

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S USDA FY 2022 BUDGET REQUESTS



The President just recently released the Administration's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request, prioritizing:

- Partnerships with rural communities to grow their economies and tackle poverty
- Creation of jobs to improve water infrastructure
- Investments in technology to increase drought resilience among agricultural producers
- Support for agriculture resource management and improve irrigation for Tribes and insular areas
- Increase in adoption of net-zero agricultural technologies
- Investments in affordable housing in Tribal communities
- Funds for Tribal-specific climate change mitigation efforts
- Creation of a racial equity commission to address longstanding discrimination across the USDA
- \$5 billion towards debt relief for socially disadvantaged farmers
- \$2.9 million for the Office of Tribal Relations within the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture

The overall requested USDA-specific budget for FY 2022 is \$198.1 billion. The items of most interest to the Intertribal Agriculture Council and its members include:

EDUCATION

Program	FY 2021 Budget Enacted	Biden FY 2022 Budget Request
For extension services at the 1994 institutions National Institute of Food and Agriculture	\$8.5 million	\$8.5 million
For research and education at the 1994 Institutions (Tribal Colleges)	\$4.5 million	\$4.5 million
Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)	\$3 million	\$3 million
Tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program	\$5 million	\$5 million
Native American Endowment Fund	\$12 million	\$12 million

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Program	FY 2021 Budget Enacted	Biden FY 2022 Budget Request
Rural Partnership Program	--	\$5 billion
Rural Utilities Service	\$1.301 billion	\$1.946 billion
Indian land acquisition loans	\$20 million	\$20 million
Highly fractionated Indian land loans	\$5 million	\$5 million
USDA Rural Development housing programs	--	\$2 billion
Telecommunications infrastructure program	\$345 million	\$690 million
Broadband loans and grants	\$635 million	\$700 million
Community Facilities Grants Program	\$43 million	\$74 million
Broadband ReConnect Pilot Program	\$350.2 million	\$429 million
Water and waste disposal grants for Tribes	\$25 million	\$36 million
Rural Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	\$912.281 million	\$1.5 billion

NUTRITION

Program	FY 2021 Budget Enacted	Biden FY 2022 Budget Request
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	\$114 billion	\$105.8 billion
Child Nutrition Programs	\$25.18 billion	\$26.9 billion
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	\$6 billion	\$6 billion
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	\$162.1 million	\$126 million
FDPIR demonstration projects for ITOs	--	\$3 million

NATURAL RESOURCES

Program	FY 2021 Budget Enacted	Biden FY 2022 Budget Request
American Indian and Alaska Native Serving Institutions Forest Service	\$1.3 million	\$1.5 million
Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Forest Service	\$1.1 million	\$1.3 million
Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund	\$2.04 billion	\$2.12 billion
Hemp production	\$17 million	\$17 million
NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program	\$1.8 billion	\$1.85 billion
NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program	\$750 million	\$800 million

