

Nez Perce Tribe

FY 2026 Annual Budget Needs Assessment

INTRODUCTION

The Nez Perce Tribe has an annual budget of approximately \$80 million. Only a portion of the budget is completely discretionary including gaming, fuel and tobacco taxes, and other miscellaneous income, which accounts for around 18 percent of the total budget. These funds provide much of the resources for critical services, including general council and executive government operations and enrollment services, police patrol, community buildings, elder and veteran services, youth programming, economic development, law and justice services, conservation enforcement, and direct financial assistance programs.

Public input is an important and valued part of the budget preparation process. This survey has been developed to help us understand your priorities.

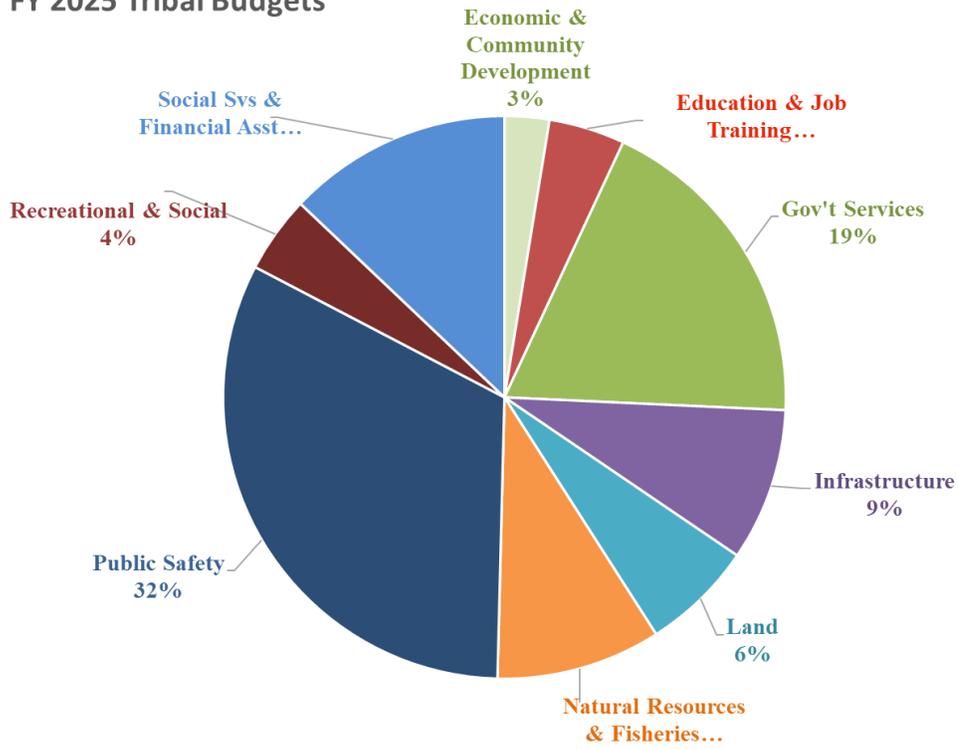
Please prioritize the following list. Priority is indicated using a 1, 2, 3 numbering system, with the number 1 indicating your first priority and so on and so forth.

- _____ Public Safety (public education, law and justice services, courts, community patrols)
- _____ Economic & Community Development (removing barriers to employment, supporting small businesses, development of current/new businesses, grants and loans, AmeriCorp)
- _____ Education & Job Training (trade schools, on the job training, scholarships)
- _____ Recreational & Social Opportunities (community centers, boys and girls club)
- _____ Social Services & Financial Assistance (youth and elder protection programming, veterans services, financial assistance programs, child protection services, school clothing)
- _____ Natural Resources & Fisheries Protection (conservation and protection of natural and cultural resources, language, horse program)
- _____ Infrastructure (public transportation, road maintenance, utilities, solid waste services, technology)
- _____ Governmental Services (enrollment, government, human resources, legal counsel, finance, communications, general council)
- _____ Land (land purchases, land planning, agriculture, land leases, probate purchases)

Please submit completed assessments no later than Wednesday, June 25th to:

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