

All Pueblo Council of Governors

Presentation to the New Mexico Legislature
Federal Funding Stabilization Subcommittee

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All Pueblo Council of Governors

The All Pueblo Council of Governors is comprised of the 20 member Pueblo Indian tribes of New Mexico and Texas with the origin of the Council dating back to 1598 - The Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Ysleta del Sur, Zia and Zuni.



Education

Bureau of Indian Education

- The proposed FY2026 budget by the Trump administration's cuts to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)'s post-secondary programs:
- funding cuts at nearly 90%
- prior year's funding of \$196 million reduced to approximately \$22 million
- Executive Order 14191 - "Expanding Education Freedom and Opportunity for Families" Transformation of BIE schools to a voucher program
- Great American Outdoors Act funding expires FY2025
 - eliminating ~\$95M annually for BIE school maintenance.

Head Start Programs

- White House's budget request for FY2026 proposed eliminating Head Start funding entirely.
- For fiscal year (FY) 2026, the Senate Appropriations Committee proposed increasing Head Start and Early Head Start funding to \$12.36 billion, an \$85 million increase over FY2025.



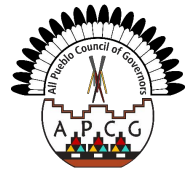
Higher Education Institutions

Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA)

- \$13.482 million in federal funds at risk

Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute

- Approximately \$11 million at risk



Health

Medicaid - \$911 Billion reduction over 10 years

IHS - Indian Health Services: \$900 Million reduction for FY26 (President's Budget)

Food & Nutrition

- SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 - Native Americans are exempt from the work requirements.
 - \$187 Billion over the next 10 Years
 - FDPIR - Increased participation



Additional Challenges

Energy Development

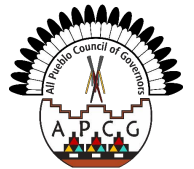
- **Oil and Gas Leasing Reforms**

Proposed Rules implementing “Big Beautiful Bill” Leasing reforms.
Key Tribal Impacts from the BLM Rules

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Funding

Tribes had to fight for the release of THPO funding in the current fiscal year. Future availability of funding in the future is tenuous.

Law Enforcement - Unknown



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