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The proposed budget for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for fiscal year 1983 requests appropriations of \$1.05 billion for the operation of Indian programs and construction projects.

The appropriation request for the operation of Indian programs exceeds 1982 funding by \$40 million.

Programs receiving increases include school operations, plus \$3.7 million; social services, plus \$8.3 million; self-determination services, \$7.6 million; business enterprise development, \$7.9 million, and natural resources development, \$9.5 million.

There is an increase of \$12.7 million for the construction of buildings and utilities and a decrease of \$3.6 million for road construction.

The budget also calls for a general overhead cost reduction of \$16 million. Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith said that consolidating area offices would be one of the administrative actions taken to cut overhead costs. Smith said that the development of communications and the widespread use of computers "greatly reduced the need for regional offices geographically close to the groups they serve."

The 1983 budget plan also calls for the closing of elementary boarding schools at Concho, Oklahoma and Wahpeton, North Dakota and the post-secondary vocational training school, Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Bureau will also be transferring village day schools in Alaska to the state system.

Funds requested for new initiatives include \$5 million to help small tribes acquire and maintain basic management capabilities and \$10 million for tribes starting economic development ventures. The funds would assist the tribes with "seed money" aimed at encouraging private sector investment and sound business principles in the tribal programs. Indian Education: \$256.7 million is requested for BIA Indian education programs.

This consists of \$179.8 million for school operations; \$26 million for Johnson-O'Malley programs; \$30.1 million for college student assistance grants; \$4 million for adult education; \$10.4 million for tribally controlled community colleges and \$6.4 million for the operation of the Haskell Indian Junior College at Lawrence, Kansas and the institute of American Indian Arts at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The budget request also includes \$51.1 million for the proposed transfer of the Title IV program from the Department of Education. Funds in the amount of \$838,000 were also requested to supervise the spend out of prior year obligated balances for a Department of Education Indian school construction program.

Indian Services: The \$98.7 million requested for social services includes \$7.7 million for carrying out provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The \$56.9 million for self-determination services provides \$30.3 million to cover tribal overhead costs associated with P. L. 93-638 contracts and \$19.4 million for grants to tribal governments. Construction: The \$60.1 million requested for construction of buildings and utilities include \$15 million for first phase construction of Hopi High School in Arizona and \$45.1

million for facilities improvements and repairs. The \$45.9 million for irrigation construction includes \$29.8 million for the legislatively mandated Ak Chin, Arizona project (to be made available upon enactment of authorizing legislation.) There is also \$1 million for a Fallon, Nevada project and \$2.6 million for the Grass Rope Project in South Dakota. A line item breakdown of the budget request, with the 1982 funding figures follows:

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS F.Y. 1983 BUDGET REQUEST (IN THOUSAND DOLLARS)

	FY 1982*	FY 1983
School Operations	176,106	179,841
Johnson O'Malley Education Assistance	25,954	25,954
Continuing Education	52,446	50,877
EDUCATION	254,506	256,672
Tribal Government Services	23,789	26,339
Social Services	90,351	98,664
Law Enforcement	32,515	36,041
Housing	29,810	23,289
Self Determination Services	49,222	56,882
Navajo-Hopi Settlement Program	4,178	3,899
INDIAN SERVICES	229,865	245,114
Employment Development	27,120	28,410
Business Enterprise Development	8,136	16,046
Road Maintenance	17,628	22,117
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS	52,884	66,573
Forestry and Agriculture	71,165	70,989
Minerals, Mining, Irrigation and Power	13,578	16,214
NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	84,743	87,203
Indian Rights Protection	18,516	18,248
Real Estate and Financial Trust Services	27,350	28,951
TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES	45,866	47,205
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	83,380	93,381
Management and Administration	49,465	56,698
Employee Compensation Payments	4161	4,582
Program Management	4350	8,691
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	57976	69,102
GENERAL COST REDUCTION (Overhead)	0	-16,000
OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS (Total)	809,220	849,250
INDIAN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE (Total)	71,595	51,119
Irrigation Systems	46,192	45,900
Building and Utilities	47,436	60,100
Land Acquisition	0	0
CONSTRUCTION (Total)	93,628	106,000
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ROAD CONSTRUCTION (Total)	47160	43,585
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING	1,030,605	1,050,792

*1982 figures include actual appropriations and pending supplemental request.

**Programs included in the Department of Education in FY 1982, including rescission proposed in FY 1982.

***Includes Ak Chin Irrigation Project proposed for later transmittal.
