

## Special Programs and Projects to Improve Educational Opportunities for Indian Children

### COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Funds support the following programs:

**Improvement of Educational Opportunities for Indian Children and Youth**

**Professional Development**



**eligible applicants**

SEAs, LEAs, Indian Tribes and organizations, federally supported elementary or secondary schools for Indian students, and Indian institutions (including Indian institutions of higher education), or a consortium of such institutions

institutions of higher education (IHEs); or SEAs, LEAs, Indian Tribes and organizations, and BIE-funded schools, in consortium with IHEs



**use of funds**

The statute authorizes demonstration grants in such areas as—

- ❖ innovative educational programs,
- ❖ remedial instruction,
- ❖ bilingual and bicultural programs,
- ❖ health and nutrition services,
- ❖ programs to increase high school graduation rates for Indian children and youth,
- ❖ guidance and counseling,
- ❖ early childhood and kindergarten programs,
- ❖ partnership projects between LEAs and institutions of higher education,
- ❖ partnership projects between schools and local businesses,
- ❖ secondary-to-postsecondary education transition programs,
- ❖ school-to-work programs, and
- ❖ family literacy services

to increase the number of Indian individuals qualified in teaching, school administration, and other education professions, and to improve the skills of those individuals. Individuals receiving training under this program are required to secure employment in a field related to their education and benefiting Indians, or to pay back the amount of the assistance. Awards focus on pre-service teacher and pre-service administrator training.



**duration of grant awards**

**4 years**

**5 years**



**current funding**

**\$68 million**  
FY 2018

**purpose:** *to improve the quality of education for Indian students and to prepare and train Indians to serve as teachers and school administrators.*



**overview of funded projects:** from 2009 to 2015, the U.S. Department of Education funded demonstration grant projects in the areas of early childhood and secondary-to-postsecondary-education transition. In 2015, the Department transitioned to using funding for Native Youth Community Projects to support community-driven strategies to improve the college- and career-readiness of Native youth.

