

On March 23, 2024 President Biden signed [H.R. 2882 – the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024](#) into law. Together, with [H.R. 4366 – the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024](#), these two bills provided funding for all government agencies through September 30, 2024. While Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 began on October 1, 2023, the government has been funded through stop-gap [continuing resolutions](#). H.R. 4366 included \$1.366 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), a reduction of \$35 million from FY 2023. H.R. 2882 included \$194.7 million for Indian Education at the Department of Education (ED), flat funding from FY 2023. Other highlights included in the federal appropriations bills include authorization for tribal operated Head Start programs to determine their own selection criteria within the federally mandated income eligibility requirements; and authorization for up to 10 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) pilot projects for Tribal Nations to operate the national school lunch program, summer food service program, and/or school breakfast program. A crosscut of Indian Education-related accounts is included below. NIEA's federal funding priorities for FY 2025 are linked [here](#).

Department of Education

For FY 2024, the ED's Native Education-related accounts are mostly flat funded, with the same amount of funding as FY 2023. This includes Title VI funding, Indian Education, Education for Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Native Education Equity. The President's Budget Request for FY 2025 also includes flat funding for each of these accounts, continuing the same funding levels as FY 2023.

- \$194.746 million for Indian Education (ESEA Title VI, Part A) – Flat Funded
- \$45.897 million for Education for Native Hawaiians (ESEA Title VI, Part B) – Flat Funded
- \$44.953 million for Alaska Native Education Equity (ESEA Title VI, Part C) – Flat Funded

For FY 2024, Congress allocated \$1.6 billion for Impact Aid nationwide. This includes an increase of \$5.8 million for basic support payments for federally impacted children, and a \$594,000 increase for Impact Aid construction. These funds are meant to reimburse Local Education Agencies (LEAs) impacted by federal lands, including trust lands, for the tax revenue which would otherwise go to support their education programs. For FY 2025, the President's Budget Request includes flat funding for each Impact Aid account from FY 2023. However, the Budget Request was not compiled prior to the passage of FY 2024 appropriations, and was not able to account for the increases congress made to Impact Aid appropriations.

- \$1.474 billion for Impact Aid Basic Support Payments – a \$5,758 million increase over FY 2023
- \$4.835 billion for Impact Aid Facilities Maintenance – Flat Funded
- \$19 million for Impact Aid Construction – a \$594,000 increase over FY 2023

HHS - Administration for Children and Families

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) includes a number of programs which support Native children and families, including supports for foster care and elder care. These offices and programs include the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and Head Start. Many tribes operate their own Head Start programs. H.R. 2882 authorizes these tribes to establish their own selection criteria for their programs, so long as they adhere to the federal income requirements within Section 645 of the [Head Start Act](#).

- \$12.272 billion for Head Start – a \$275 million increase over FY 2023
- \$60.5 million for Native American Programs (ANA) – Flat Funded

The President's Budget request included additional funds for both Head Start and ACF - Native American Programs. For FY 2025 the request includes an additional \$268.7 million for Head Start and an additional \$5 million for Native American Programs (ANA).

Department of Agriculture

USDA administers the majority of child nutrition programs for schools nation-wide, which are then operated by State agencies. Many Tribal Nations and tribally controlled schools have requested the authority to operate their own child nutrition programs. H.R. 4366 allocates \$2 million for USDA to authorize 10 pilot projects for Tribal Nations to operate and implement the school lunch program, the summer food service program, or the school breakfast program in BIE-funded schools, schools on or near reservations, or early child-care facilities. These pilot projects will take place for up to two years and be funded at no more than \$100,000 for each school year.

Department of the Interior

For FY 2024, the BIE is funded at \$1.366 billion, a reduction of \$35 million from FY 2023. The majority of the BIE accounts are predominately flat funded, with the exception of Education Construction, which is reduced by \$33.1 million, a 12.4 percent reduction from FY 2023. There is also a \$1 million reduction for Johnson O'Malley (JOM), a \$6,000 reduction for Education Program Management, and a

complete reduction of the Juvenile Detention Center Education in order to transfer the program to the BIA Office of Justice Services, which operates the program.

- \$481.636 million for ISEP Formula Funds – Flat Funded
- \$5.889 million for Tribal Education Departments – Flat Funded
- \$70.007 million for Student Transportation – Flat Funded
- \$80.888 million for Facilities Operations – Flat Funded
- \$73.544 million for Facilities Maintenance – Flat Funded
- \$22.63 million for JOM – a \$1.031 million reduction from FY 2023
- \$234.725 million for Education Construction – a \$33.162 million reduction from FY 2023

The President’s Budget Request includes key increases for the BIE. For FY 2025 the request includes an increase of \$36.5 million for ISEP Formula Funds, an increase of \$2 million for JOM, and an increase of \$75.5 million for Education Construction. Further details are included in the chart below.

NIEA Fiscal Year 2024 Native Education Programs Crosscut
 *Dollars in Thousands

	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2023 vs FY 2024	FY 2025 Request	Request vs Enacted
Department of Education					
Indian Education					
Grants to Local Education Agencies	110,381	110,381	----	110,381	----
Special Programs for Indian Children	72,000	72,000	----	72,000	----
National Activities	12,365	12,365	----	12,365	----
Total, Indian Education	194,746	194,746	----	194,746	----
Education for Native Hawaiians	45,897	45,897	----	45,897	----
Alaska Native Education Equity	44,953	44,953	----	44,953	----
Impact Aid					
Basic Support Payments	1,468,242	1,474,000	+5,758	1,468,242	-5,758
Payments for Children with Disabilities	48,316	48,316	----	48,316	
Facilities Maintenance	4,835	4,835	----	4,835	
Construction	18,406	19,000	+594	18,406	-594
Payments for Federal Property	78,313	79,000	+687	78,313	-687
Total, Impact Aid	1,618,112	1,625,151	+7,039	1,618,112	-7,039

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	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2023 vs FY 2024	FY 2025 Request	Request vs Enacted
Department of Health and Human Services					
Administration for Children and Families					
Head Start	11,996,820	12,271,820	+275,000	12,540,519	+268,699
Native American Programs	60,500	60,500	----	65,500	+5,000
Department of the Interior					
Bureau of Indian Education					
ISEP Formula Funds	481,636	481,636	----	518,127	+36,491
ISEP Program Adjustments	6,539	6,539	----	7,450	+911
Education Program Enhancements	21,025	21,025	----	22,528	+1,503
Tribal Education Departments	5,889	5,889	----	5,889	----
Student Transportation	70,007	70,007	----	75,247	+5,240
Early Child and Family Development	25,267	25,267	----	26,566	+1,299
Tribal Grant Support Costs	95,822	95,822	----	100,716	+4,894
Subtotal, Elementary and Secondary Programs	706,185	706,185	----	756,523	+50,338
Facilities Operations	80,888	80,888	----	84,513	+3,625
Facilities Maintenance	73,544	73,544	----	78,039	+4,495
Juvenile Detention Center Grants	555	0	-555	----	----
Johnson O'Malley Assistance Grants	21,570	20,539	-1,031	22,619	+2,080
Subtotal, Elementary and Secondary Programs	176,557	174,971	-1,586	185,171	+10,200
Education Program Management	39,291	39,285	-6	48,253	+8,956
Education IT	27,901	27,901	----	29,661	+1,760
Subtotal, Education Management	67,192	67,186	-6	77,914	+10,716
Total, Operation of Indian Education Programs	1,133,552	1,131,617	-1,935	1,210,690	+79,073
Total, Education Construction	267,887	234,725	-33,162	310,236	+75,511
Total, Bureau of Indian Education	1,401,439	1,366,342	-35,097	1,520,926	+154,584