The Federal government is exempt from paying taxes on its property. Therefore, Federal property located within a community imposes a financial burden on local taxpayers. Congress created the Impact Aid Program to reimburse school districts for lost local tax revenue.

**Examples of Federal impaction:**
- Military installations
- Indian Trust, Treaty, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands
- Federal low-rent housing facilities
- Civil service activities (VA hospitals, Federal laboratories, national parks, etc.)

**Federal impaction:**
- Causes a loss of local tax revenue due to the presence of Federal property.
- Results in additional costs due to the enrollment of federally connected children.

**Impact Aid:**
- Makes up for lost tax revenues.
- Levels the playing field for Federally impacted school districts.

**Impact Aid funds are efficient, flexible, and locally controlled.**

Impact Aid funds are appropriated annually by Congress. The US Department of Education disburses the funding directly to school districts. School district leaders decide how Impact Aid funds are spent, including for instructional materials, staff, transportation, technology, facility needs, etc.

**Impact Aid:**

- **$1.4 billion**
- **1,200** school districts educating
- **10 million** students

**School District Budget**

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**Total: $1,486,112,000**

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