

# DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

## news release

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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### BIA ASKS \$48 MILLION INCREASE FOR '76

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has requested a substantial increase in funding for the operation of Indian programs in fiscal year 1976. Its budget request of \$526.9 million for these programs is approximately \$48 million greater than the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

In addition to the funds requested for the operation of Indian programs, the Bureau has requested appropriation of \$61.4 million for construction of irrigation systems, buildings and utilities; \$66.7 million for road construction; \$70 million for Alaska Native Claims; \$12 million to complete the authorized funding of the Indian Revolving Loan Fund, and \$20 million for the Loan Guaranty and Insurance Fund. The appropriation request totals \$757,031,000.

For the first time funds were specifically requested for the payment of certain administrative costs connected with tribal contracts for the operation of Indian programs. This item accounts for \$11.2 million of the \$48 million increase.

The Indian Action Team program also received an increase exceeding \$11 million. The expanded program will provide for 50 contracts involving more than 3,000 Indians in training and work experience projects that normally result in the construction of on-reservation facilities for community development.

For Indian Education Programs \$230.2 million was requested. This is an increase of \$3.7 million. The request includes about \$32 million for higher education assistance and \$28 million in Johnson-O'Malley funds for programs in public schools.

More than \$106.1 million was requested for Indian services -- an increase of \$6.1 million. This includes \$12 million for aid to tribal governments; \$66.1 million for social services; \$13.6 million for law enforcement, and \$14.3 million for housing.

While most of the new home construction on reservations is the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under separate appropriations, Bureau of Indian Affairs programs will provide for about 400 new homes and more than 2,250 renovations.

The request for \$86.5 million for tribal resources development, including the Indian Action Team expansion, is an increase of \$16.2 million. Some of the larger items in this request were \$26.4 million for forestry and agriculture; \$14 million for direct employment, and \$14 million for business enterprises. This last item includes \$10 million authorized by the Indian Financing Act of 1974.

For trust responsibilities and services \$20.9 million was requested -- an increase of \$2.3 million. Among other things, this increase will permit initiating 35 additional water studies, and completing 5 water use plans now underway. It will also provide for increasing land appraisals, lease and management services and strengthening trust fund management and accounting services.

A request of \$83.2 million was submitted for general management and facilities operations. This is an increase of \$18.2 million, but includes the request for Indian contract support funds. Almost \$60 million of this amount is for the operation, repair, maintenance and leasing of physical facilities in support of Bureau programs. For the general management and administration of the Bureau is \$7.8 million and \$2.6 million for annual program planning and development at the reservation level.

The construction program in fiscal year 1976 includes funds for 8 additional kindergarten classrooms and 8 related staff quarters; for a joint sewage disposal system at Sitka, Alaska; construction of St. Michaels Day School, Alaska; second phase construction of Diomedea Day School, Alaska; construction of the second phase of Santa Rosa School, Arizona; construction of a rehabilitation, treatment and incarceration facility at San Carlos, Arizona; construction of the third phase of the Sherman Indian High School, California; and construction of a replacement high school at Fort Yates, North Dakota on the Standing Rock Reservation. Funds also will provide for design drawings for future projects and the purchase of equipment for facilities now under construction. Total request for FY 1976 is \$31.0 million.

The proposed budget estimates for irrigation systems for fiscal year 1976 provides \$22.8 million for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project located in New Mexico and \$7.6 million for other irrigation projects and related power systems.

The Bureau has requested \$827,392,000 in budget authority. This authorization is required to enable the Bureau to obligate both the appropriated funds and receipts from other sources, such as permanent and trust funds not included in the annual appropriation.

A detailed breakdown of appropriations requested for Fiscal Year 1976 as compared to Fiscal Year 1975 is attached.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
 1976 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED  
 (IN MILLION DOLLARS)

	FY 1976	FY 1975 <sup>1/</sup>
School Operations . . . . .	147,539	143,747
Assistance to Public Schools . . . . .	27,952	28,352
Career Development . . . . .	<u>54,679</u>	<u>54,396</u>
<b>EDUCATION . . . . .</b>	<b><u>230,170</u></b>	<b><u>226,495</u></b>
Aid to Tribal Government . . . . .	11,997	11,322
Social Services . . . . .	66,187	63,963
Law Enforcement . . . . .	13,577	10,115
Housing . . . . .	<u>14,310</u>	<u>13,203</u>
<b>INDIAN SERVICES . . . . .</b>	<b><u>106,075</u></b>	<b><u>98,603</u></b>
Business Enterprise . . . . .	14,066	13,908
Credit . . . . .	3,113	3,027
Direct Employment . . . . .	14,021	14,107
Roads Maintenance . . . . .	9,080	8,144
Forestry and Agriculture . . . . .	26,453	23,497
Minerals, Mining, Irrigation and Power . . . . .	4,198	3,155
Indian Action Team . . . . .	<u>15,617</u>	<u>4,522</u>
<b>TRIBAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT . . . . .</b>	<b><u>86,538</u></b>	<b><u>70,360</u></b>
Indian Natural Resources Rights Protection . . . . .	4,750	3,689
Real Estate & Financial Trust Services . . . . .	<u>16,167</u>	<u>14,972</u>
<b>TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES &amp; SERVICES . . . . .</b>	<b><u>20,917</u></b>	<b><u>18,661</u></b>
Management and Administration . . . . .		9,751
Program Support Services . . . . .		1,719
Facilities Management . . . . .		53,543
Indian Contract Support . . . . .		<u>65,013</u>
		<u>479,132</u>
CONSTRUCTION . . . . .		61,804
ROAD CONSTRUCTION <sup>2/</sup> . . . . .		59,500
ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS . . . . .		70,000
REVOLVING LOAN FUND . . . . .		38,000
LOAN GUARANTY AND INSURANCE FUND . . . . .		<u>20,000</u>

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PROGRAM  
for the  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Fiscal Year 1976

The Government of the United States in fulfilling its responsibilities to the American Indians provides opportunities for Indians to develop and utilize their complete potentials and capabilities.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' budget request for fiscal year 1976 includes \$827,392,000 in budget authority. This amount is made up of \$690,326,000 in annual appropriations and \$137,066,000 in permanent and trust funds. In addition to the \$690,326,000 of the annual appropriation request in new budget authority, the Bureau is also requesting an annual appropriation of \$66,705,000 to liquidate obligations incurred under contract authority for Bureau roads thus making a total request in annual appropriations of \$757,031,000. The largest single item is \$230.2 million for Indian Education. Approximately \$80.5 million is for social services and housing; \$12.3 million for law enforcement on reservations; \$70.9 million for development of tribal resources; \$15.6 million for Indian Action Teams; and \$12.0 million for aid to tribal government. Protection of Indian natural resources rights and real estate and financial trust services is proposed at \$20.9 million; \$84.5 million for general management and facilities operations of which \$11.2 million is for contract support with Indian tribes. Also included is \$61.4 million for general construction; and \$70.0 million for the Alaska Native claims. The Indian Financing Act of 1974 authorized an increase of \$50.0 million to the Revolving Fund for Loans and \$20.0 million per year over a period of three consecutive years for Loan Guaranty and Insurance. In fiscal year 1975 \$38.0 million was appropriated for the Revolving Loan and \$20.0 million for Loan Guaranty. The Bureau of Indian Affairs' budget request for fiscal year 1976 includes \$12.0 million and \$20.0 million respectively for these two appropriations.

When permanent and trust funds are excluded, cash to liquidate obligations for road construction is shown rather than contract authority and funds requested for the Revolving Loan fund are excluded from both FY 1975 and FY 1976 the estimates reflect an increase of \$48,095,000 in FY 1976 over FY 1975.

Indian Education

In fiscal year 1976, \$230.2 million is requested for Indian education.

Among other efforts it will provide program assistance for approximately 113,000 Indian students who will be attending public schools. Monies are needed to provide for special education projects such as special English language teachers, bicultural classes, kindergartens, and school-home coordinators.

Over 53,000 Indian youth will be attending Federal schools with an additional 4,000 being provided dormitory boarding services while attending public schools in communities near Indian reservations.

Indian students are enrolling in colleges and universities in greater number each year. During fiscal year 1976, scholarship grants will be provided for approximately 17,000 Indian men and women. The majority of students receiving assistance through the Bureau's higher education program come from homes with income below today's national poverty level.

About 15,000 Indian adults will be provided adult education services while another approximately 5,500 will be assisted through adult vocational training activities throughout the United States.

### Indian Services

The major emphasis of the Indian Services program in fiscal year 1976 will be on expanded law enforcement services as well as meeting social services needs. The request of \$12.3 million for law enforcement will enable the Bureau to provide services at various locations where jurisdiction has been retroceded by the State. It will also provide services in the Navajo-Hopi joint use area. Improvements will be made in detention, training and inspection programs. This is an increase of \$2.2 million over fiscal year 1975.

The proposal of \$66.2 million for fiscal year 1976 social services represents an increase of \$2.2 million over fiscal year 1975. This increase is necessitated by increased unit costs especially for child welfare. The general assistance caseload is estimated at over 70,000 and child welfare to be over 3,000.

The Bureau's fiscal year 1976 budget calls for \$14.3 million for housing. While the bulk of new home construction on reservations is the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under separate appropriations, Bureau of Indian Affairs' programs will account for about 400 new homes and more than 2,250 renovations.

### Tribal Resources Development

In fiscal year 1976, \$86.5 million is requested for the development of tribal resources an increase of \$16.2 million over fiscal year 1975. Primary efforts will be directed to manpower development programs including increased opportunities for Indian employment; an intensified program for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, including the development of the first 10,000 acre block of the Navajo Indian Irrigation project; and improved road maintenance services.

An expanded program for Indian Action Teams will provide for 50 contracts involving more than 3,000 Indians in training and work experience programs that normally result in the construction of on-reservation facilities for community improvement.

The additional \$3.0 million over the fiscal year 1975 level for forestry and agriculture will be used to further strengthen conservation, development, and utilization efforts on the 53 million acres of Indian lands. Included are \$0.9 million to complete on-farm development work on the first 10,000 acre block of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project to which water deliveries are expected in the spring of 1976. Also included is \$0.7 million for first-year operation and maintenance of the Navajo Project facilities.

The \$1.0 million increase for road maintenance will provide improved levels of service on the 21,500 miles of Indian road network serving 177 reservations.

#### Trust Responsibilities and Services

The request of \$20.9 million for fulfilling the Government's trust responsibilities in fiscal year 1976 provides for an increase of \$2.3 million over fiscal year 1975. Primary emphasis will be directed to protecting Indian rights in water and other property, and in strengthening real estate and financial management services.

An increase of \$1.1 million for water, hunting and fishing, and other rights protection work will provide for initiating 35 additional water studies, for completing 5 water use plans now underway, and for filing or appealing additional litigation cases. In addition, programs will also be strengthened to assure that environmental quality standards are being maintained.

A \$1.2 million increase for trust services will provide urgent backlogged land appraisals, lease and management services, increasing the number of appraisals by 500, and land conveyance, rights-of-way, and other lease services by over 4,000. In addition, trust fund management and accounting services will be strengthened for the estimated \$487.3 million in Indian monies invested and for tribal and individual Indian accounts being serviced.

#### General Management and Facilities Operations

Included in the fiscal year 1976 budget request are funds to provide for the general management and administration of the Bureau (\$7.8 million); annual program planning and development at the reservation level (\$2.6 million); safety management and employee compensation (\$2.3 million); operation, repair and maintenance of physical facilities in support of Bureau programs (\$54.6 million); \$6.0 million for space provided by GSA in GSA owned or leased facilities and for space leased directly by the Bureau under leasing authority granted by GSA; and \$11.2 million for overhead costs of Indian tribes or organizations associated with contracting for operation of programs with the Bureau and for costs related to the displacement of Federal employees as a result of these contracts.

## Construction (Buildings and Utilities)

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## Irrigation Construction

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## Road Construction on Indian Reservations

The Bureau of Indian Affairs will continue to emphasize in fiscal year 1976 the need for developing adequate road systems on Indian reservations. Obligation authority in FY 1976 is \$6.2 million over FY 1975.

## Alaska Native Claims

Included in the fiscal year 1975 budget request is \$70 million for Alaska Native Claims. These funds will be used for the settlement of land claims of Alaska Natives as authorized by Public Law 92-203, December 18, 1971.

## Revolving Funds for Loans and Indian Loan and Guaranty Insurance Funds

The Indian Financing Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-262) authorized an increase of \$50.0 million to the Revolving Fund of which \$38.0 million was appropriated in fiscal year 1975 leaving \$12.0 million to be requested in fiscal year 1976. With this increase to the fund, the authorization will total \$77.0 million.

The Act also authorized \$20.0 million for three consecutive years (FY 1975, 76, and 77) to cover operation of the Revolving Fund and to pay interest subsidies and insurance on guaranteed loans.

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Buildings and Utilities Construction Program, Fiscal Year 1976

Summary of Projects

Alaska

Mt. Edgecumbe Sewerage Treatment Facility.....\$ 1,525,000  
St. Michaels Elementary Day School..... 2,645,000  
Diomedea Day School (Phase II)..... 300,000

Alaska Total.....\$ 4,470,000

Arizona

Santa Rosa School (Phase II).....\$ 2,000,000  
San Carlos Rehabilitation and Treatment Center..... 1,600,000

Arizona Total.....\$ 3,600,000

California

Sherman Indian High School (Phase III).....\$ 4,500,000

North Dakota

Fort Yates High School.....\$ 5,200,000

Bureau-wide

Kindergarten Classrooms and Quarters.....\$ 1,060,000  
Planning and Design..... 673,000  
Water Exploration and Development..... 100,000  
Deferred Equipment..... 1,910,000  
Technical Assistance..... 3,376,500

Total, New Construction.....\$24,889,500

Major Alterations and Improvements.....\$ 6,110,500

Total, Construction, Buildings and Utilities.....\$31,000,000

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Irrigation Construction

Summary of Projects

	<u>1976</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Annual Contract Payments	\$
Fort Belknap .....	7,404
Tongue River .....	9,750
 Irrigation Construction and Rehabilitation	
Arizona	
Colorado River Irrigation.....	800,000
Colorado River Power .....	1,000,000
San Xavier.....	80,000
Pima Agency	
San Carlos Project - Indian Works.....	100,000
San Carlos Project - Irrigation Joint Works .....	350,000
San Carlos Project - Power .....	450,000
Vaiva Vo.....	300,000
Salt River .....	180,000
Fort Apache .....	15,000
California	
Pala .....	30,000
Rincon .....	30,000
Hoopa .....	112,000
Idaho	
Michaud Project (Fort Hall) .....	291,000
Montana	
Blackfeet .....	86,000
Crow .....	123,000
Fort Peck .....	188,000
Fort Belknap .....	42,596
Tongue River .....	7,250
Flathead Project - Power .....	202,000
Nevada	
Duck Valley .....	325,000
Yomba .....	326,000
New Mexico	
Navajo-Hogback .....	309,000
Navajo Project .....	22,800,000
Northern Pueblos .....	85,000
Southern Pueblos .....	105,000
Southern Ute .....	15,000
Zuni Pueblo .....	95,000

Irrigation Construction

Summary of Projects

1976  
Estimate

Irrigation Construction and Rehabilitation (Cont.)

Utah	
Uintah and Ouray .....	\$ 110,000
Wyoming	
Wind River .....	39,000
Surveys, Investigations and Plans .....	887,000
Engineering and Supervision .....	<u>900,000</u>
Total Estimate .....	\$ 30,400,000

COMPARISON OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

	(In Thousands of \$)		
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Total Budget Estimates	940,095	931,326	827,392
Adjustments:			
Trust Funds	-238,204	-141,600	-122,200
Miscellaneous Permanent	- 11,906	- 14,290	- 14,866
Road Construction:			
Contract Authority	-150,000	-100,000	--
Liquidation Cash	+ 43,000	+ 59,500	+ 66,705
Revolving Fund	--	- 38,000	- 12,000
	<u>582,985(+113,951)</u>	<u>696,936(+48,095)</u>	<u>745,031</u>
Operation of Indian Programs		485,632(+41,294)	526,926
Construction		61,804(- 404)	61,400
Alaska Native Fund		70,000	70,000
Loan Guarantee & Insurance Fund		20,000	20,000
Road Construction:			
Liquidation Cash		59,500(+ 7,205)	66,705
		<u>696,936(+48,095)</u>	<u>745,031</u>