

Indian Resource Development Program  
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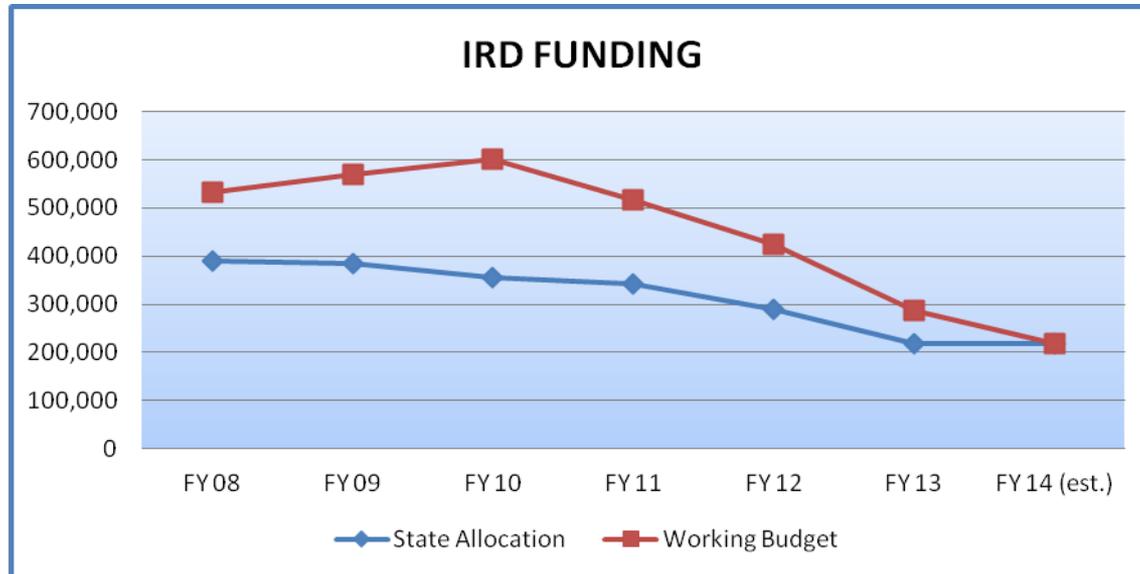
## Description

**Enacting Legislation:** NMSA Chapter 21, Article 10 [21-10-1 to 21-10-3 NMSA 1978]: Development of Indian Resources

**IRD Mission Statement:** The IRD program pursues, develops, coordinates, and initiates opportunities and experiences that assist tribal students in becoming professional agriculturalists, business people, engineers, resource managers, and scientists prepared to contribute to the effective development and management of tribal resources in their own culturally appropriate manner.

**Program Intent:** To create an institutional environment for American Indian student success and secure access to career development experiences and opportunities that are critical to the successful completion of academic programs. With degrees in hand, students gain the ability to assume appropriate leadership roles as determined by their tribal communities.

# Indian Resource Development Program Funding Trend



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## Funding Justification

- Legislative mandate to financially assist programs at NMSU, UNM, NM Tech.
- Legislation developed before the Equity in Education Land Grant Status Act of 1994 (tribal colleges).
- Loss of administrative position.
- Loss of highly successful DreamMakers summer youth program and DreamKeepers longitudinal study.
- Current funding levels at 56% of five-year average with working budget at 46% of five-year average.
- Community-based program requires consistent engagement.

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Questions?