

NW tribes could lose hundreds of millions in federal funding

A new report from Portland State University found that budget cuts under the federal administration's new spending bill threaten nearly half of federal funding allocated last year to federally recognized Native American tribes and Alaska Native nations. Roughly \$530 million of the \$1.19 billion allocated to Northwest tribal nations in fiscal year 2024 is at risk of being cut, according to the PSU report.

The congressionally allocated funds serve various functions for tribes in the Northwest, including providing clean drinking water, affordable housing, schools, transit and land management. Funding is decided by Congress on a yearly basis and can be disbursed over a period of time that exceeds the calendar year it is allocated.

The report warns of vulnerabilities to programs and grants that tribes rely on for items like home weatherization, managing forestland, renovating aging homes, among other things.

The report demonstrates how proposed major reductions across the federal government, including at the Environmental Protection

Agency, the Department of the Interior and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, could reverberate across Indian Country.

Tribal officials shared concerns that drastic cuts could cause the federal government to fall short of trust and treaty obligations that mandate the federal government support tribal services, uphold tribal sovereignty and protect tribal treaty resources—responsibilities that courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, have repeatedly upheld.

Researchers declined to disclose specific projects at risk of elimination for fear of retaliation, and a number of tribes and tribal organizations declined to comment to InvestigateWest, citing similar concerns.

Oregon U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley commented that the federal government plays a major role in funding essential services to tribal communities, including health care, education and public safety, and that the Inflation Reduction Act took important steps in advancing funding for water infrastructure and environmental programs for tribes.

The cuts come at a time when Native Americans and Alaska Natives already have limited access to federal services and funds, according to a December 2024

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report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan congressional watchdog.

It found when tribes had to compete with other entities for federal funding, they may receive a small portion of the total amount, and that limited access to federal services and funds contributes to known disparities for Native Americans and Alaska Natives compared to other Americans.

Of the \$20.15 billion in federal funding that went to tribes between 2010 and 2024, tribes within the boundaries of Idaho received a total of \$304.56 million, Washington tribes \$1.81 billion, Oregon tribes \$690.76 million, and Alaska Native tribes received \$2.35 billion.

While the federal government has repeatedly affirmed its obligations to tribes, actual allocations remain disproportionately small compared to population figures.

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Alcohol and Drug Education is at the Behavioral Health Center at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. Everyone is invited to come and learn about alcohol and drugs. Sponsored by Community Health Education.

Warm Springs community members are welcome to fill containers with free drinking water every Monday at the hydro-panel facility located next to the old vehicle pool building in the industrial park. Stop by Mondays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mondays at the Warm Springs Behavioral Health Center, there is a Women's Talking Circle at 11

a.m., the Let's Talk About It group at 2 p.m., and Adolescent A&D Education class at 4. The Naimuma Wellbriety group meets today at 5:30 at Smurf Village.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority reminds its tenants that for after hours and weekend emergencies, they should call Warm Springs Police Department dispatch at 541-553-1171 and request Housing's on-call service. Emergencies include a broken water line, sewer backing up, any electrical issues and kicked-in exterior doors. All other non-emergency work orders can be taken care of the next business day.

Notes...

A baseball pitching clinic is from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, October 4, and on October 11 at the Little League base-

ball field.

A baseball hitting clinic is from 10 a.m. to noon on the Saturdays October 18 and 25 at the Little League baseball fields. For the clinics, please bring baseball or sports shoes, a baseball hat,

baseball glove, sweatshirt and jacket, and blue jeans (no shorts or cut-offs).

The coaches are and Daniel Lawrence of the Community Wellness Center; and Frank W. Smith, Community Health Educa-

~ Culture & Heritage Language Lesson ~

Ichishkiin ~ Warm Springs

Numu ~ Paiute

Kiksht ~ Wasq'u

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~ Student lessons for the classroom ~

Ichishkiin ~ Warm Springs

WARM SPRINGS SAHAPTIN LANGUAGE PROGRAM
LESSON PLAN

UNIT:	NAMES	BY:	Sahaptin Language Team
LEVEL:	Beginning	FOR	Kindergarten
LESSON:	Ball Roll	TIME:	15 minutes at a time

GOAL: The teacher and students will get to know each other's names.

OBJECTIVES: The student will be able to:
1. Ask and answer each other's names, for full control.
2. They will learn to play nicely, roll the ball gently, and not throw it, for partial control.

PROCEDURES:
1. Introduction:
The teacher will hold up a soft, fluffy ball, and tell the students what it is. He will have six students at a time sit in a circle on the floor or the carpet.

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~ Student lessons for the classroom ~

Kiksht ~ Wasq'u

WASCO COMMANDS FOR TPR PRACTICE #1 (corrected)
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mt̓wít	"stand up"	
młáit	"sit down"	
čax̌ čax̌ m̓xúx̌	"walk"	
p'ala m̓xúx̌	"stop"	
m̓xitgagwa	"turn this way"	
m̓xl̓gagwa	"turn that way"	
t̓luq̌ m̓xúx̌	"go back"	
t̓luq̌ m̓xát̓x̌	"come back"	
aqábudit	"door"	
icacumit wask̓n̓	"refrigerator"	
alkti aqábudit	"point to the door"	
alkti icacumit wask̓n̓	"point to the refrigerator"	
mtí aqábudityamt	"come to the door"	

~ Kiksht classroom lesson is on page 7 ~