

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS  
TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**



**Appropriations Bill: AGRICULTURE**

**Agency: NIFA and Rural Development**

AUTHORIZATION/TCU PROGRAM	FY 2020 ENACTED	FY 2021 ENACTED	FY 2022 AIHEC REQUEST
<b>Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act [7 USC 301 note]</b>			
1994 Institutions Extension Program (NIFA)	\$8,000,000	\$8,500,000	<b>\$12,250,000</b>
1994 Institutions Research Program (NIFA)	\$3,801,000	\$4,000,000	<b>\$21,500,000</b>
1994 Institutions Equity Payment (NIFA)	\$4,000,000	\$4,500,000	<b>\$8,750,000</b>
Native American Endowment Payment (NIFA) *annual corpus payment (only annual interest distributed as payment)	\$11,880,000* (FY 2019 interest disbursement = \$4.6M)	\$11,880,000* (FY 2020 interest disbursement = \$5M)	<b>\$17,000,000*</b> Annual corpus payment (FY 2020 interest disbursement = \$5M)
<b>Consolidated Farm &amp; Rural Development Act [7 USC 1926(a)]</b>			
TCU IT Fund			<b>\$24,000,000</b>
TCU Essential Community Facilities	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>Smith-Lever Act [7 USC 341 et seq.]</b>			
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)	\$3,039,000	\$3,200,000	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

**Inequality among Land Grant Institutions:** The Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act created the “1994 land-grants” more than 25 years ago. Since then, funding for the 1994 land-grant programs has remained inadequate to address growing agricultural needs and opportunities in Indian Country. Stark inequities in federal funding and resources exist in the land-grant system. The first Americans, last to join the nation’s land-grant family, deserve parity.

**TCU IT Fund:** The ongoing pandemic has exacerbated the digital divide and homework gap and underscored the lack of broadband access across Indian Country. To address these deficiencies, Congress should establish a permanent TCU IT Fund within the existing (and previously under-used) USDA-Rural Utilities Service Program. An annual \$24 million set-aside for TCUs, which are the 1994 Land-grant institutions, is needed to cover ongoing equipment costs, maintenance and upkeep, infrastructure expansion, and IT staffing.

