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TO: Presidents, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions

FROM: Colien Hefferan
Administrator 

SUBJECT: Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Attached is a copy of the CSREES-OD-1088(H), Distribution of the Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds for FY 2003, which is provided to your office pursuant to the provisions of Public Law No. 103-382, Improving America's Schools Act of 1994. Specifically, the Act states that "On termination of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall withdraw the amount of income from the endowment fund, distribute the adjusted income...on a pro rata basis." The specified pro rata basis allows for 60 percent based on the Indian student count for each institution with the remaining 40 percent distributed in equal shares to the institutions. The amount of endowment interest earned during FY 2002 for distribution to the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions is \$1,700,723. Your next authorization letter under the Department of Health and Human Services' Payment Management System will include your share of these funds.

The legislation designates that the interest from the endowment fund benefit the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions by supporting teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences in the targeted areas of (1) curricula design and instructional materials development, (2) faculty development and preparation for teaching, (3) instruction delivery systems, (4) student experiential learning, (5) equipment and instrumentation for teaching, and (6) student recruitment and retention.

Endowment funds released on or after October 1, 2001, also may be used for facility renovation, repair, construction, and maintenance to support teaching programs in the food and agriculture sciences in addition to the above 6 areas. For clarification, please note that the endowment funds that are listed in this announcement and any succeeding announcements may be used for new construction. However, any endowments funds released prior to October 1, 2001, may not be used for new construction.

Institutions that choose to use their Endowment Funds for new constructions should submit their plans to Dr. George L. Godfrey (CSREES/Multicultural Alliances, STOP 2251, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-2251) for approval. Institutions that list plans for new construction in their Planning Document will be sent specific guidelines.

As part of its oversight and accountability responsibilities, CSREES requires the following:

1. Planning Document on how endowment funds will be used. (Institutions are encouraged to engage in long-range planning and the sharing of ideas within the Tribal College Community.)
2. Annual Technical/Progress Report.
3. Annual Financial Status Report.

See attached guidelines to assist you in submitting each of the above requirements.

Failure to submit the plan of work and the required reports may result in your funds being withheld.

Questions regarding required documentation and funding should be addressed accordingly:

Planning Document and Annual Progress Report:

Dr. George Godfrey, Multicultural Alliances, at 202-720-1973 or ggodfrey@csrees.usda.gov

Payments and Financial Status Report:

Sharon Vessels, Funds Management Branch, at 202-401-4527 or svessels@csrees.usda.gov

Attachments

CSREES-OD-1088(H)
Planning & Reporting Requirements

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FISCAL YEAR 2003 - Distribution of the Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bay Mills Community College, MI	\$ 39,252
Blackfeet Community College, MT	58,264
Candska Cikana (Little Hoop) Community College, ND	35,208
Chief Dull Knife College, MT	35,964
College of Menominee Nation, WI	39,496
Crownpoint Institute of Technology, NM	42,979
Dine' College, AZ	146,328
D-Q University, CA	27,643
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, MN	35,849
Fort Belknap College, MT	36,746
Fort Berthold Community College, ND	42,043
Fort Peck Community College, MT	48,917
Haskell Indian Nations University, KS	119,536
Institute of American Indian Arts, NM	34,381
Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwa Community College, WI	50,896
Leech Lake Tribal College, MN	39,809
Little Big Horn College, MT	45,238
Little Preist Tribal College, NE	27,392
Nebraska Indian College, WA	34,749
Northwest Indian College, WA	73,833
Oglala Lakota College, SD	104,100
Salish Kootenai College, MT	92,236
Si Tanka College, SD	41,605
Sinte Gleska University, SD	79,916
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College, SD	35,857
Sitting Bull College, ND	42,494
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, NM	99,202
Stone Child College, MT	43,349
Turtle Mountain Community College, ND	73,034
United Tribes Technical College, ND	50,696
White Earth Tribal & Community College	23,711
Total Payments to Institutions	1,700,723
Federal Administration	70,863
Grand Total	\$ 1,771,586