

Spellings announces \$12 million in grants for tribally controlled schools

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Nine tribally controlled colleges and universities will receive federal grants worth nearly \$12 million. U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced that the grant, provided under Title III of the Higher Education Act, will allow colleges and universities to develop activities to improve and expand their services for students with Native American heritages.

Spellings said, "Tribal colleges and universities provide thousands of students [with] the education foundation they need to be successful in the workforce and in life. They also perform a valuable service by helping to preserve the languages and rich cultural traditions of American Indians."

Schools in Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wisconsin were chosen for the grant awards totaling \$11,982,128. The funds will help strengthen the schools' abilities to assist American Indian students.

The following is a breakdown of the grant awards for American Indian tribally controlled colleges and universities for the 2007 fiscal year:

- Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, MT-\$1,199,531
- Chief Dull Knife College in Lame Deer, MT-\$450,000
- Navajo Technical College in Crownpoint, NM-\$475,000
- Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM-\$1,499,893
- Turtle Mountain Community College in Belcourt, ND-\$2,125,000
- United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND-\$1,952,951
- Fort Berthold Community College in New Town, ND-\$1,639,753
- Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, SD-\$1,650,000
- Keshena College of Menominee Nation in Keshena, WI-\$990,000

On the Net:

US Chapter 27-Tribally Controlled School Grants
law.justia.com/us/codes/title25/chapter27_.html

Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988
www.oiep.bia.edu/NCBLNR/NCLBNGSECTIONS/SEC_1043.pdf