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BIA REQUESTS \$928.7 MILLION FOR 1985

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has asked Congress to appropriate \$928.7 million for its 1985 fiscal year programs and projects. This is an increase of \$21 million over the 1984 appropriations.

The BIA will receive an additional \$100 million for reservation road construction, through the Department of Transportation, under provisions of the Highway Improvement Act of 1982.

The budget also proposes FY 1984 supplementals including \$17.0 million for the Ak-Chin Irrigation Project in Arizona and \$7.4 million for welfare grants (as a transfer from the construction account).

Kenneth L. Smith, Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, said that the budget request reflects a continued effort on the part of the Reagan Administration to support Indian self-determination and tribal self-government. Smith noted that the Administration's Indian policy statement issued in January, 1983 called for the strengthening of tribal governments and special efforts to develop reservation economies.

The 1985 budget requests increases for two tribal development initiatives started in 1983. A program to help small tribes acquire basic management skills needed to administer tribal and federal programs has been increased from \$3.5 million in 1984 to \$5 million in 1985.

A "seed-money" program to encourage new reservation enterprises, requiring 75 percent of the total funding to come from non-federal sources, will increase from \$5 million in 1984 to \$10 million in 1985.

The budget request also includes \$16.8 million for self-determination grants to tribes to help them expand their abilities to govern their own affairs on the reservations.

The importance of Indian education continues to be stressed with \$273.4 million requested for the operation of Indian schools, assistance to Indian

students in public schools, and adult and college-level programs. This total includes \$29.5 million for assistance to Indian college students; \$11.1 million for tribally controlled community colleges, and \$9.1 million for three federally-operated post-secondary schools.

The 1985 request also includes \$212.6 million requested for Indian services; \$67 million for economic development and employment programs; \$96.9 million for natural resources development; \$47.7 million for trust responsibilities; \$90.2 million for facilities management; \$67.4 million for general administration and \$73.3 million for construction projects.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
F.Y. 1985 BUDGET REQUEST (IN THOUSAND DOLLARS)

	FY 1984 Approp. to date	FY 1985 Budget Estimate
School Operations	176,933	180,683
Johnson O'Malley Education Assistance	26,000	26,185
Continuing Education	52,821	53,243
Education Contract Support	--	13,340
EDUCATION	<u>255,754</u>	<u>273,451</u>
Tribal Government Services	23,694	26,115
Social Services	99,609	105,752
Law Enforcement	34,944	36,409
Self-Determination Services	58,779	25,255
Navajo-Hopi Settlement Program.	3,951	3,830
Indian Services Contract Support	--	15,240
INDIAN SERVICES	<u>220,977</u>	<u>212,601</u>
Employment Development	26,341	25,787
Business Enterprise Development	10,521	16,220
Road Maintenance.	22,081	22,337
Econ. Develop./Employ. Contract Support	--	2,730
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.	<u>58,943</u>	<u>67,074</u>
Forestry and Agriculture.	76,282	76,552
Minerals, Mining, Irrigation and Power.	16,406	15,819
Natural Res. Dev. Contract Support	--	4,551
NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	<u>92,688</u>	<u>96,922</u>
Indian Rights Protection.	17,823	17,951
Real Estate and Financial Trust Services.	27,531	28,979
Trust Responsibilities Contract Support	--	813
TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES.	<u>45,354</u>	<u>47,743</u>
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	<u>91,113</u>	<u>90,196</u>
Management and Administration	46,274	54,568
Employee Compensation Payments.	6,829	6,998
Program Management	5,970	5,819
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.	<u>59,073</u>	<u>67,385</u>
OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS (Total)	<u>823,902</u>	<u>855,372</u>
Irrigation Systems.	5,700	11,981
1984 Supplemental (Ak Chin)	--	-0-
Building and Utilities.	50,220	40,540
Housing	23,000	20,803
CONSTRUCTION	<u>78,920</u>	<u>73,324</u>
ROAD CONSTRUCTION (Total)	<u>4,000 a/</u>	<u>-0- a/</u>
EASTERN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS.	<u>900</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL, FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>907,722</u>	<u>928,696</u>

a/ Does not include construction project funds in FY 1984 and FY 1985 and program management and supervision funds in FY 1985 which will be provided through contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund as part of the Federal Lands Highway Program of the Department of Transportation (1984 and 1985 = \$100.0 million).