



FISCAL YEAR 2026 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Appropriations Bill: INTERIOR

Agency: Bureau of Indian Education

AUTHORIZATION/ TCU PROGRAM	FY 2023 ENACTED	FY 2024 ENACTED	FY 2025 HOUSE/SENATE	FY 2026 AIHEC REQUEST <small>(Inflation adjustment of +2.1%)</small>
Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act [25 USC 1801 et seq.]				
Title I, II, III and Contracts & NCAA (29 TCUs)	\$87,926,000 (\$9,182/ISC)	\$87,926,000	H - \$94,926,000 S - \$88,678,000 A - \$108,590,607	\$110,871,010 \$11,571 ISC (Title I) \$18,034,000 (Title II) \$115,629 (Title III) TA: \$743,634
Title V (Tribal Career/Technical Institutions)	\$9,156,000	\$9,156,000	H - \$9,221,000 S - \$9,213,000 A - \$15,600,000	\$15,927,600
TCU Construction & Facilities Improvement	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000	H - \$19,000,000 S - \$14,000,000 A - \$36,400,000	\$37,164,400
American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development Act [20 USC 4411]				
Institute of American Indian Arts w/ Center for Lifelong Education & Museum	\$13,482,000	\$13,482,000	H - \$13,125,000 S - \$13,624,000 A - \$14,541,280	\$14,846,647
The Snyder Act [25 USC 13]				
Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	\$30,325,000	\$30,325,000	H - \$34,234,000 S - \$31,707,000	TBD
<p>Honor Sovereignty: Most TCUs are chartered by their respective American Indian Tribes which hold a long-established special legal relationship with the U.S. federal government. Their relationships were actualized by more than 400 treaties, multiple Supreme Court decisions, Congressional action, and the ceding of more than one billion acres of land to the U.S. Despite the trust responsibility and treaty obligations, TCUs primary source of operating funds from the federal government has never been fully funded.</p> <p>Chronic Underfunding: Through the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUS), most TCUs received \$8,699 per Indian Student (*\$8,000 adjusted for inflation).</p> <div> <p>The nation's 35 Tribal Colleges and Universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operate 90 campuses and sites in 16 states ○ Approximately 75 percent of TCU students receive Pell grants ○ TCU students represent well over half of the 574 federally recognized Tribes ○ Serve over 160,000 AI/AN students and other rural residents annually through academic and community-based programs. </div> <div> <p>Request TCU Construction and Facilities Improvement: \$3.2 billion (total) – A July 2021 AIHEC survey of TCUs revealed many chronic unmet facilities and infrastructure needs, including lack of student and facility housing, inadequate classroom space, insufficient libraries, and outdated laboratories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TCU deferred maintenance/rehabilitation \$400 million (total) ➤ TCU completion of master plans: \$2.7 billion (total) ➤ TCU operation and maintenance: \$20 million (annual, recurring need) <p>AIHEC strongly urges Congress to fund dedicated TCU facilities programs through DOI-BIE to modernize current facilities and build safer 21st-century campuses.</p> </div>				



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