

**FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS
REQUESTS TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**



Appropriations Bill: AGRICULTURE

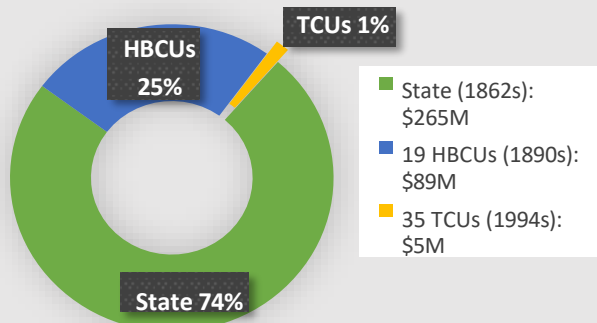
Agency: NIFA and Rural Development

AUTHORIZATION/TCU PROGRAM	FY 2022 ENACTED	FY 2023 ENACTED	FY 2024 HOUSE/SENATE	FY 2024/25 AIHEC REQUEST (Inflation adjustment of 4%)
Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act [7 USC 301 note]				
1994 Institutions Extension Program (NIFA)	\$9,500,000	\$11,000,000	H-\$11,000,000 S-\$11,000,000	\$17,500,000
1994 Institutions Research Program (NIFA)	\$4,500,000	\$5,000,000	H-\$5,000,000 S-\$5,000,000	\$17,500,000
1994 Institutions Equity Payment (NIFA)	\$5,500,000	\$7,000,000	H-\$7,000,000 S-\$7,000,000	\$17,500,000
Native American Endowment Payment (NIFA) *annual corpus payment (only annual interest distributed as payment)	\$11,880,000 (FY 2022 interest disbursement = \$4.8M)	\$11,880,000 (FY 2022 interest disbursement = \$4.8M)	H-\$11,880,000 S-\$11,888,000	\$17,000,000 Annual corpus payment (FY22 interest disbursement = \$4.8M)
Consolidated Farm & Rural Development Act [7 USC 1926(a)]				
TCU Broadband Service Fund	--	--	--	\$40,000,000
TCU Essential Community Facilities	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	H-\$6,000,000 S-\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000 (\$20,800,000)
Smith-Lever Act [7 USC 341 et seq.]				
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)	\$3,500,000	\$4,305,000	H-\$4,305,000 S-\$4,305,000	\$10,000,000

Inequality among Land Grant Institutions: The Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act created the “1994 land-grants” nearly 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 Broadband Service Fund: The ongoing pandemic has exacerbated the digital divide and underscored the lack of broadband access across Indian Country. To address these deficiencies that could leave Indian Country – and American Indian and Alaska Native student—behind the rest of the U.S. for generations, Congress must act to establish a permanent TCU IT Service Fund within the USDA-Rural Utilities Service Program. An annual \$40 million set-aside for TCUs, which are the 1994 land-grant institutions served by USDA, would help cover rapidly increasing network connectivity and equipment costs, maintenance, infrastructure expansion, and IT staffing.

FY 2023 Research Funding



FY 2023 Extension Funding

