



INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



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- ▶ Cabinet-level agency created by statute in 2004 (NMSA 1978, §9-21-1 *et seq.*).
- ▶ Acts as the coordinating agency for intergovernmental and interagency programs concerning tribal governments and the state
- ▶ 25 full-time employees
- ▶ Annual budget of \$5.15M
- ▶ Annually administering at least \$500M in funding
- ▶ Two divisions:
 - ▶ Administrative Services Division
 - ▶ Finance
 - ▶ CO/TIF
 - ▶ Program Services Division
 - ▶ Policy and Government Affairs
 - ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Programs (Tribal Environmental Justice, Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention, MMIP, Tribal Consultation Specialist)



MISSION AND VISION

Mission

IAD is committed to being a resource by:

- ▶ Advocating for tribal interests at state and federal levels through policy and legislative work;
- ▶ Supporting tribes with access to resources, technical assistance and funding opportunities;
- ▶ Connecting tribes with the executive branch, other tribes and with the tools and resources they need to be self-governing and self-sufficient.



2026 American Indian Day Artwork
“Pueblo Storyteller”
by Clever Garcia
Ohkay Owingeh & Tesuque Pueblo

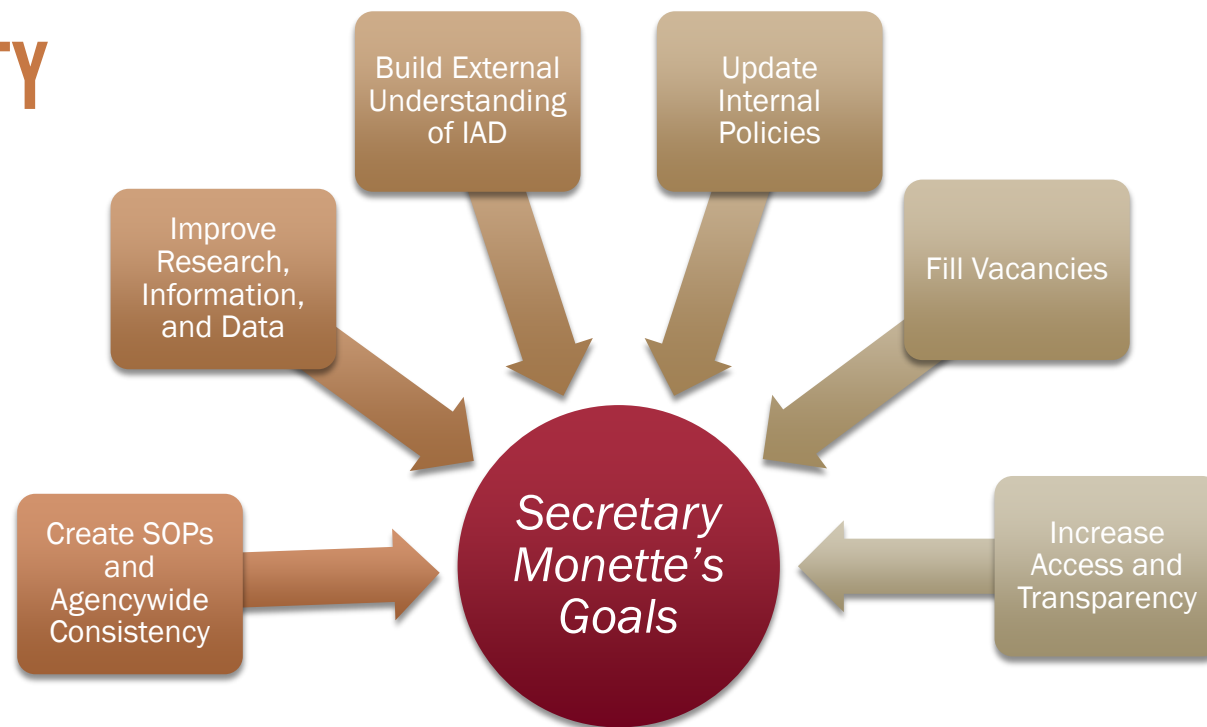
Vision

- ▶ Our vision is that tribal nations, tribal communities and Indigenous people are happy, healthy, prosperous and that traditional ways of life are honored, valued and respected

PRIORITIES

BUILDING FOUNDATION AND STABILITY FOR THE AGENCY TO CONTINUE GROWING AND LEARNING.

- Over the last several years, IAD's internal modifications improved IAD's processes and internal foundation to ensure that IAD will continue to have the balance it needs to expand and grow.

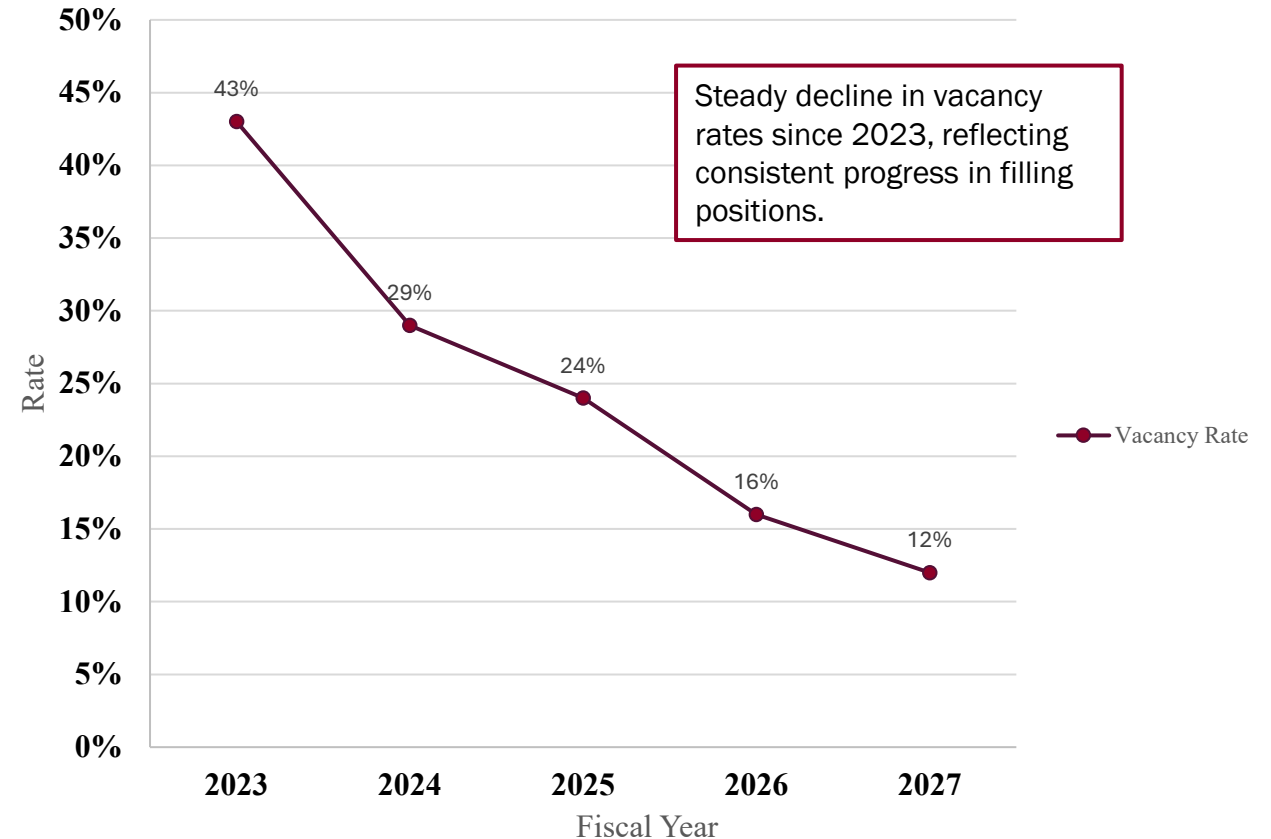


PRIORITIES

STABILITY AND FOUNDATIONS

- ▶ Created and implemented standard operating procedures(SOPs) for most classified positions to ensure continuity in workflow and clear direction for each position.
- ▶ Built systems to ensure that staff know where to find information within the Agency which will assist with Agencywide consistency.
- ▶ Each area of the Agency has developed subject matter one pagers, trainings, or information about their area and how it impacts Indian Country or Native Americans in New Mexico and to increase external understanding of IAD. We also reclassified and hired a Data Analyst to assist the Agency will collecting and analyzing data.
- ▶ Complete update of Personnel Policies for the first time since 2016.
- ▶ Decreased agency vacancy rate.
 - ▶ Currently, 16 of 18 classified positions are filled.
 - ▶ Restructured and classified a Senior Office Clerk, Data Analyst, and MMIP Specialist, all of which are filled.
- ▶ Organization structure now aligns with state statute:
 - ▶ Promoted two internal employees to Administrative Services Director (ASD) and Program Services Director (PSD).

IAD Vacancy Rate



Source: State of NM SHARE; Human Capital Management System



LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2026

INCREASING TRANSPARENCY IAD PUBLICATIONS

Annual Reports

- ▶ Legislative Report
- ▶ Tribal Infrastructure Fund Report
- ▶ State Tribal Leaders Summit Report
- ▶ IAD State Tribal Collaboration Act Report
- ▶ State Tribal Collaboration Act Compilation Report

NEW: Building Leadership Capacity & Understanding

Guidebooks

- ▶ State Government for Tribal Leaders Guidebook (by December 31, 2026)
- ▶ Tribal Government for State Leaders Guidebook (by December 31, 2026)
- ▶ Capital Outlay & Tribal Infrastructure Fund Guidebook (by December 31, 2026)

Calendar

- ▶ 2026 Calendar Year which includes state government deadlines and NPT celebrations in another effort to provide transparency and access.

All IAD Publications can be found on IAD's website. Publications include one pagers, informational sheets, trainings, and an IAD coloring book developed in FY26.



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News & Announcements

2026 Fluttering into Hope

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\$20 million to build Navajo Code Talker Museum at Navajo Preparatory School

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INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND VISIBILITY

- ▶ Significant and consistent updates to the Website to ensure useability and access to information.
 - ▶ Transparency to the public and meeting our mission to provide access to tribes.
- ▶ Persistent social media posts for visibility, leading to IAD's digital platforms generating more than 3.74 million views, and gained followers 3,282 followers in CY2025.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

CONTINUOUS OUTREACH





IAD ANNUAL EVENTS

COMMUNITY & TRIBAL LEADER ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Tribal Leaders Welcome and Policy Briefing (January)
- ▶ American Indian Day (First Friday in February)
- ▶ Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Awareness Day (May 5th) (Established 2024)
- ▶ State Tribal Leaders Summit (Spring/Summer)
- ▶ Annual Suicide Prevention Event (September) (Established 2025)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



FULLY STAFFED CO/TIF TEAM

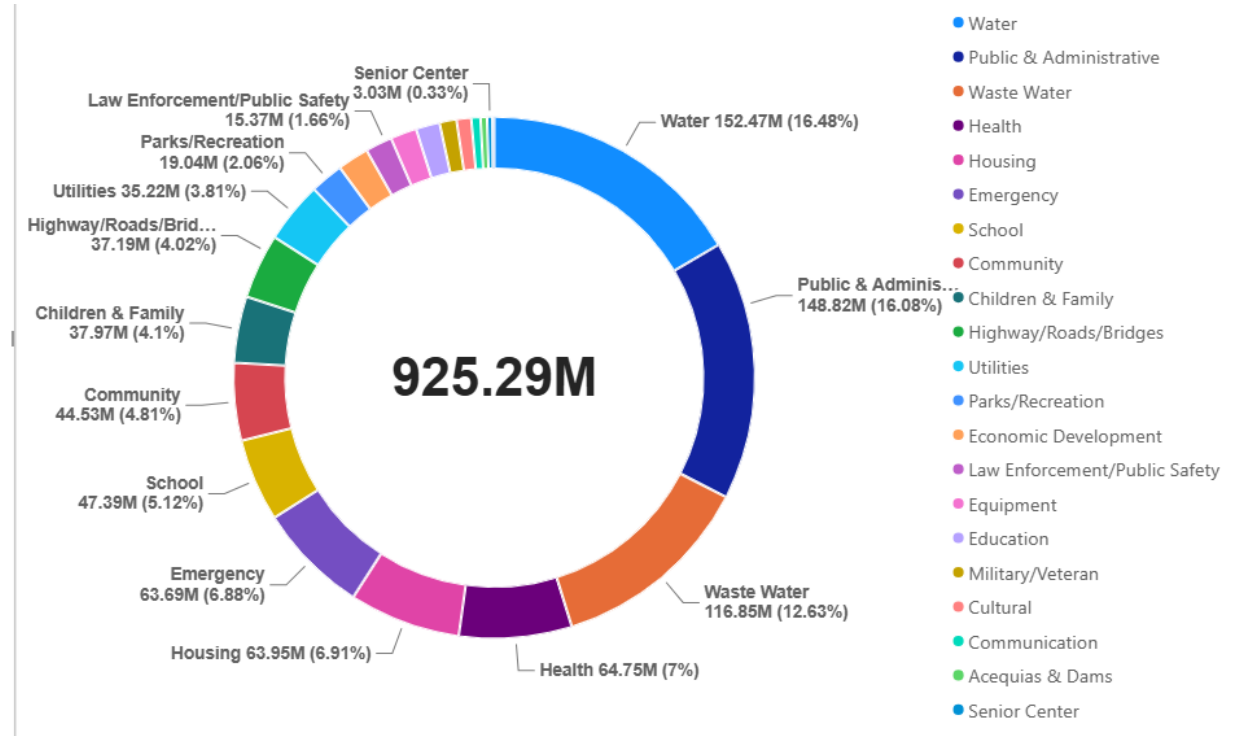
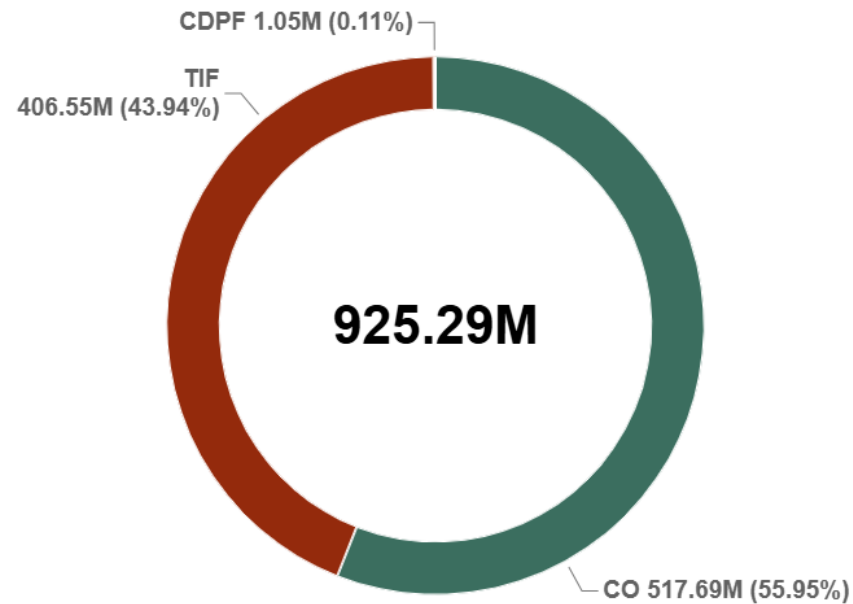
ASSISTING NPTS IN COMPLETING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

620
Active
CO/TIF
Projects

- ▶ Communication with NPTs on all active CO/TIF Projects occurs through:
 - ▶ Processing notice of obligations (NOO) and requests for payment (RFP)
 - ▶ Providing daily technical assistance
 - ▶ Supporting NPTs in their understanding of every step of the process. Which is why we are creating a CO/TIF Handbook.
 - ▶ Monitoring and prioritizing projects set to expire under HB247.
- ▶ 1 CO/TIF Manager
- ▶ 4 CO/TIF Administrators
 - ▶ Each Administrator works with a specific grouping of NPTs or Tribal Serving Entity.
 - ▶ This grouping was developed in response to requests Tribal Leadership and by intensive review of what makes the best sense and will provide continuity. The groupings are publicly available on our website.

INFRASTRUCTURE SNAPSHOT (2019-2026)

\$925,285,544 SUPPORTING 1,157 PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY IAD



TRAININGS, RESOURCES AND ENGAGEMENT

CO/TIF TEAM

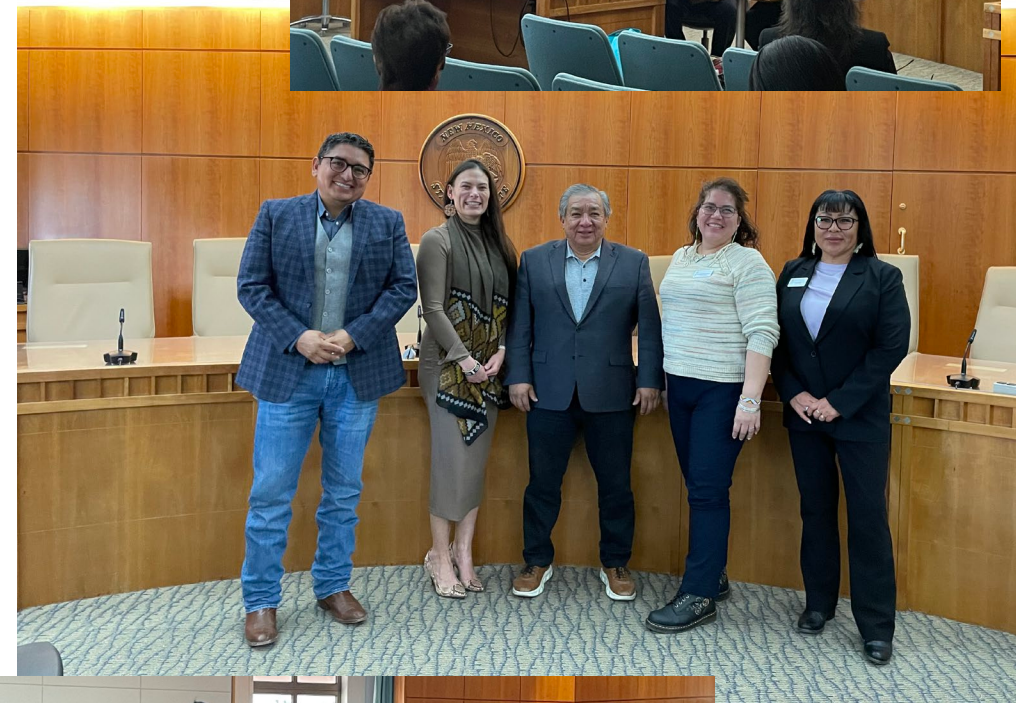
- ▶ IAD Infrastructure Grants Session with the Navajo Nation – July 2026 at UNM Gallup
 - ▶ Comprehensive training on CO/TIF process at IAD specifically for NN Capital staff and chapter leadership
 - ▶ Executed 24 IGAs totaling \$11,564,700
 - ▶ Invited NM State Legislators with NN overlap
- ▶ Tribal Infrastructure Funding application and portal training in January 2026 at the Baca-Prewitt Chapter House by the CO/TIF Manager.
- ▶ To encourage transparency and access, most of IAD's trainings are available on IAD's website.
- ▶ PARS/CAPS Trainings have been offered consistently since June 2025. IAD informs NPT Contacts of DFA trainings to encourage participation. DFA trainings are available on their website.



TRAININGS, RESOURCES AND ENGAGEMENT

FINANCIAL STAFF AND CO/TIF

- ▶ State-Tribal Finance Engagement – December 2025 at the NM State Capitol
 - ▶ IAD hosted training for NPT CFO's, Finance Directors, and other Financial staff working for NPTs on CO/TIF
 - ▶ Shared important information about funding processes, deadlines, and answered questions
 - ▶ Invited other State Agencies, including DOT, ALTSD, PED, and DFA as well as Senator Shendo and Representative Lente.
 - ▶ <https://www.iad.nm.gov/programs-and-funding/trainings-and-guidelines/>



PROGRAM SERVICES DIVISION



INVESTMENT IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Each Year, IAD has a small pot of funding available for special projects.

- In FY25, IAD focused on **Honoring Native Veterans** and supporting their well-being through, training, outreach, behavioral health and recognition activities, **in 4 NPT communities. 14 Tribal Veterans Service Officers trained** who reside within NPT communities. Funded activities also supported access to benefits and health care, Veterans meetings and conferences, wellness activities, and community recognition events.
- In FY26, IAD focused on **Financial Literacy**, recognizing that this is still a huge need in Indian Country. The work focused on culturally relevant financial education focused on financial goals, saving, budgeting, needs vs. wants, and smart spending. **97 Native youth and adults ages 12–65 were trained** through 3 events, representing 6 NPTs; nearly every participant reported gaining important financial literacy knowledge. Provided culturally grounded business, financial literacy, marketing, branding, and access-to-capital **training to 32 Indigenous entrepreneurs.**
- In FY27, IAD is focusing on **Community Gardens** to support tribes in providing access to healthy and prosperous food growth in their communities through culturally relevant teachings and foods. Access to food and food scarcity can still be a concern for many NPTs. This funding is currently available to NPTs and is advertised on IAD's website as well as through social media and direct outreach to NPTs.



2026 Entrepreneur
Training Handbook

INVESTMENT IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

- **Youth Leadership** - Supported leadership development and educational opportunities for Native high school students, including helped reduce barriers to participation through student travel and lodging support.
- **Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons** – Awareness events with 100+ attendees annually. Current funding opportunities available direct to NPTs and other entities to support initiatives that strengthen prevention, awareness, education, and response efforts related to MMIP.
- **Comprehensive Community Planning** – 5 NPTS received a total of \$500k intended to bring community members together to shape initiatives and priorities.



TRIBAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

EXPANDING CULTURALLY GROUNDED HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

- ▶ **Suicide Prevention** (FY26) — statewide survey, training, webinars and Tribal behavioral health forum.
- ▶ **Teen Health Equity** (FY26)—**241 webinar registrants** and representation from **9 Tribes and 6 Tribal-serving organizations** at the forum. Culturally grounded puberty, hygiene, wellness and youth leadership programming; **288 unique participants** engaged through Cochiti Pueblo programming, with participants representing **5 Pueblos**, while Navajo Prep teachings to **all 315 students** through its Hogan Model.
- ▶ **Tobacco Prevention** (FY26)—supporting culturally grounded commercial tobacco/vaping prevention while respecting traditional and ceremonial tobacco use. Over **350 participants** across **8 statewide outreach and trainings**.





INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

ELEVATING NATIVE YOUTH VOICES & LEADERSHIP



- ▶ **12 NPT youth leadership awards totaling \$200,000**, reinstatement of the statewide **Indigenous Youth Council**, and continued investment in leadership development.
- ▶ **Updated Indigenous Youth Council (IYC)**
 - ▶ Participants in grades 9–12
 - ▶ Representation from Navajo Nation, Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the Pueblos of Acoma, Laguna, and Zuni
 - ▶ Focus areas include Native health disparities, equitable and culturally accurate education curriculum, and language preservation
 - ▶ Working to create by-laws and governing principles to teach leadership and committee understanding.

2026 IYC Kickoff

IAD'S BIG LEGISLATIVE WINS

Tribal Regalia at School Events, SB 163

In accordance with § 22-5-4.3, NMSA 1978

- ▶ Ensures that Native American students have the right to wear traditional regalia and cultural objects during graduation and other promotional ceremonies.
- ▶ Guarantees that school boards and charter schools cannot restrict students from celebrating their achievements in a manner that reflects their identity, fostering a more inclusive and respectful educational environment.

Turquoise Alert System SB41

In accordance with § 15-3.5, NMSA 1978

- ▶ Similar to Amber and Silver Alerts
- ▶ The Turquoise Alert ensures that, subject to certain criteria, an Alert may activate for a missing Native American in New Mexico.



SM14 (2026) ADDRESS FORCED STERILIZATION

Directs the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) and the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), with the advice and assistance from victims, family members, historians, social and health services practitioners, and community members, to conduct a study to:

Identify	Identify all known and potential cases in New Mexico
Listen	Gather testimony using trauma-informed and culturally appropriate protocols
Assess	Assess the availability and accessibility for reproductive health care
Recommend & Report	Review and recommend educational, policy, and reparative measures
Present	Present findings to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2027

SM14 (2026) ADDRESSES FORCED STERILIZATION

A COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURE BUILT AROUND SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

Who is at the Table

- ▶ 34 experts identified and engaged to date
- ▶ **Expertise represented includes:**
 - ▶ State
 - ▶ Tribal
 - ▶ Survivor Advocacy
 - ▶ Reproductive Health
 - ▶ Legal/Ethics
 - ▶ Historical Research
 - ▶ Data
 - ▶ Policy
 - ▶ Trauma-Informed Practice
 - ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Academia

Framework

- ▶ Draft Workplan identifies:
 - ▶ Scope
 - ▶ Workstreams
 - ▶ Deliverables
 - ▶ Responsibilities
 - ▶ Milestones
 - ▶ Final Report
- ▶ 13 meetings held to date

Structure

- ▶ **Lead Agencies:** IAD and CSW
- ▶ **Working Group:** Provides direction and alignment
- ▶ **Subcommittees:** Provide areas of expertise to Working Group
 - 1) Communications
 - 2) Data Sovereignty/Historical Information and Research
 - 3) Education and Policy
 - 4) Working Group Governance and Ethics
 - 5) Tribal and Survivor Engagement

IAD RESPONSES TO IAC HEARING QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



HB 247

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Why didn't IAD provide an FIR to HB247?
- ▶ **Response:** IAD was not asked to provide a report or analysis on the bill during the session. Generally, an Agency will provide an FIR upon request from LFC. However, in March, IAD sent a letter to tribal leadership regarding HB 247.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT							
BILL NUMBER: House Bill 247/aHTRC/aSFC							
SHORT TITLE: Capital Outlay Changes							
SPONSOR: Lente							
LAST UPDATE: 2/12/2026		ORIGINAL DATE: 2/3/2026		ANALYST: Carswell			
REVENUE* (dollars in thousands)							
Type	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Capital Outlay Reversions	\$750.2 to \$3,001.2	\$12,110.3 to \$48,4412.0	\$8,812.8 to \$35,251.0	\$7,132.6 to \$28,530.5	Indeterminate	Nonrecurring	Capital Development and Reserve Fund
Capital Outlay Reversions	Indeterminate but potentially negative, see "Fiscal Implications"					Nonrecurring	General Fund
Stalled Capital Outlay Appropriations		Up to \$80,000.0	Up to \$80,000.0	Up to \$80,000.0	Up to \$80,000.0	Nonrecurring	Annual Capital Outlay Capacity

Parentheses indicate revenue decreases.
Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to House Bill 109, capital outlay bills.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis
New Mexico Finance Authority
Higher Education Department
Department of Finance and Administration

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond
New Mexico Counties
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March 13, 2026

Governor Raymond Aguilar

Re: Notice of House Bill 247 – Capital Outlay Changes

Dear Governor Aguilar,

On March 9, Governor Lujan Grisham signed House Bill 247 – Capital Outlay Changes (the Bill). The Bill modifies capital outlay reauthorizations and appropriations. Please see a summary of the Bill below. IAD encourages you to review the Bill entirely, attached hereto.

- **Reauthorizations and Reappropriations**
 - A project may only be reauthorized or reappropriated if it has *encumbered* at least ten percent (10%) of the initial appropriation by January 1 of that year.
 - However, the project may only be reauthorized or reappropriated *one (1) time* and for *no more than two (2) years*.
 - A project may be reauthorized or reappropriated for a technical change. However, a project may not be altered to change the original purpose.
 - A technical change is defined within the Bill. A technical change does not include altering the original purpose of the project.
 - Capital Outlay appropriations from the General Fund for tribal projects shall revert to the tribal infrastructure project fund.

Overall, reauthorizations would be modified so that a project would only have the potential to be reauthorized or reappropriated once, for a time extension of no more than two years (not for a change in purpose), so long as the project has encumbered at least ten percent (10%) of the initial appropriation.

- **Authorizations and Appropriations**
 - Appropriations of \$100,000 or more will only be allowed if the project is on the ICP.

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IAD SITE VISITS TO NAVAJO NATION

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** IAD appears to have only been out to Navajo Nation twice in the last year . . . not in alignment with IAD's mission.
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ Since July 2025, IAD visited the Navajo Nation at least 9 times. Most recently, on July 16, 2026, IAD hosted a session on the infrastructure grants IAD administers at UNM Gallup. Nation Chapter leadership, Navajo Nation delegates in NM, Navajo Nation DOJ, Navajo Nation Departments, and select New Mexico State Legislators were invited and in attendance. At the event, state agencies answered questions regarding CO/TIF and 24 IAD IGAs were executed. IAD also presented proposals to modify the process between the Agency and the Nation.
 - ▶ IAD regularly meets with tribal leadership, including on-site visits, throughout the year to check on projects, provide technical assistance, and support.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Concerns that entities cannot move forward on projects because the grants are reimbursement only.
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ That is **incorrect**.
 - ▶ Since at least 2019, grantees have been able to request that IAD provide the grantee funds prior to the grantee making payment.
 - ▶ The IGA, Article VI (FY27) – Request for Payment (RFP) Procedures and Deadlines reads:
 - ▶ (A)(3). Should the Grantee submit an RFP to the Department based upon an invoice received from a third-party contractor or vendor, but not yet paid by the Grantee, the Department may provide payment for that unpaid invoice to Grantee. The unpaid invoice must comply with the provisions of this Agreement and are a valid liability of the Grantee. Within five (5) business days of receipt of payment by the Department to the Grantee, the Grantee shall make the payment to the third-party contractor or vendor. The Grantee is required to certify to the Department proof of payment to the third-party contractor or vendor within ten (10) business days from the date of receiving reimbursement from the Department. The Department reserves the right to make such payment directly to the third-party contractor or vendor, as a special consideration of this Agreement.
 - ▶ The Tribal IGA, just like all other Grant Agreements, is available on the DFA's website. Each year, IAD and DFA agree to the terms of the IGA and post the approved version. For FY27, IAD sought input from NPTs prior to posting the IGA.

CO PROJECT VETTING AND SELECTION

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Suggestion that IAD should vet tribal projects, but that IAD does not have the capacity to vet the projects.
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ In respect to tribal sovereignty, IAD does not determine which projects would be most beneficial for an NPT. NPTs decide to seek funding for projects. However, NPTs can request IAD's guidance on project funding and IAD is happy to assist.
 - ▶ IAD may help advocate on behalf of NPTs during the legislative session.
- ▶ During the hearing, a constituent requested that legislation be clearer (i.e. renovate vs. construction). IAD administers project funds and drafts project IGAs using the language drafted and approved by the legislature.

TIF PROJECT SELECTION

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Concern that there is not enough Navajo Nation representation on the TIF Board.
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ The TIF award selection is a competitive process. The TIF Review Committee reviews applications and recommends awardees to the TIF Board, in accordance with the TIF Guidelines. This part of the Guidelines has been in effect since at least October 2015.
 - ▶ As for representation on the TIF Board, the Board is made up of nine voting members and four non-voting members:
 - ▶ The voting ex-officio members are: (1) the secretary of Indian affairs, or the secretary's designee from the department, who shall be chair of the board; (2) the secretary of finance and administration or the secretary's designee from the department of finance and administration; (3) the secretary of health or the secretary's designee from the department of health; (4) the secretary of environment or the secretary's designee from the department of environment; and (5) the executive director of the New Mexico finance authority or the executive director's designee from the New Mexico finance authority.
 - ▶ The following four voting members who have experience with capital projects development or administration from tribes shall be appointed by the governor: (1) one person who is a member of a pueblo; (2) one person who is a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation; (3) one person who is a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and (4) one person who is a member of the Navajo Nation.
 - ▶ There shall be four non-voting members as follows: (1) one representative from the federal bureau of Indian affairs, Albuquerque area office, designated by the regional director; (2) one representative from the federal bureau of Indian affairs Navajo area office designated by the regional director; (3) one representative from the Albuquerque area Indian health services designated by the area director; and (4) one representative from the Navajo area Indian health services designated by the area director. (NMSA 1978, § 6-29-4 (C) – (E))
 - ▶ The TIF Guidelines are available on IADs website.

IGAS

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** When IGAs are provided to NPTs?
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ For FY26, all IAD IGAs were provided to grantees by July 2, 2025.
 - ▶ For FY26, all IAD IGAs were provided to grantees on July 1, 2026.
 - ▶ For FY27, all IAD IGAs were provided to grantees between July 1, 2026 and August 25, 2026, through the new PARS.
 - ▶ IAD hosted, or co-hosted, multiple training sessions on the new PARS system. The CO/TIF staff hosts biweekly office hours. The staff is also available via email and phone to answer questions and provide technical assistance.
 - ▶ By the end of the 2026 calendar year, **all** projects will be managed through PARS.
- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Additionally, a “master” IGA was mentioned during the hearing.
- ▶ **Response:** There is one IGA template for all Tribal CO Projects and one IGA template for all TIF projects. The final IGA’s only differ from one another regarding project specific information. The IGA for Tribal CO is available on DFAs website.

FEDERAL TRUST RELATIONSHIP VS. STATE TRIBAL RELATIONSHIP

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Comments regarding New Mexico honoring the “state trust” relationship.
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ States **do not** have a trust relationship with tribes and cannot unilaterally control tribal lands or resources, and their authority over tribes is limited unless Congress specifically allows it.
 - ▶ The federal government has a legal duty to protect tribal lands, resources, treaty rights, healthcare and education.
 - ▶ The US Government must act in the tribe’s best interest.
 - ▶ The US Government does not take away a tribe’s powers to run its own affairs.
 - ▶ While the State of New Mexico does not have a trust relationship with tribes, Governor Lujan Grisham’s administration has and continues to prioritize tribal voices, access, and funding for tribal communities.



FEDERAL TRUST RESPONSIBILITY CONTINUED

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

- ▶ **Question/Comment:** Confusion about the State Tribal Collaboration Act requirements.
- ▶ **Response:**
 - ▶ Federal tribal consultation is a formal meeting between tribal governments and federal agencies, also known as government-to-government pursuant to Executive Order 13175, signed by President Bill Clinton on November 6, 2000.
 - ▶ A federal tribal consultation is required when a federal action could directly affect one or more Tribes, change the relationship between the federal government and Tribes, or shift power and responsibilities between them.
 - ▶ BIA's Tribal Consultation Policies can be found here: <https://www.bia.gov/service/tribal-consultations/tribal-consultation-policy>
 - ▶ In New Mexico, the State Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA), NMSA 1978, §§ 11-18-1 *et seq.*, mandates the development and implementation of policies that promote effective communication and collaboration between state agencies and NPTs, positive government-to-government relations, cultural competency in providing effective services, and establishes a method for notifying state agency employees of the STCA provisions.
 - ▶ Similar to the federal government, there is no law for tribal consultation, however, each Agency independently determines how it will interact with tribes, pursuant to the STCA Policies each Agency must draft.
 - ▶ STCA requires that state agencies “make a reasonable effort to collaborate with [NPTs] in the development and implementation of policies, agreements and programs of that state agency that directly affect American Indians or Alaska Natives.” NMSA 1978, § 11-18-3.



THANK YOU