

National activities help the U.S. Department of Education to:



ESSA established two new authorities within National Activities:

1. The first formally authorizes a program for Tribal educational agencies (TEAs) to build their capacity in administering education programs and promote increased collaboration with SEAs.

2. The second new authority establishes a Native language immersion grant program to support projects that develop and maintain, or improve and expand, school-based programs using Native languages as the primary languages of instruction.

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM



eligible applicants:

The Secretary may carry out National Activities directly or through grants to, or contracts or cooperative agreements with, Indian tribes, Indian organizations, SEAs, LEAs, institutions of higher education (IHEs), including Indian IHEs, and other public and private agencies and institutions.



use of research funds:

to augment broader research and statistical activities to ensure that they include significant coverage of the Indian population and provide data that can be used to track the educational progress of Indians over time and to compare the status of Indians with that of other groups. The research program also responds to Executive Order 13592, on American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities, which requires the Secretary of Education to study and collect information on the education of American Indian and Alaska Native students.



current funding

\$6.9 million
FY 2018

purpose: to support three types of activities: (1) research, evaluation, and data collection to provide information on the educational status of the Indian population and on the effectiveness of Indian Education programs; (2) grants to support native language immersion schools and programs; and (3) grants to Tribes for administrative planning, development, and coordination related to education systems.

