
Summary of Tribal Nation Aid Certified for 2026

Tribal Nation Aid was created by the 2023 Legislature. 2024 was the first year it was paid. The annual appropriation for Tribal Nation Aid is \$35 million. That amount is distributed to each of the 11 federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota that apply to receive the aid by the deadline.

Calculation

The calculation has two components:

- I. Base aid
- II. Distribution-based aid

I. Base Aid

Each Tribal nation receives an equal portion of 50% of the total appropriation as base aid. For 2026, the total amount of base aid is \$17,500,000.

In 2026, all 11 federally recognized Tribal nations opted in and received aid. Ten Tribal nations received \$1,590,909 each in base aid while the remaining one received \$1,590,910 in base aid.

II. Distribution-Based Aid

Each Tribal nation receives 50% of the total appropriation multiplied by the ratio of the number of enrolled members of the Tribal nation to the number of enrolled members of all eligible Tribal nations.

For 2026, the total amount of distribution-based aid is \$17,500,000.

Payment Dates

Tribal Nation Aid is paid to Tribal governments on July 20 each year.