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AN ACT STRENGTHENING MONTANA'S COMMITMENT IN ITS EDUCATIONAL GOALS TO THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL INTEGRITY AS STATED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; ENCOURAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CREATE INDIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FUNDING; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; INCLUDING AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SPECIALISTS IN THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-327, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

OPI verifies eligibility for Indian Language Immersion Program funding as outlined in the Cultural Integrity Commitment Act (CICA) of 2015 and authorized by the 2019 Legislature via House Bill 33.

Please note that the CICA requires that eligible immersion programs provide instruction in a Montana tribal language at least 50% of the day and such instruction must be done under the purview of a language instructor who is proficient in the tribal language and holds a current Class 7 licensure.

Award Winners:

Blackfeet

Year	Total
2021 (117 students)	\$57,850.01
2020 (142 students)	\$29,650.70

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Year	Total Award
2021 (101 students)	\$39,119.99
2020 (89 students)	\$18,819.30

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