

Proposed Budget for Funding Indian Education for All Montanans

The following are proposed enhancements and additions to the Office of Public Instruction budget proposal. All funding flows through the Office of Public Instruction, accountability, alignment to existing Montana Standards, and maximum coordination of resources. Administration of grant programs will be the responsibility of one additional Indian Education Specialist above the two positions provided for in the Office of Public Instruction budget.

PROGRAM (09): Distribution to Schools

1) 2 year Grants for Curriculum Development	\$1,330,000
Grants will be made for development of model curriculum aligned to Montana Standards, development of clearinghouse for materials, CD/web and resource material production, and pilot testing of materials.	
2) 2 year Grants for Professional Development	\$3,700,000
Grants will be made for two purposes:	
a) for developing, testing, and implementation of professional development opportunities for Montana's K-12 schools to infuse "Best Practices" curriculum and	
b) grants available to local school districts for implementation of "Best Practices" in Indian Education for All Montanans curriculum.	
4) Grants to 50 Model "Ready to Go" School Districts	\$2,000,000
for 2 year implementation of Indian Education for All Montanans, demonstrating "Best Practices" for replication.	
Total Program (09)	
	\$7,030,000

PROGRAM (06) : OPI Agency (Administration)

3) Best Practices Conference	\$70,000
5 a) 1 FTE for Indian Education Specialist to administer	\$120,000
grants program, including benefits and insurance for biennium	
5b) Grant administration operating expenses	\$100,000
6) Additional Travel for MT Advisory Council on Indian Education	\$25,000
7) Public Education Campaign about Indian Education for All Montanans.	\$50,000
Provides funding for contract services for development and implementation of a public relations campaign to create awareness and support with the public about Indian Education for All Montanans.	
8) Half time accountant	\$60,000
9) OPI Administrative/Indirect Cost (17.3%)	\$73,525
Total Program (06)	
	\$498,525
Total for DP 77 in its entirety	
	\$7,528,525