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TO: Presidents, 1994 Land Grant Institutions

FROM: Matthew Faulkner, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: 1994 Institutions Endowment Fund – 2020 Interest Distribution

This notification indicates the distribution of interest earned in 2020 from the 1994 Endowment Fund to the individual 1994s. Title V, Part C of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Public Law 103-382 (October 20, 1994), cited as "Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994," provides that certain tribal colleges, designated as "1994 Institutions," receive various benefits. These include contributions by the Federal Government to an endowment fund, the interest income from which is distributed to the 1994 Institutions.

Section 533(c) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 ("the Act") establishes "1994 Institutions" as Land Grant colleges established for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503; 7 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*). Additionally, the Act requires the Secretary of Treasury establish, contribute to the corpus and distribute the interest from an endowment fund to eligible 1994 Institutions. This endowment fund is dubbed the "1994 Institutions Endowment Fund." The interest income is distributed according to a formula: 60 percent of the income is distributed among the 1994 Institutions based on the Indian Student Count (as defined in section 390(3) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2397h (3)) for each 1994 Institution for the fiscal year and 40 percent of the income is distributed in equal shares to the 1994 Institutions. By interagency agreement, the Secretary of Treasury has delegated USDA NIFA the authority to 'compute and distribute' the interest to the 1994 Institutions.

Legislation designates the purpose of the Endowment Fund is for support and maintenance of land grant colleges for the benefit of agricultural and mechanical arts. Accordingly, these funds may be used to support the following or similar activities:

- Curricula design and instructional materials
- Faculty development and preparation for teaching
- Instruction delivery systems, equipment and instrumentation for teaching
- Student experiential learning
- Student recruitment and retention activities

- Facility renovation, repair, construction and maintenance to support the land grant mission (allowable for funds distributed after 2001)

In order to receive Endowment Interest Distribution Funds, 1994 Institutions must meet certain accreditation requirements. Those institutions that do not meet these requirements will not participate in this program and the share of their funds may be redistributed to other eligible 1994 Institutions.

Reporting:

As part of its oversight and accountability responsibilities, the following documents should be kept internally by your institution:

- An annual internal budget of what funds were spent on for auditing purposes

FAQ on Endowment Policies and Procedures:

- Endowment Distribution is on interest earned based on a formula
- Beginning in FY 2021, funds are made available in a single, lump-sum provided to each school via ACH, with the exception of the Federally operated schools which will continue to use the Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) process
- Endowment funds do not expire, they may be held indefinitely
- Funds must be placed in an interest-bearing, College account
- Funds may be used for federal cost sharing or matching funds on federal grants
- Funds may be used for new construction relating to the 1994 as a Land Grant Institution

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**Fiscal Year 2021 - Distribution of the Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds
 Award # 2020-38423**

Appendix A

Institution	Award Number	FY 2021 Allocation Amount
Aaniiih Nakoda College (Fort Belknap College, MT) *	2020-38423-06918	90,729
Bay Mills Community College, MI	2020-38423-06911	118,216
Blackfeet Community College, MT	2020-38423-06916	132,656
Cankdeska Cikana (Little Hoop) Community College, ND	2020-38423-06903	87,954
Chief Dull Knife College, MT	2020-38423-06913	94,550
College of Menominee Nation, WI	2020-38423-06920	89,630
College of the Muscogee Nation, OK	2020-38423-00785	91,710
Dine' College, AZ	2020-38423-06927	352,042
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, MN	2020-38423-06909	86,238
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College(former Fort Berthold Community College, ND)	2020-38423-06905	93,756
Fort Peck Community College, MT	2020-38423-06925	122,368
Haskell Indian Nations University, KS	2020-38423-07756	288,759
Ilisagvik College, AK	2020-38423-07327	78,410
Institute of American Indian Arts, NM	2020-38423-06901	149,306
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, MI	2020-38423-00784	67,602
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, WI	2020-38423-06921	91,625
Leech Lake Tribal College, MN	2020-38423-06910	88,022
Little Big Horn College, MT	2020-38423-06917	115,703
Little Priest Tribal College, NE	2020-38423-06931	79,586
Navajo Technical College (Crownpoint Institute of Tech, NM)	2020-38423-06919	381,650
Nebraska Indian College, NE	2020-38423-06924	86,832
Northwest Indian College, WA	2020-38423-06922	169,881
Oglala Lakota College, SD	2020-38423-06908	292,248
Red Lake Nation College	2020-38423-06936	77,593
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, MI	2020-38423-06933	72,725
Salish Kootenai College, MT	2020-38423-06914	176,404
Sinte Gleska University, SD	2020-38423-06907	173,709
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College, SD	2020-38423-06928	79,885
Sitting Bull College, ND	2020-38423-06923	121,626
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, NM	2020-38423-06900	206,647
Stone Child College, MT	2020-38423-06912	115,534
Tohono O'Odham, AZ	2020-38423-06934	117,505
Turtle Mountain Community College, ND	2020-38423-06902	195,602
United Tribes Technical College, ND	2020-38423-06904	167,764
White Earth Tribal and Community College, MN	2020-38423-06932	78,288
Distribution to 1994's		\$4,832,755
Federal Administration		\$ 201,365
Total Interest Available		\$5,034,120