

**Federal Title Grants  
Board Meeting Report  
May 8, 2018**

**Title VII- Indian Education Formula Grant**

The Indian Education grant is designed to address the unique cultural, language, and educationally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, including preschool children. The programs funded are to ensure that all students meet the challenging Alaska State academic standards or Common Core standards. Funds supplement (not supplant) the regular school programs by meeting the culturally related academic needs of Native children. Projects help children sharpen their academic skills, assist students in becoming proficient in the core content areas, and provide students an opportunity to participate in enrichment programs that would otherwise be unavailable. Activities such as culturally-responsive after-school programs, Native language classes, early childhood education, tutoring, and dropout prevention are possible ways to spend Indian Ed funds.

Kuspuk uses Indian Education funding to pay partial salaries for a Yupik teacher in Kalskag, partial salary and benefits of five preschool teachers, travel for students and staff to cultural camps and supplies for classrooms. Also, as a side project, elder photos and the supplies to support this project also come from Indian Education Funds. This project will also be funded for next year in order to be completed.

Respectfully submitted by  
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