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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico’s Third District announced today that the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) is receiving a \$50,000 federal grant through the Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program. The grant will help fund IAIA’s Student Research Experience and Visiting Scholar Program.

“For 50 years, the Institute of American Indian Arts has served as a premier institution whose efforts are critical to protecting the heritage and culture of Native American communities not only across New Mexico but across the country, while exploring the latest influences that are reflected in the contemporary work of incredible artists,” Congressman Luján said. “IAIA is instrumental in nurturing the next generation of artists in Indian Country as well as promoting and protecting the work of its students. Federal grants like this one are critical to bolster their efforts and ensure that IAIA has the resources it needs to continue to provide its students with the opportunity to inspire the community with their art work.”

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