

## GAO's Ongoing and Recent Work Related to American Indians and Alaska Natives

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### Selected Ongoing Work

- 1. Interior's Trust Functions (105356)**
  - *Pursuant to P.L. 116-260: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*
  - *Projected issuance: Spring 2023*
- 2. Border Wall Effects on Resources (105443)**
  - *Requester: Rep. Grijalva*
  - *Projected issuance: Summer 2023*
- 3. Indian Health Service Quality and Adverse Event Monitoring (105722)**
  - *Requesters: Sens. Murkowski; Barrasso; Fischer; Hoeven; Lankford; Rounds; Schatz; Tester; Udall*
  - *Projected issuance: Summer 2023*
- 4. Indian Health Service Facilities and Equipment (105723)**
  - *Requesters: House Energy and Commerce; Rep. Mullin; Ruiz*
  - *Projected issuance: Summer 2023*
- 5. DOI Real Estate Services for Tribes (105875)**
  - *Comptroller General Authority; Addressees may be added by request*
  - *Projected issuance: Summer 2023*
- 6. Accountability for Bureau of Indian Education Spending of COVID-19 Funds (105451)**
  - *Requesters: House Ways and Means Committee; Sen. Finance Committee; Others*
  - *Projected issuance: Fall 2023*
- 7. Tribal Food Security (106218)**
  - *Requesters: House Rules and Natural Resources*
  - *Projected issuance: TBD*
- 8. Electricity Microgrids in Tribal Communities (106278)**
  - *Requesters: House Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples*
  - *Projected issuance: TBD*
- 9. Administrative Duties and Credentialing of Indian Health Service Clinicians (106230)**
  - *Requesters: Senate Indian Affairs; Senate Appropriations Subcommittee; Others*
  - *Projected issuance: TBD*
- 10. BIA's Monitoring of Tribal Wells (106307)**
  - *Requesters: Senate Indian Affairs; Senate Appropriations Subcommittee; Others*
  - *Projected issuance: TBD*
- 11. Native Hawaiian Health Care (106407)**
  - *Requesters: House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees*
  - *Projected issuance: TBD*

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### 12. Justice40 Implementation for Tribes (106511)

- *Requesters: House Oversight Committee*
- *Projected issuance: TBD*

### 13. Shadow Wolves (ICE/Tohono O'odham Nation Tactical Partnership) (106385)

- *Mandate*
- *Projected issuance: TBD*

## Upcoming and Planned Work (Accepted; Start date TBD)

**Tribal Co-management Agreements** (*Requester: Rep. Grijalva*)

## Selected Recent Reports and Testimonies

- BROADBAND FUNDING: Stronger Management of Performance and Fraud Risk Needed for Tribal and Public-Private Partnership Grants ([GAO-23-105426](#)), Jan 24, 2023.
- COVID-19 Relief Funds: Lessons Learned Could Improve Future Distribution of Federal Emergency Relief to Tribal Recipients ([GAO-23-105473](#)), Dec. 15, 2022
- TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Action is Needed to Better Understand the Extent of Federal Support ([GAO-22-105215](#)), Aug. 30, 2022
- TRIBAL BROADBAND: National Strategy and Coordination Framework Needed to Increase Access ([GAO-22-104421](#)), June 22, 2022
- TRIBAL FUNDING: Actions Needed to Improve Information on Federal Funds that Benefit Native Americans ([GAO-22-104602](#)), May 19, 2022
- ALASKA NATIVE ISSUES: Federal Agencies Could Enhance Support for Native Village Efforts to Address Environmental Threats ([GAO-22-104241](#)), May 18, 2022
- NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS: Improvements to VA Management Could Help Increase Mortgage Loan Program Participation ([GAO-22-104627](#)), Apr. 19, 2022
- INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE: Relief Funding and Agency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic ([GAO-22-104360](#)), Mar. 31, 2022
- INDIAN ENERGY SERVICE CENTER: Support Activities Have Been Provided, but Goals and Performance Measures Should Be Defined ([GAO-22-103514](#)), Mar. 10, 2022
- INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE: Information on Third-Party Collections and Processes to Procure Supplies and Services ([GAO-22-104742](#)), Mar. 10, 2022
- TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTERS: HHS Actions Needed to Enhance Data Access ([GAO-22-104698](#)), Mar. 4, 2022
- NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES: Federal Agency Efforts and Challenges Repatriating Cultural Items ([GAO-22-105685](#)), Feb. 2, 2022
- SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Steps Taken to Verify Tribal Recognition for 8(a) Program ([GAO-22-104146](#)), Dec. 2, 2021
- COVID-19: Lessons Learned from Interior and Treasury's Administration of CARES Act Funds Could Improve Federal Emergency Relief to Tribes ([GAO-22-104349](#)), Nov. 4, 2021
- MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN: New Efforts Are Underway but Opportunities Exist to Improve the Federal Response ([GAO-22-104045](#)), Oct. 28, 2021