

National Indian Education Association Native American Languages Panel

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ANA and Native Languages

- Grant Programs
 - Native Language Preservation and Maintenance
 - Esther Martinez Native American Languages Immersion Reauthorization
 - American Rescue Plan Emergency Native Language Grant Awards 2021 (One-time funds)
- Training and Technical Assistance
 - Project Planning, Pre-Application and Post-Award Training for applicants and recipients
 - Native Language Community Coordination website (<https://ananlcc.org>)
 - Webinars

Interagency Partnerships

- Interagency Native Language Memorandum of Agreement
 - National Native Languages Summit
- White House Council on Native American Affairs Education Committee
- The Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage's Language Vitality Initiative

New! Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act

- This act directs the President to review whether federal agencies are in compliance with requirements to promote the use of Native American languages and make recommendations to improve interagency coordination to support the use of these languages.
- It also requires the Administration for Native Americans to survey the use of Native American languages in the United States.
- Participation in survey is **voluntary**.
- Tribes are **not** required to share culturally sensitive information.



Survey Contents-to be developed

The survey must include the following elements:

1. **Information** on which **Native American languages are currently spoken**
2. **Estimates of the number of speakers** of each Native American language
3. **Any language usage statistics or information** that the Secretary of HHS, in consultation with Indian tribes and Native American language speakers and experts, determines to be relevant and appropriate
4. **Information on the types of Native American language maintenance and revitalization projects and practices** that are currently being carried out
5. Information on any **unmet Native American language resources needs** of Indian tribes and Native American language communities
6. **Any other information** that the Secretary of HHS, in consultation with Indian tribes and Native American language speakers and experts, **determines to be necessary.**



Questions?

