



**NCAI Update on FY 2018 Interior Appropriations  
July 19, 2017**

The House Appropriations Committee approved its fiscal year (FY) 2018 Interior Appropriations bill on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 on a vote of 30-21. The Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Education are funded at a total of \$2.9 billion, which is an increase of \$11 million above the FY 2017 enacted level. Increases would be for schools, law enforcement, road maintenance, economic development, realty, and water settlements. Overall, the House bill provides an increase of \$96.9 million over the FY 2017 enacted amount for total budget authority for IHS, about a 2% increase. The bill provides \$397.6 million more for IHS than requested in the FY 2018 Administration’s budget.

**Department of the Interior**

For the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Bureau of Indian Education, the House bill would provide an increase of \$10.9 million above the FY2017 enacted level for a total of \$2.87 billion in FY 2018. The total amount the bill would provide is \$382.7 million more than requested in the President’s budget.

The Committee Report includes instructions to restore most of the cuts proposed for tribal programs that were put forward in the Administration’s FY 2018 budget request. For instance, the House Interior bill restores all of the cuts that were proposed for the Tiwahe initiative. Cuts were restored for social services, housing improvement, ICWA. Similarly, many natural resource programs that were proposed to be cut in the President’s budget were restored, such as Rights Protection Implementation, Tribal Climate Resilience, Forestry, Water Resources, and Fish-Wildlife-Parks. In Trust Real Estate services, all proposed cuts are restored except for central oversight. Same with Public Safety and Justice, all cuts were restored, including law enforcement and Tribal Courts.

Overall, the House bill increases Operation of Indian Programs by about 1% (\$21.5 million) above the FY 2017 enacted levels and 13.4% (\$278.4 million) above what the President proposed. The House bill also provides \$10.2 million more than enacted in FY 2017 for construction, about a 5% increase, and provides \$58.9 million more than the President’s budget (41.1% more).

The full Appropriations Committee adopted four amendments, including one by Rep. Calvert, a Manager’s amendment that makes technical and noncontroversial changes to the bill and report. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote and provided a \$1.3 million increase to BIA law enforcement for detention/corrections (+\$900,000) and for facilities operations and maintenance (+\$400,000).

NCAI encourages tribes to thank House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee members for their hard work to protect the federal trust responsibility given the tough budget times.

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request	% Δ FY17	% Δ PB
Aid To Tribal Government	27,118	25,127	28,698	1,580	3,571	5.8%	14.2%
CTGP	75,429	72,224	74,558	-871	2,334	-1.2%	3.2%
Self-Governance Compacts	162,346	156,634	165,069	2,723	8,435	1.7%	5.4%
New Tribes	160	160	160	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Small and Needy Tribes	4,448	0	4,448	0	4,448	0.0%	
Road Maintenance	30,307	28,148	31,653	1,346	3,505	4.4%	12.5%
Tribal Govt Program Oversight	8,377	8,014	8,014	-363	0	-4.3%	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Tribal Government</b>	<b>308,185</b>	<b>290,307</b>	<b>312,600</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>22,293</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>

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<b>Human Services</b>							
Social Services	52,343	34,987	52,832	489	17,845	0.9%	51.0%
Welfare Assistance	74,773	70,794	74,650	-123	3,856	-0.2%	5.4%
Indian Child Welfare Act	18,946	14,918	19,080	134	4,162	0.7%	27.9%
Housing Program	9,708	0	9,708	0	9,708	0.0%	
Human Services Tribal Design	254	243	263	9	20	3.5%	8.2%
Human Services Program Oversight	3,137	3,007	3,007	-130	0	-4.1%	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Human Services</b>	159,161	123,949	159,540	379	35,591	0.2%	28.7%
<b>Trust - Natural Resources Management</b>							
Natural Resources	4,953	4,829	4,829	-124	0	-2.5%	0.0%
Irrigation Ops and Maintenance	12,905	14,009	14,009	1,104	0	8.6%	0.0%
Rights Protection Implementation	39,661	28,625	40,161	500	11,536	1.3%	40.3%
Tribal Mgmt/Dev Program	11,266	9,276	9,276	-1,990	0	-17.7%	0.0%
Endangered Species	2,685	1,302	1,302	-1,383	0	-51.5%	0.0%
Tribal Climate Resilience	9,956	0	9,956	0	9,956	0.0%	
Integrated Resource Info Program	2,996	2,815	2,815	-181	0	-6.0%	0.0%
Agriculture and Range	30,769	28,822	31,096	327	2,274	1.1%	7.9%
Forestry	54,155	49,013	55,232	1,077	6,219	2.0%	12.7%
Water Resources	10,450	8,534	10,581	131	2,047	1.3%	24.0%
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	15,203	12,414	15,260	57	2,846	0.4%	22.9%
Resource Mgmt Program Oversight	5,993	5,823	5,823	-170	0	-2.8%	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Trust - NR Management</b>	200,992	165,462	200,340	-652	34,878	-0.3%	21.1%
<b>Trust - Real Estate Services</b>	123,092	112,046	126,708	3,616	14,662	2.9%	13.1%
<b>Bureau of Indian Education</b>							
Elem/Sec Pgms (forward funded)	575,155	520,044	578,374	3,219	58,330	0.6%	11.2%
(Tribal Grant Support Costs)	(80,165)	(74,371)	(80,168)	(+3)	(+5,797)		
Post Secondary Pgms (fw funded)	77,207	72,689	84,196	6,989	11,507	9.1%	15.8%
<b>Subtotal, fw funded education</b>	652,362	592,733	662,570	10,208	69,837	1.6%	11.8%
Elementary/Secondary Programs	140,540	123,871	141,438	898	17,567	0.6%	14.2%
Post Secondary Programs	63,561	45,721	62,650	-911	16,929	-1.4%	37.0%
Education Management	35,050	24,047	35,254	204	11,207	0.6%	46.6%
<b>Subtotal, BIE</b>	891,513	786,372	901,912	10,399	115,540	1.2%	14.7%
<b>Public Safety and Justice</b>							
Law Enforcement	353,556	325,965	359,516	5,960	33,551	1.7%	10.3%
Tribal Courts	30,753	21,984	30,618	-135	8,634	-0.4%	39.3%
Fire Protection	1,426	1,365	1,583	157	218	11.0%	16.0%
<b>Subtotal, Public Safety and Justice</b>	385,735	349,314	391,717	5,982	42,403	1.6%	12.1%
<b>Community and Econ Dev</b>	41,844	39,464	45,447	3,603	5,983	8.6%	15.2%
<b>Executive Dir and Admin Services</b>	228,824	215,592	223,947	-4,877	8,355	-2.1%	3.9%
(Amounts available until expended)	(49,122)	(35,434)	(50,991)	(+1869)	(+15,557)		
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION OIP</b>	2,339,346	2,082,506	2,362,211	22,865	279,705	1.0%	13.4%
Contract Support	273,000	236,600	236,600	-36,400	0	-13.3%	0.0%
Indian Self-Determination Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION, CSC</b>	278,000	241,600	241,600	-36,400	0	-13.1%	0.0%
<b>Construction</b>							
Education Construction	133,257	80,187	138,245	4,988	58,058	3.7%	72.4%
Public Safety Justice Construction	11,306	10,416	11,309	3	893	0.0%	8.6%
Resources Mgmt Construction	36,513	40,696	40,696	4,183	0	11.5%	0.0%
Other Program Construction	10,941	11,963	11,963	1,022	0	9.3%	0.0%
<b>TOTAL, Construction</b>	192,017	143,262	202,213	10,196	58,951	5.3%	41.1%
<b>Indian Water Claim Settlement</b>	45,045	13,999	55,457	10,412	41,458	23.1%	296%

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<b>Indian Loan Guarantee</b>	8,757	6,692	9,272	515	2,580	5.9%	38.6%
<b>Rescission</b>	-3,400			3,400			
<b>Total, BIA/BIE</b>	2,859,765	2,488,059	2,870,753	10,988	382,694	0.4%	15.4%

PB: President's Budget; % Δ is calculated as the difference between the bill and the previous amount divided by the previous amount, e.g. "Bill vs. Enacted" amount divided by "FY 2017 Enacted" amount times 100 equals "% Δ FY17" percentage.

### Indian Health Service

For the Indian Health Service, the House version of the Interior Appropriations FY 2018 bill restores all the cuts proposed in the Administration's FY 2018 budget. The Committee Report notes that IHS is expected to continue all programs at FY 2017 enacted levels except for some changes, which are summarized in the Committee's report and table. Overall, the House bill provides an increase of \$397.5 million over the FY 2017 enacted amount for total budget authority for IHS, about a 2% increase. The bill provides \$397.6 million more than requested in the FY 2018 Administration's budget.

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request	% Δ from FY17	% Δ from PB
Hospitals & Health Clinics	1,935,17	1,870,40	1,966,714	31,536	96,309	1.6%	5.1%
Dental Services	182,597	179,751	185,920	3,323	6,169	1.8%	3.4%
Mental Health	94,080	82,654	95,450	1,370	12,796	1.5%	15.5%
Alcohol & Substance Abuse	218,353	205,593	220,280	1,927	14,687	0.9%	7.1%
Purchased/Referred Care	928,830	914,139	928,830	0	14,691	0.0%	1.6%
IHCIF			130,000	130,000	130,000		
<b>Subtotal, Clinical Services</b>	<b>3,359,03</b>	<b>3,252,54</b>	<b>3,527,194</b>	<b>168,156</b>	<b>274,652</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Public Health Nursing	78,701	77,498	80,372	1,671	2,874	2.1%	3.7%
Health Education	18,663	18,313	18,896	233	583	1.2%	3.2%
Community Health Representatives	60,325	58,906	60,825	500	1,919	0.8%	3.3%
Immunization AK	2,041	1,950	2,058	17	108	0.8%	5.5%
<b>Subtotal, Preventive Health</b>	<b>159,730</b>	<b>156,667</b>	<b>162,151</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>5,484</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Urban Health	47,678	44,741	47,943	265	3,202	0.6%	7.2%
Indian Health Professions	49,345	43,342	49,363	18	6,021	0.0%	13.9%
Tribal Management Grants	2,465	0	2,465	0	2,465	0.0%	
Direct Operations	70,420	72,338	72,338	1,918	0	2.7%	0.0%
Self-Governance	5,786	4,735	5,806	20	1,071	0.3%	22.6%
Subtotal, Other Services	175,694	165,156	177,915	2,221	12,759	1.3%	7.7%
<b>TOTAL, SERVICES</b>	<b>3,694,46</b>	<b>3,574,36</b>	<b>3,867,260</b>	<b>172,798</b>	<b>292,895</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
<b>TOTAL, CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>717,970</b>	<b>717,970</b>	<b>-82,030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>FACILITIES</b>							
Maintenance & Improvement	75,745	60,000	77,502	1,757	17,502	2.3%	29.2%
Sanitation Facilities Construction	101,772	75,423	101,772	0	26,349	0.0%	34.9%
Health Care Facilities Construction	117,991	100,000	117,991	0	17,991	0.0%	18.0%
Facilities & Environ Health Support	226,950	192,022	231,412	4,462	39,390	2.0%	20.5%
Equipment	22,966	19,511	22,966	0	3,455	0.0%	17.7%
<b>TOTAL, FACILITIES</b>	<b>545,424</b>	<b>446,956</b>	<b>551,643</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>104,687</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL, BUDGET AUTHORITY</b>	<b>5,039,88</b>	<b>4,739,29</b>	<b>5,136,873</b>	<b>96,987</b>	<b>397,582</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

Links to Relevant Documents:

[07.18.17 FY2018 Interior Appropriations Bill - Full Committee Draft](#)

[07.18.17 FY2018 Interior Appropriations Bill - Full Committee Report](#)

Note: the links do not include changes from the Manager's amendment.