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New Mexico Request for Applications for House Bill 2: Early Childhood General Appropriation Act of 2020 is Now Open

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, in collaboration with the Public Education Department and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department have announced that the Request for Applications (RFA) for House Bill 2: Early Childhood General Appropriation Act of 2020 is now open. The state is investing in tribal education departments with a grant of \$45,450.00 to support the development of early childhood cultural and linguistic relevant curriculum, to design cultural and linguistic relevant assessment tools, and culturally appropriate teacher and program evaluation instruments.

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department is leading this cross-agency partnership to address the urgent needs of our tribal students across the state.

“These funds are designed to uplift our tribal education departments, while at the same time honoring New Mexico’s commitment to provide culturally relevant education to our native students,” said IAD Secretary, Lynn Trujillo. “I highly encourage our tribal education departments to apply for these non-competitive grants before the deadline.”

Current and continued funding for this project is dependent upon legislative appropriations and program performance. Any unexpended funds remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2021 shall revert to the New Mexico Public Education Department. The RFA is now open until October 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

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