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Members of Altrusa International work with Newport Rotary members to label and count classroom sets of dental kits for all students in K-6 in Lincoln County. This project is generously funded with a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.



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Tyee Rilatos stands with state Sen. Arnie Roblan in Roblan's office at the Capitol in Salem, Ore., after Rilatos' testimony before the Senate Education Committee on Feb. 10. Rilatos testified about what being a Siletz Warrior means to him, the importance of the school's Warrior head logo and the school's right to continue to use this logo.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color,

national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for tempo-

rary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.

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Tribal governments and the U.S. Bureau of the Census to address federal data quality and availability issues.

The request recognizes the long-standing concerns of Tribal governments to improve access to and quality of federal data and information about Indian Country to inform their decision-making and the delivery of services to Tribal communities.

In addition, the request proposes an increase of \$4 million to continue development of NativeOneStop.gov, an information portal where Tribes can find and access hundreds of federal programs and services available to them.

The funding also supports regional and local assistance to Tribes to access services and information.

Sustainable stewardship of trust resources

The BIA Office of Trust Services (OTS) assists Tribes in managing, protecting and developing their trust lands and natural resources, which total 56 million surface acres and 60 million acres of subsurface mineral estates.

OTS programs help Tribal landowners steward these resources to protect their cultural, spiritual and traditional uses and enable Tribal governments to manage their resources to generate revenue, create jobs and protect the environment.

The FY 2017 budget request builds upon the BIA's efforts to support Tribal management of trust resources that support Tribal cultures and communities' economic stability. The request includes an increase of \$8.7 million for trust real

estate services to expand the capacity to address the backlog of probate cases, as well as for land title and records processing, geospatial support needs and database management.

The request also includes \$2 million to promote subsistence cooperative management in Alaska, where Native communities are among the most under-resourced in the nation and whose cultures are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

The funding will promote Tribal cooperative management of fish and wildlife, while improving access to subsistence resources on federal lands and waters. The request also includes \$2 million to promote fishery hatching, rearing and stocking programs across the country.

Increasing resilience of natural resources in Indian Country

Tribal lands, by their geography and location, are on the front lines of climate change and vulnerable to its effects. From coast to coast, particularly in the West and Alaska, Tribes continue to experience the damaging, sometimes devastating, impacts of climate change – long-term drought, intensifying wildland fires, changes to flora and fauna that are integral to their subsistence needs and cultures, coastal erosion, rising sea levels – on their environment and people, as well as to their treaty and trust lands and resources.

Tribal governments face immense challenges in planning for and responding to the far-reaching impacts that climate change is having or will have on their

populations, infrastructure, economic development, food security, natural and cultural resources, and local cultures.

The FY 2017 budget request provides a \$15.1 million increase over the 2016 enacted level across eight BIA trust natural resource programs to support Tribal communities in sustainable resource management to prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change.

Funds will provide support for Tribes to:

- Develop and access science, tools, training and planning
- Implement actions that build resilience into their resource management, infrastructure and community development activities

It also will support Alaska Native villages in the Arctic and other critically vulnerable communities in evaluating options to improve the long-term resilience of their communities.

Indian settlements

The president's FY 2017 budget request for Indian water rights settlements continues this administration's strong commitment to resolving Tribal water rights claims to ensure Tribes have access to use and manage water to meet their domestic, economic, cultural and ecological needs.

The Indian Affairs' budget request for Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements is \$55.2 million, a \$5.7 million increase over the 2016 enacted level.

In 2016, Indian Affairs will complete the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act and in 2017, will complete the funding requirements for the BIA portion of the Aamodt Settlement, enacted as part of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010.

The request also includes \$10 million to provide the Yurok Tribe in Northern California with funds to acquire lands as authorized by the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act.

This one-time funding satisfies the federal contribution for land acquisition efforts by the Yurok Tribe and its partners to conserve 47,097 acres of the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion to be managed as a salmon sanctuary and sustainable community forest.

Indian Affairs' responsibility to the federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes is rooted in Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution and subsequently defined in treaties, acts of Congress, executive orders and actions, federal court decisions, and federal policies and regulations.

The president's FY 2017 budget request of \$13.4 billion for the Department of the Interior reflects his commitment to meeting federal trust responsibilities to American Indians, conserving vital national landscapes across the nation, supporting the next century of our public lands, and responsible management of energy development on public lands and offshore areas.

The Department of the Interior's Budget in Brief is available online at doi.gov/budget and doi.gov/budget/2017/Hilites/toc.html.