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**To:** Presidents, 1994 Land Grant Institutions

**From:** Cynthia Montgomery, Assistant Director  
Office of Grants and Financial Management (OGFM)

*Cynthia Montgomery*

**Subject:** 1994 Institutions Endowment Fund – 2014 Interest  
Distribution

This notification indicates the distribution of interest earned in 2013 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 that 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 to 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. NIFA requests that these funds be used to support:

- 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 submitted **by December 30** of each year

- Award Letter FY-2014
- [Planning & Reporting Document](#)
- [Annual Financial Status Report - SF-425](#)
- [Tribal Web Portal](#)

### **FAQ on Endowment Policies and Procedures:**

- Endowment Distribution is on interest earned based on a formula
- Funds may be drawn down all at once or over time
- Endowment Funds do not expire – they may be held indefinitely
- Funds may be drawn down and put into 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

### **Electronic submission is required:**

#### **Program Report**

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#### **Financial Report (SF-425)**

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**Fiscal Year 2014 - Distribution of the Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds**

**Award # 2013-38423**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Award Number</u>	<u>2014 Distribution</u>
Aaniiih Nakoda College, MT	2013-38423-06918	\$ 102,187
Bay Mills Community College, MI	2013-38423-06911	124,273
Blackfeet Community College, MT	2013-38423-06916	162,621
Cankdeska Cikana Community College, ND	2013-38423-06903	108,009
Chief Dull Knife College, MT	2013-38423-06913	99,777
College of Menominee Nation, WI	2013-38423-06920	134,512
Dine' College, AZ	2013-38423-06927	362,200
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, MN	2013-38423-06909	88,132
Fort Berthold Community College, ND	2013-38423-06905	103,190
Fort Peck Community College, MT	2013-38423-06925	124,273
Haskell Indian Nations University, KS	2013-38423-07756	282,288
Ilisagvik College, AK	2013-38423-07327	85,120
Institute of American Indian Arts, NM	2013-38423-06901	111,824
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, WI	2013-38423-06921	119,655
Leech Lake Tribal College, MN	2013-38423-06910	119,052
Little Big Horn College, MT	2013-38423-06917	135,716
Little Priest Tribal College, NE	2013-38423-06931	81,707
Navajo Technical University, NM	2013-38423-06919	370,030
Nebraska Indian College, NE	2013-38423-06924	82,711
Northwest Indian College, WA	2013-38423-06922	199,565
Oglala Lakota College, SD	2013-38423-06908	312,606
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, MI	2013-38423-06933	72,069
Salish Kootenai College, MT	2013-38423-06914	203,983
Sinte Gleska University, SD	2013-38423-06907	194,345
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College, SD	2013-38423-06928	89,738
Sitting Bull College, ND	2013-38423-06923	122,064
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, NM	2013-38423-06900	201,372
Stone Child College, MT	2013-38423-06912	150,574
Tohono O'odham Community College, AZ	2013-38423-06934	86,726
Turtle Mountain Community College, ND	2013-38423-06902	187,518
United Tribes Technical College, ND	2013-38423-06904	188,724
White Earth Tribal and Community College, MN	2013-38423-06932	75,482
Distribution to 1994's		\$ 4,882,043
NIFA Admin Amount		\$ 203,418
Endowment Corpus Interest Earned in 2013		\$ 5,085,461

