New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Update to the Indian Affairs Interim Committee

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IAD Initiatives FY24

- Energy Transition Act
- Capital Outlay
- TIF Tribal Infrastructure Fund
- Missing Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives
- Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention
- Law Enforcement Commissioning Task Force
- Tribal Consultation



Energy Transition Act:

Recipient		Awarded	# of Jobs Affected
Shiprock Traditional Farmers' Cooperative	To support employment, food sovereignty, and honoring tribal farming traditions	\$400,000.00	5
Northern NM Indigenous Farmers	To support elder farmers, the Diné people, and nonnative farmers.	\$250,000.00	20-25
Dine Centered Research & Evaluation	To support employment, food sovereignty, and honoring of tribal farming traditions.	\$350,000.00	14-20 (Part- Time)
Dine Introspective	To rebuild the food system by assisting farmers, gardeners, ranchers, herbalists and chefs to expand their production and expand their networks.	\$305,000.00	28
Native Renewables	To support expanding the solar workforce and organizational capacity near San Juan County.	\$500,000	9-19



Total Funding: \$1.805 Million

Total # of potential jobs - 80

Capital Outlay & TIF:

Amount Managed - \$420 Million (approximate)

Capital Outlay Projects

<u>Current Projects</u>

- 597 Projects
- Grantees submitting NOO's &
 Reimbursements in process
- 2023 IGA's in process

Tribal Infrastructure Fund

<u>Current Projects</u>

- 82 Projects
- 2023 IGA's in process
- Working with tribes requesting No Cost Extensions



Missing Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives:

Implementing The State Response Plan FY24

• The IAD MMIWR initiatives continue as identified in the State Response Plan. Specifically, the plan identifies objectives and strategies. One recommendation to oversee the work is to establish a MMIWR bureau within IAD.

FY24 Action Plan

- Establish a MMIWR Bureau to carryout the the objectives of the State Response Plan.
- Support the partnership with the University of Nebraska-Omaha to conduct research to analyze the MMIWR crisis in NM in order to develop improved responses.
- Strength the partnerships with CA & CO MMIWR offices.
- Support the Missing in New Mexico Summit to be held Spring 2024 though DPS.



Thank you

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