

Update on President Trump's FY 2026 "Skinny Budget" and the potential impacts to tribal programs



President Trump's FY 2026 "Skinny Budget" proposal, released on May 2, outlines significant changes to federal discretionary spending. The proposal includes a 22.6% decrease in overall discretionary funding, representing \$163 billion in cuts across federal agencies. At the same time, the budget

proposes unprecedented increases to the Department of Defense (\$1.01 trillion) and Department of Homeland Security (\$175 billion).

The cuts are primarily aligned with recent Executive Orders aimed at:

- Reducing the size of the federal workforce
- Empowering states and local districts to determine service needs
- Eliminating federal programs deemed duplicative or inconsistent with new federal priorities, particularly those focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Potential Impacts to Tribal Programs

Several key areas critical to tribal nations are likely to be affected, these include:

Head Start & Education Programs: Cuts to early childhood and K-12 funding, including potential

impacts on Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) resources.

Environmental Programs: Proposed reductions in environmental research, climate resiliency, and funding for agencies like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may limit Tribal efforts to protect lands and adapt to climate change.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA): Decreased funding may severely affect victim services and justice initiatives that protect Native women and families.

BIA Self-Governance: Reductions to Tribal self-governance funding threaten the exercise of sovereignty and could compromise critical services delivered under 638 contracts and compacts.

Public Health and Safety Programs: Cuts to DOJ and Health & Human Services programs may limit law enforcement, behavioral health,

and substance abuse resources for Tribal communities.

What Comes Next

We continue to monitor developments in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees submitting public comments and testimony on issues that affect Indian Country. We engage with federal partners to protect funding tied to trust and treaty obligations. Our Tribal Council and staff coordinate with intertribal organizations such as Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, National Congress of American Indians and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to amplify unified positions.

We will continue to monitor developments and share as more details become available. Protecting Tribal interests during the budget process remains a top priority.

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