Settlement...	0	8,812	15,392	+6,580
Aamodt Settlement	0	0	6,246	+6,246
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	32,737	35,655	35,655	0

Detail of Budget Changes2015 Change from
2014 Enacted

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0
Navajo Water Resources Development Trust Fund.....	-2,000
Duck Valley Water Rights Settlement.....	-12,044
Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project	+1,218
Taos Pueblo Water Rights Settlement.....	+6,580
Aamodt Settlement	+6,246

APPROPRIATION: Indian Guaranteed Loan Program

	2013 Actual	2014 Enacted	2015 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	6,731	6,731	6,731	0

Detail of Budget Changes2015 Change from
2014 Enacted

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0
Loan Subsidies	+71
Administration	-82
Fixed Costs	+11