

# Modification of “The President’s Budget Delivers on His Commitment to Tribal Nations and Native Communities”

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The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to advancing Tribal autonomy,  
Strengthening the Nation-to-Nation relationships, for they aren’t a proprietary colony,  
The Administration has taken steps to strengthen its understanding of Tribal needs and priorities, attempting bonhomie.

To support Tribal sovereignty, Biden-Harris reformed critical federal processes for Tribal Nations,  
Processes that are particularly important for health, education and safety to last throughout many time durations,  
Benefitting Native women and children for the laying down of family foundations.

The American Rescue Plan made the largest direct federal investment in Indian Country in American history,  
For they were investing in their own communities since protohistory,  
Through the Investing in the America agenda, in the spirit of benedictory,  
The Administration made record-setting investments in Tribal Nations and communities, promising a delivery.

The President’s Budget, which is informed with Tribal leaders by direct consultations,  
Demonstrates the President’s continued commitment to Tribal Nations,  
The historic investments in the Indian Health Service (IHS), public safety, exhibit high aspirations,  
Funding for educational equity, environmental justice, affordable housing, exceeding expectations.

The Biden-Harris Administration provides funding for Tribal Nations that is more effective, efficient, and accessible,

The President's executive order on Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations, is impressive,  
She has vision for the next era of federal policies that better support Tribal Nations and are more imputrescible,  
As they govern and grow on their own terms in a way that for them is the most sensible.

## **The President's Budget**

### **Guarantees Adequate and Stable Funding for Indian Health Services (IHS)**

The President's budget guarantees,

By addressing the historical underfunding of HIS, the United States' commitment to treaty responsibilities,

is met with more trust and please,

The enactment of an advance appropriation for 2024 for IHS was a historic and welcome step toward meeting its needs,

The goal of securing adequate and stable funding for IHS exemplifies the United States' acceptance of her responsibilities,

She will provide needed improvements in access to care and the overall health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives, as they sees.

The Budget requests \$8 billion in discretionary resources in 2025 and includes increases,

For clinical services, preventative health, facilities construction, contract support costs, and Tribal leases,

Beginning in 2026, mandatory funding would close longstanding services and facility purchases,

Improves access to high-quality healthcare, such as the Biden Cancer Moonshot, and funds key Administration priorities.

The Budget also proposes to reauthorize and increase funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians who signed treaties,

Which in Indian Country, has been critical in lowering the prevalence of diabetes.

## **Honors Commitments to Support Tribal Communities**

The President's Budget honors commitments to provide robust support for Indigenous communities, incorporating feedback from Tribal consultations, keeping with our federal trust and treaty responsibilities.

More than \$1 billion over the enacted level of 2021, \$4.6 billion for the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Tribal projects, to the support of public safety and justice, human and social services, and education, the President's budget directs.

Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 and the Contract Support Costs leasing,

The budget proposes reclassification of mandatory releasing,

To provide certainty for tribal communities in meeting these ongoing requirements with dedicated funding unceasing.

The American Rescue Plan, the complementing Inflation Reduction Act, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are historic investment opportunities,

The budget invests to ensure long-term success by addressing critical infrastructure and climate adaptation needs in Indigenous communities.

For economic development and other tribal community programs at DOI, the funding protects and connects,

Climate resilience, natural resources management, school programs, and tribal human services programs, to positive effects.

The President's budget also supports Native language and cultural revitalization,

Meeting the needs highlighted by the Federal Boarding School Initiative and the recently concluded Road to Healing Tour, met with acclimation.

## **Supports Tribal Conservation Through Co-Stewardship of Public Lands and Waters**

The Administration is committed to a new chapter of the United States' Nation-to-Nation relationship,  
For the public lands, waters, and wildlife that's most precious to Tribal Nations Partnership,  
Where they bring invaluable expertise to the newly developed courtship,  
Across the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management,  
To co-steward Federal lands and water with advernment,  
With tribes, the Administration will facilitate and support the new agreement.

## **Invests in Salmon Restoration In the Columbia River Basin**

The Budget supports the Administration's,  
Recent commitment to prioritize restorations,  
Of healthy and abundant wild salmon, steelhead, and other native fish populations,  
In the Columbia River Basin, honoring its obligations.

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## **Supports Child Welfare in Tribal Communities**

Across Indian Country, to support child well-being,  
The Budget proposes to allow Tribes to use a new grant program, non-requiring,  
That consolidates certain existing mandatory and discretionary child welfare streams funding,  
To be used for any child welfare service in need,  
Culturally appropriate prevention and support services including,  
Foster care, kinship supports, reunification services, guardianship or adoption support, child welfare staff, and training.

The new grant program removes burdensome plan requirements originally designed for state agencies,  
Grounded in the principles of Tribal self-determination, it would instead create an application process designed for ease,  
Ensuring the safety and well-being of children and families.

## **Invests in Affordable Housing in Tribal Communities**

Native Americans, more than all U.S. households, are seven times more likely to live in circumstances that are overcrowding,  
Five times more likely to have inadequate systems of heating, kitchen, and plumbing.

The Budget provides \$1.1 billion at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in supporting,  
Tribal efforts of affordable housing improving and increasing,  
infrastructure, opportunities for low-income families, and conditions of housing.

\$150 million would prioritize housing-related programs whose efforts advance resilience and energy efficiency expanding.

## **Commits to Tribal Water Rights Settlements Funding**

To meet existing settlement obligations,

Especially those that underwent privations,

The Budget builds on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law investment attributions,

By providing \$2.8 billion in additional mandatory funding allocations,

To the Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund, as well as \$226 million in funding that is free of discretions.

## **Prioritizes Efforts to End Gender-Based Violence Against Native Women**

The President's Budget proposes \$800 million to support,  
Programs under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) at the Department of Justice, in besort,  
Was reauthorized in 2022 with enhanced Tribal rights for expanded criminal jurisdiction over non-Native offenders, which previously fell short,  
Expanding an Alaska Native Pilot Program to consort,  
An increase over the 2023 enacted level, to the highest funding level in history, a significant outport,  
This represents a \$100 million—or 14 percent, to justice it does escort.

The Budget strongly supports underserved and Tribal communities with the following furcations,  
\$15 million for culturally-specific functions,  
\$5 million for underserved populations,  
\$25 million to assist enforcement of Tribal special domestic violence jurisdictions,  
\$3 million to support tribal Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys for legal representation and prosecutions,  
and \$10 million for a new special initiative to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons intersections,  
And domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, more common to woman as victims of sexual violations.

## **Connects Indian Country to High-Speed, Affordable, and Reliable Internet**

Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, under the Biden-Harris Administration, They are committed to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable broadband internet, Tribal communities with inclusion, To people living and working across 35 States and Territories, USDA has a provided \$2.3 billion allocation, Which is expected to expand broadband, giving more than 137,000 households activation.

Building on the \$2 billion for USDA broadband programs provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for 2023, \$112 million for the ReConnect program, the Budget provides for free, which provides grants and loans to deploy broadband to unserved areas, especially the Tribal constituency.



## **Expands Access to Quality Education for Tribal Nations and Tribal Communities**

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSI) to augment,

The Budget includes \$30 billion in mandatory funds, recognizing the pathways to opportunity that these institutions represent,

Tuition for students from families earning less than \$125,000, two years of subsidy dispersed in segment,

for eligible 4-year HBCUs, TCCUs, and MSIs over 10 years as a periodic event.

For four-year HBCUs, TCCUs, and MSIs institutions to expand research and development infrastructure,

By doubling funding, the Budget increases capacity of the infrastructure,

A program the President has championed since his first year in office due to the capability of changing the macrostructure,

To address historic disparities in Federal research and development funding, the Budget includes funding for programs focused on the level of megastructure,

Increasing the participation of groups historically underrepresented in science and engineering fields as an institutional restructure,

As well as \$256 million in funding to build capacity for emerging research institutions as a new technostucture,

for advancing new energy research and workforce at HBCUs, TCCUs, MSIs, Tribal Colleges, Community Colleges, creating a new understructure,

To increase competitive awards to HBCUs, TCCUs, and other MSIs and to build on the supporting structure,

The Budget provides \$46 million to the Minority University Research and Education Project to build a new power structure,

To increase competitive awards to and to recruit and retain underrepresented and underserved students in STEM fields as a new superstructure.

## **Advances Environmental Justice in Indian Country**

The Administration continues to take bold steps, prioritize efforts, and actuates,  
Deliverance of environmental justice throughout Indian Country and in communities across the United States,  
Supporting several key initiatives relating to energy, equity, and justice, the budget accelerates,  
A new \$25 million grant to develop Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements, adumbrates,  
How to carry out crucial EPA programs in Indian Country with an emphasis on addressing the impacts of climate change.

The Budget also includes funding for the Tribal Partnership Program at EPA advocates,  
Technical and planning assistance for Tribal communities who want to participate in these programs auspicates,  
An additional \$95 million at the Department of Energy (DOE) escalates,  
The electrification of Tribal homes and transition Tribal colleges and universities to renewable energy coruscates,  
The President's Justice40 Initiative goal explicates,  
That 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities and delegates,  
Marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution, including Tribal community inhabitants.

