

# State-Tribal Finance Engagement

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*Presentation for Tribal  
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# FY26 Funding Released from the Indian Education Division

Award Title	Award Description Identifying how the Funds can be Spent	Awardees	Total (Sum) Released Across All Awardees	Deadline to Spend
<b>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Treasury</b>	Tribal library and Education Center Capital Outlay	Laguna, Ohkay Owingeh, Nambe, Santo Domingo	\$1,421,646.01	December 30, 2026
<b>House Bill 505</b>	Tribal library and Education Center Capital Outlay	Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Mescalero, Nambe, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Ildefonso, San Felipe, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos	\$17,873,626.69	June 30, 2027
<b>27901 Allocation-Based Awards to Tribes</b>	Indian Education Fund; must be spent aligned to the Indian Education Act	Allocation available to all 22 Tribes; 21 fully executed Inter-governmental Agreements	\$23,400,000.00	Non-reverting; Year-end Expenditure Reviews due July 30, 2026
<b>Reauthorized Special Appropriation</b>	Indian Education Fund; must be spent aligned to the Indian Education Act	Navajo Nation, Zuni	\$4,807,737.59	June 30, 2026
<b>Reauthorized \$2M Appropriation</b>	Tribal library and Education Center Capital Outlay	Acoma	\$2,000,000.00	June 30, 2026

# Award Reimbursement/Upfront Status and Requirements

Award Title	Awardees	Reimbursement Based or Upfront Funding	Required Documentation to be Submitted to PED
<b>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Treasury</b>	Laguna, Ohkay Owingeh, Nambe, Santo Domingo	Reimbursement Based	Request for Reimbursement (RfR) via the Operating Budget Management System (OBMS)
<b>House Bill 505</b>	Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Mescalero, Nambe, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Ildefonso, San Felipe, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos	Reimbursement Based	RfR via OBMS
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<b>Reauthorized \$2M Appropriation</b>	Acoma	Reimbursement Based	RfR via OBMS

# Required Documentation to be Submitted via the Operating Budget Management System (OBMS)



All individuals submitting reimbursements must have login credentials. Contact [Faith.Armijo@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Faith.Armijo@ped.nm.gov) to be added to OBMS.

The following documents must be submitted via OBMS for reimbursement:

- 1. Indian Education Division Invoice Form**
- 2. Purchase Order**
- 3. Supporting Documentation (i.e., general ledgers, detailed expenditure listing, invoices for purchases, sign-in sheets and flyers for events, etc.)**

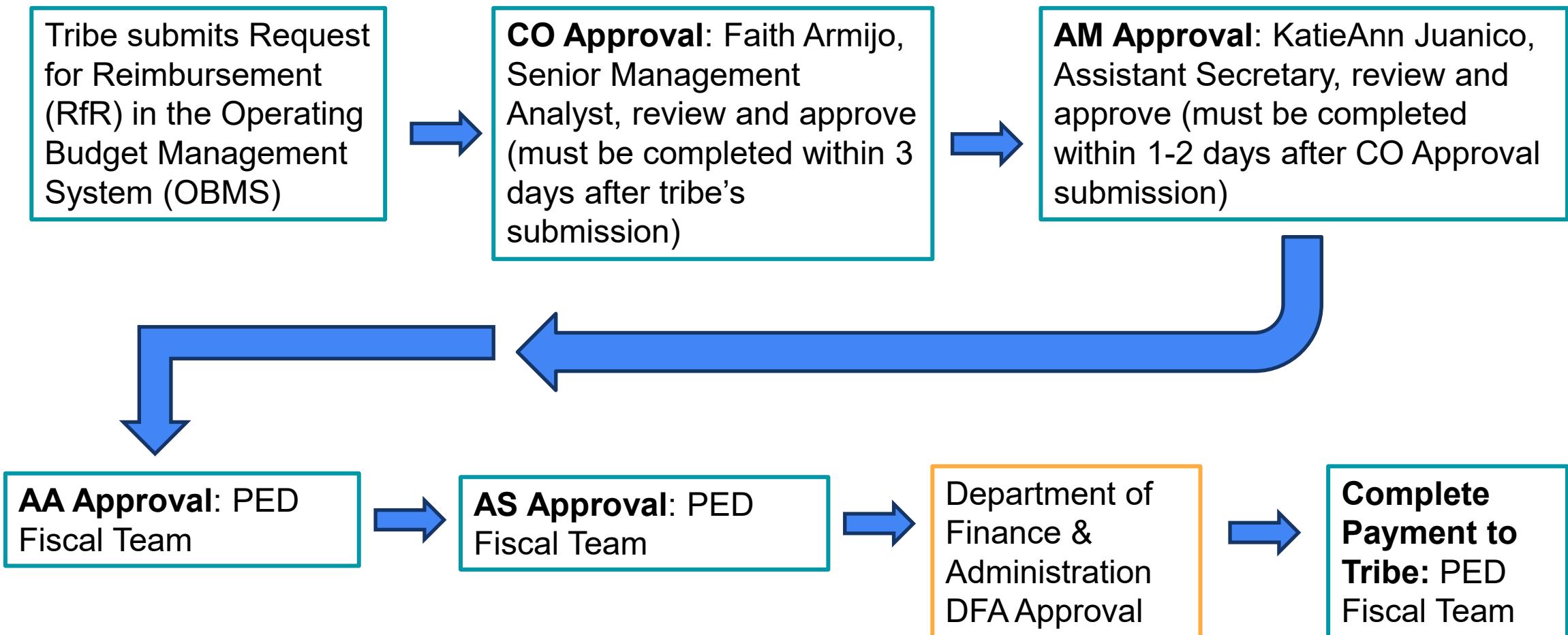
# Available Guidance for the Reimbursement Process

Guidance for Submitting Requests for Reimbursement can be found on the Indian Education page of the New Mexico Public Education Department Website [Indian Education | New Mexico Public Education Department \(NMPED\)](#) → **Grantee Resources**.

For 1:1 coaching and support, please contact Faith Armijo, Senior Management Analyst, for the Indian Education Division (IED) at [Faith.Armijo@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Faith.Armijo@ped.nm.gov) or 505-670-9622. If you cannot reach Faith, contact your designated IED team member [Indian Education | New Mexico Public Education Department \(NMPED\)](#) → **Resources for Pueblos, Tribes, & Nations**.

# Reimbursement: Step-by-step Process for Payment

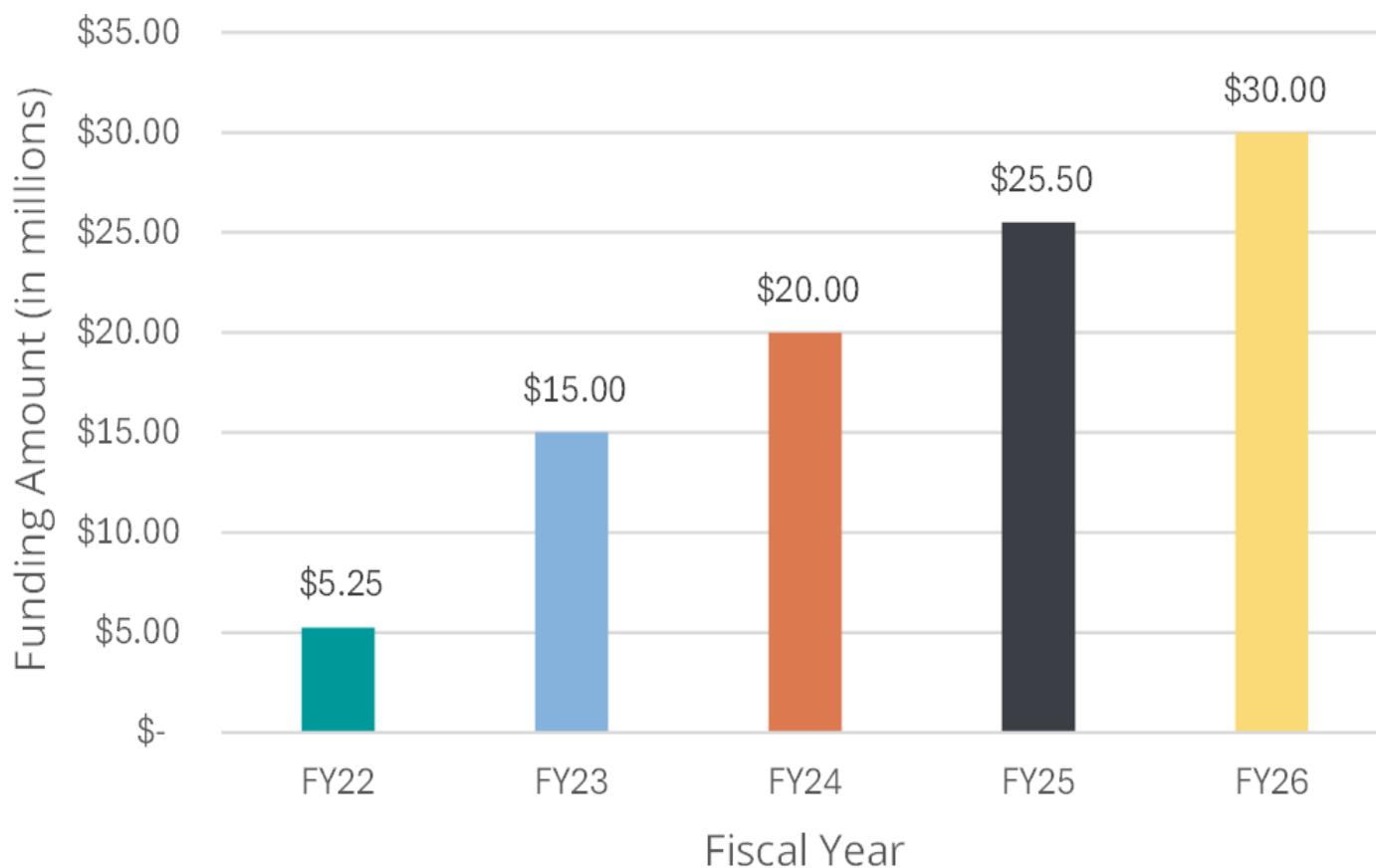
## PED Account Payable Target: 30 days



# Monitoring the Progress in the Operating Budget Management System

Event	Date	User	Comment	
Complete Payable Request	2025/11/21 10:18 AM	Berenice Chavez	(no comment)	Tribal Partners can monitor process in the OBMS. There is no limit to the number of individuals who can have access to OBMS from each tribe.
AS Approve	2025/11/19 01:32 PM	Jessica Stansen	(no comment)	
AA Approve	2025/11/18 10:18 AM	Berenice Chavez	(no comment)	
AM Approve	2025/11/17 09:04 AM	KatieAnn Juanico	(no comment)	
CO Approve	2025/11/13 08:16 AM	Faith Armijo	(no comment)	
Submit to CO	2025/11/13 08:16 AM	Faith Armijo	(no comment)	
Create Payable Request	2025/11/12 01:49 PM	Faith Armijo	(no comment)	

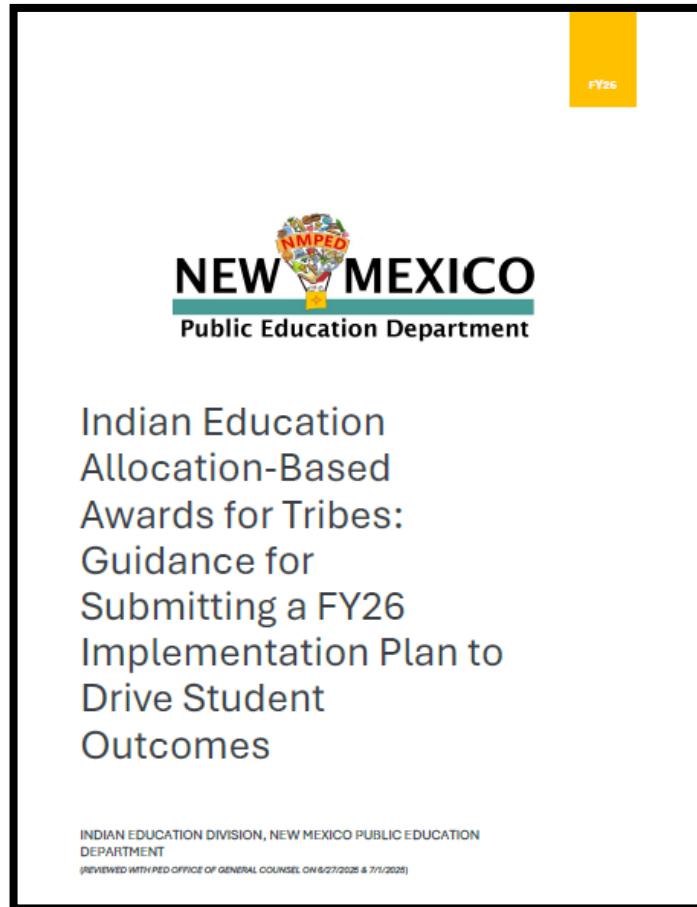
# Indian Education Funding Over the Years



Indian Education in New Mexico is now funded at an unprecedented \$30 million—the highest level in the state's history, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to Native students.

A substantial \$23.4 million is allocated directly to New Mexico's Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations to advance Native American student outcomes.

# Indian Education Funding for Programming



**NEW MEXICO**  
Public Education Department

Indian Education  
Allocation-Based  
Awards for Tribes:  
Guidance for  
Submitting a FY26  
Implementation Plan to  
Drive Student  
Outcomes

FY26

INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION, NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT  
(REVIEWED WITH PED OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL ON 6/27/2025 & 7/1/2025)

Allocation-based awards through the Indian Education Division (IED) must be used in alignment with the Indian Education Act.

**The majority of funds should be dedicated to planning, developing, implementing, and sustaining programs that directly support Native American students residing in tribal communities, as well as those living in urban areas.**

Allowable costs include services, activities, and programs for students 3-years and older.

Link to Guidance:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FAWZIUk9kY2X\\_B6K-vRk3JARXKPr451h/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FAWZIUk9kY2X_B6K-vRk3JARXKPr451h/view?usp=sharing)

# New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 6.35.2

## Implementing the Indian Education Act

### NOTICE OF ADOPTED RULE

The [Public Education Department](#) gives notice it adopted the following rule on Thursday, June 12, 2025, to be published in the New Mexico Register on June 24, 2025:

- [Amendment](#) to rule 6.35.2 NMAC, Implementing the Indian Education Act (Effective June 24, 2025)

#### Amendments Relevant to Tribes

**ONLY specific to 27901 Allocation-Based Awards to Tribes:**

- Upfront Funding of Full Award; No reimbursement process
- No application required
- No reversions

# 27901 Allocation-Based Awards to Tribes: Required Submission

Required Document	Who is responsible to Submit?	When/Where/How to Submit
<b>Intergovernmental Agreement</b> <i>(released June 2025)</i>	Tribal Leader and PED	Correspondence occurs via email between tribe and the Assistant Secretary for Indian Education
<b>Implementation Plan</b> <i>(Due 30 days after tribe receives fully executed IGA from PED)</i>	Tribe Submits; PED Reviews and Provides Guidance	Correspondence occurs via email between tribe and the designated team member
<b>Quarterly Face-to-face Check-in Form</b> <i>(Occur quarterly scheduled collaboratively by PED with tribe)</i>	Tribal Leader, tribal finance staff, tribal staff who submit the implementation plan	Check-ins occur via Teams or Zoom; quarterly check-in form is completed by PED and sent via email for tribal leader signature
<b>Quarterly Drawdown Expenditure Submissions</b> <i>(Due 11/30/2025, 3/2/2026, 5/30/2026, 7/30/2026)</i>	Tribe Submits; PED Reviews and Provides Guidance	Submitted by tribe via email to Faith Armijo, Senior Management Analyst, with Damian Weirzbicki, Manager, & KatieAnn Juanico, Assistant Secretary cc'd on the email.
<b>Mid-year/End-of-Year Reports</b> <i>(Due January 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026)</i>	Tribal staff who submit the implementation plan	Correspondence occurs via email between tribe and the designated team member



# **Shared Accountability of 27901 Allocation-Based Awards to Tribes Quarterly Drawdown Submissions**

- **Language within the Assurance Page of the Intergovernmental Agreement signed by tribal leaders:**
  - Funding will be used for the implementation of the activities of the tribe's submitted implementation plan.
  - At least Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of the funding will be expended by the end of fiscal year 2026.
  - We will meet with PED for in-person or virtual quarterly check-ins no later than October 31, January 31, April 30, and June 30 of each fiscal year.
  - We will provide a mid-year report no later than January 30 and a final report no later than June 30 of each year which describes, in detail, progress on activities funded through the Indian Education Fund focused on progress towards outcomes and project budget aligned to milestones.
  - Expenditure reports, including general ledger reports, will be submitted quarterly with appropriate supporting documentation.
  - Funded activities and programs will maintain appropriate fiscal and program records.
  - All records of the activities will be retained for five years and access to those records will be available for the purposes of review and audit.
  - We have reviewed the prohibited costs list and understand that any misuse of funds will require repayment to PED/IED and may result in additional penalties.

# Shared Accountability of 27901 Allocation-Based Awards to Tribes Quarterly Financial Report Submissions

## Quarterly Financial Report Submission Form

All information in this document – except signatures – **must be typed**.

**Pueblo, Tribe, or Nation:** [INSERT TEXT HERE]

**Reporting Period (From – To):** [INSERT TEXT HERE]

**Date of Submission:** [INSERT TEXT HERE]

**Due Dates for Financial Submissions as identified in the Signed Intergovernmental Agreement:**

Quarter 1 – Due November 30, 2025 (Reporting Period: July 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025)

Quarter 2 – Due March 2, 2026 (Reporting Period: November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026)

Quarter 3 – Due May 30, 2026 (Reporting Period: February 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026)

Quarter 4 – Due July 30, 2026 (Reporting Period: May 1, 2026–June 30, 2026)

### Summary of Financial Position

**The table below must include financial information for the total award.** The table below should not include information per community-based program/department if Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations divided funds among more than one community-based program/department. The information in the table must align to the general ledger report(s).

**After receiving the Quarterly Financial Report Submission from the tribe, here are the next steps for PED:**

1. Review and approval by Faith Armijo, Senior Management Analyst, using the tribe's implementation plan and list of allowable and prohibited cost in guidance.
2. Senior Management Analyst enters data from quarterly financial report to internal tracking system.
3. Review and approval by designated Indian Education Division (IED) team member, using the tribe's implementation plan and list of allowable and prohibited cost in guidance.
4. Sign documents and release to tribe for record keeping.
5. Present compiled data to Secretary Padilla.

# Other Opportunities for Technical Assistance

- Monthly Indian Education Calls with Tribal Partners
  - Occurs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 8:30AM-9:45AM via Zoom; to be added to this listserv, please contact [Aspen.Vallo@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Aspen.Vallo@ped.nm.gov)
  - The objectives of these calls are to provided updated PED information, technical assistance to tribal partners, and external opportunities available to tribes.
- Visit our website [Indian Education | New Mexico Public Education Department \(NMPED\)](#)
- 1:1 Coaching from Indian Education Division (IED) Senior Management Analyst
- Contact your designated IED team member

# For More Information

## For Questions

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[Affirmation of Tribal Consultation Form](#)

[Tribal Consultation: Definition & Best Practices](#)

