

LED COMMENT

The following figure lists the purposes of the federal money.

Figure 2
Present Law Changes in Federal Grant Administration
2007 Biennium

Grant	Base 2004	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2007
Programs Increased			
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B	\$1,426,512	\$468,536	\$764,205
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Supervision	113,256	300,000	300,000
State Assessments	2,634,840	1,151,630	1,153,037
Reading First	209,541	511,322	511,894
Title V, Learn& Serve, Character Ed.	182,053	26,263	26,358
Total	\$4,566,202	\$2,457,751	\$2,755,494

DP 30 - Statewide FTE Reduction - This decision package implements an FTE reduction equivalent to the reductions taken in the 2003 legislative session. This 1.60 FTE and \$49,000 general fund per year would be removed from the budget permanently.

New Proposals

Program	Fiscal 2006					Fiscal 2007				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 4 - Indian Education for All										
06	1.00	248,032	0	0	248,032	1.00	247,873	0	0	247,873
DP 17 - Educator Preparation Unit Reviews										
06	0.00	0	8,000	0	8,000	0.00	0	8,000	0	8,000
DP 53 - Gifted and Talented Assistance										
06	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.50	43,917	0	0	43,917
DP 54 - Audiology equipment - Restricted/OTO										
06	0.00	85,000	0	0	85,000	0.00	85,000	0	0	85,000
Total	1.00	\$333,032	\$8,000	\$0	\$341,032	1.50	\$376,790	\$8,000	\$0	\$384,790

DP 4 - Indian Education for All - This biennial general fund appropriation of \$0.5 million and 1.00 FTE is to respond to the constitutional and statutory obligations to preserve the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians. This appropriation would be used for:

- Annual summit and focus groups to receive/share information concerning issues in the education of American Indian students and to plan for the implementation of Indian Education for All
- Extensive and focused professional development for teachers and administrators
- Development of research based curricular materials and teaching strategies;
- Dissemination of effective practices
- Regular meetings of the Montana Advisory Committee for Indian Education (MACIE) to provide policy advice to the State Superintendent and Board of Public Education; and
- Creation of a Native American Studies curriculum council