



colleges will receive \$38.2 million in FY 2001, an 8.% increase over their FY2000 enacted level of \$35.3 million.

The BIA also received \$104.5 million for trust management, a 44% increase over its FY2000 enacted level of \$72.5 million. "These funds will allow the work on fixing the trust fund management system to continue," Gover said.

The BIA's law enforcement program was funded at \$152.9 million, an 8% increase over its FY2000 enacted level of \$141.1 million. These additional funds will be used to improve law enforcement and public safety in Indian Country , including strengthening core law enforcement functions such as uniformed police, communications, basic detention services and detention officers. "With funds we will continue to strengthen law enforcement capabilities in tribal communities throughout Indian Country .Our law-abiding citizens and men and women in uniform need to know that we are taking seriously their concerns about public safety .Our message is clear: Crime will not be tolerated in Indian Country," said Gover .

The BIA' s budgets were severely limited during the period that the Administration and Congress sought to balance the federal budget. Having reached that goal, the Congressional Budget Office is now projecting budget surpluses over the next several years. "We are grateful for the increase in the BIA budget for FY2001 and hope for continued support to fulfill the Nation's trust responsibility to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in the new century," said Gover.

More information on the FY2001 budget can be found on the BIA's website at [www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html](http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html) or by calling the Office of Public Affairs at 202-208-3710.

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