

FISCAL YEAR 2026 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Appropriations Bill: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Department of Energy

Agency: National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

AUTHORIZATION/ TCU PROGRAM	FY 2023 ENACTED	FY 2024 ENACTED	FY 2025 HOUSE SENATE AIHEC	FY 2026 AIHEC REQUEST <small>(Inflation adjustment of +2.1%)</small>
DOE – National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)				
Academic Alliances: Tribal Colleges & University (TCU) Program <small>(within the Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program, MSIPP)</small>	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	H - \$10,000,000 S - \$12,000,000 A - \$12,480,000	\$12,742,080
DOE – Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs (OIEP)				
TCU Transitioning to Clean Energy	--	Unspecified in OIEP Budget	Unspecified in OIEP Budget A - \$15,000,000	\$15,315,000
<p>NNSA MSIPP-TCU: TCUs began participating in MSIPP in 2016 when DOE allocated \$2 million for the AIHEC/TCU Advanced Manufacturing Network Initiative, an innovative capacity-building program focused on training and education collaborations at five TCUs. The goal of the program is to grow an American Indian/Alaska Native advanced manufacturing technical and engineering workforce through certificate and 4-year degree programs and establish a network of geographically distributed micromanufacturing facilities that are building engineering/technician career pathways for TCU students.</p> <p>With increased support from Congress, the MSIPP-TCU program has expanded to more TCUs, including:</p> <p>IMPACT: TMCC & UTTC: \$5M/5 years: Indigenous Mutual Partnership to Advanced Cybersecurity Technology focuses on cybersecurity with Sandia National Laboratories providing technical advising, planning, and academic program development. PAMER: Navajo Technical University, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Nebraska Indian Community College, & University of Texas at El Paso: \$5M/5 years: Partnership for Advanced Manufacturing Education and Research is developing sustainable pathways for a next-gen additive manufacturing workforce and other experts for NNSA enterprises.</p> <p>Report Language Request: The FY 2026 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, Appropriations bill should explicitly designate \$12 million for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program and direct the Department to fully distribute the designated funding to TCUs.</p>				