

INVEST IN STRENGTHENING TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Seven Tribal Colleges & Universities in Montana



The Congressional Investment in the ED-Strengthening TCUs Program will be cut in *half* beginning in FY2020. Action is needed now to:

- Permanently Authorize and Fund Part F
- Support equitable funding for Part A

The Strengthening Institutions program (HEA Title III, Parts A and F) provides essential formula based aid to TCUs. Together, Parts A and F help provide TCUs the resources to help tribes and rural communities build a skilled Native workforce, support underserved students through wraparound services, modernize fiscal management systems, and build safer 21st century campuses.

Without Congressional action, this vital program will expire this year resulting in catastrophic losses to TCUs, their communities, and their states.

Your Investment is Paying Off:

- **Construction/Renovation:** Construction of new buildings/additions (including LEED building), renovation of existing buildings; nursing and welding simulators
- **Student Support:** Staff funding for retention officer, learning center manager, disabilities specialist, academic advisors, tutors; retention and recruitment improvements
- **Academic Programs:** New programs in welding, nursing, elementary education (bachelor's); investments in nursing, allied health, EMS, business, Tribal historic preservation, Tribal governance and administration
- **Infrastructure:** IT hardware and software upgrades
- **Campus Security:** Security patrol officer; security camera system, outdoor lighting; mold mitigation
- **Library Services:** Staff, supplies, books, subscriptions

The Title III Investment in Montana

Over the past 10 years, **\$96 million** has come into Montana through the TCU Title III program. If Title III Part F ends, the state will lose **more than \$5 million per year!**

	Title III, Part A	Title III, Part F
2010	\$6,489,296	\$6,521,303
2011	\$5,437,523	\$6,173,712
2012	\$4,981,936	\$5,938,689
2013	\$4,451,863	\$5,279,089
2014	\$4,605,260	\$4,846,453
2015	\$4,860,303	\$5,352,013
2016	\$5,208,098	\$5,287,768
2017	\$4,949,721	\$5,016,674
2018	\$5,733,595	\$5,028,129
TOTAL:	\$46,717,595	\$49,443,830



Investing in Students & Their Future

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, James Flansburg (Little Shell Chippewa) enrolled at Aaniiih Nakoda College in fall 2002 and earned an associate degree in computer information systems in 2004. He transferred to Montana State University-Northern and earned a bachelor's degree in CIS. For ten years, James served as ANC's e-learning specialist and taught computer technology courses. He played a lead role in implementing ANC's IT infrastructure enhancements funded under Title III, Part F, and, supported by ANC's professional development program (funded under Title III, Part A), he earned a Master of Science in computer information management from Colorado Technical University. In 2016, James left ANC to work at Island Mountain Development Group (IMDG), a Native American economic development corporation dedicated to creating a self-sustaining economy for the people of Fort Belknap. He currently serves as IMDG's director of call center operations, as well as chief technology officer for Spirit Box Technologies, LLC, a Native-owned IT consulting company.

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