

New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

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State Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA)



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STCA - Background

Governing Statute: §11-18-1 to §11-18-5 NMSA 1978

Mandates under Statute:

- Agency Annual Reports due July 31st every year.
- State Tribal Leaders Summit: Held June 1-2, 2022.
- Cultural Competency Training: Continued partnership with SPO to increase number of trainings and expansion. In FY 22, 415 state employees took the training (increase of 188 more employees than FY 21).
- Tribal Liaisons: continue to provide training and guidance; working with contractor on tribal consultation guidebook to assist agencies.



STCA - IAD Highlights

Budget and Staffing

Budget

- IAD general fund grew from \$2.53M to \$3.47M between 2019-2022.
- Increase of 73% or \$941,500.00
- Increase in 200 category to support staffing.
- IAD received special appropriations to support IAD initiatives—MMIWR & IYC.

Staffing

- 6 new FTEs added in 2022 legislative session.
- IAD staff has grown from 15 FTEs to 23 FTEs.
- Actively working to fill vacancies.



STCA - IAD Highlights

Administration of Funding

- **Tribal Infrastructure Funds (TIF):** In FY 22, the TIF Board awarded \$26,630,794.00 to 17 projects.
- **Special Project Grants:** In FY 22, the IAD awarded \$73,269.00 to fund projects to support elderly services and an agriculture burn/mitigation plan.
- **Tobacco Cessation & Prevention Program Grants:** In FY 22, the IAD awarded \$151,440.00 to build tribal capacity to implement culturally appropriate tobacco cessation and prevention initiatives that recognize the unique ceremonial uses of tobacco while reducing the use of commercial tobacco and its harmful effects.
- **Capital Outlay:** In FY 22, the IAD continued to administer historic investments of capital outlay in tribal communities.



STCA - IAD Highlights

Policy & Legislative Affairs

FY22 Policy Work

- Established a tribal water work group to provide feedback on the 50-year water plan.
- Developed a draft tribal liaison consultation toolkit and guidebook and provided training.
- Supported the Farm, Food and Hunger Initiative.
- Continued to address the MMIWR crisis in New Mexico.

2022 Legislative Session

- IAD tracked more than 50 bills and provided analysis of 36 bills impacting New Mexico's Nations, Tribes, Pueblos, and urban Native communities.
- Passage of legislation addressing MMIWR (SB 12 & SB13) in collaboration with Department of Public Safety and Attorney General's Office.
- Passage of Indian Family Protection Act in collaboration with CYFD, tribal leadership, advocates.
- IAD secured additional FTEs and funding for mission critical services and programs.



STCA - IAD Highlights

Indigenous Youth Council (IYC)

Background: In early 2021, the IAD established the IYC following two listening sessions with tribal youth from across the state. The IYC is a council of young people aged 16-25 from tribes throughout NM that are dedicated to improving mental health and wellbeing for young people and elevating youth voices from tribal communities.

FY 2022 Highlights:

- IYC presented "[Community Resilience: Nurturing and Protecting Youth Wellness Report & Recommendations](#)" at State-Tribal Leaders Summit.
- Winter 2021 – IYC hosted virtual "[Winter Cultural Storytelling Series](#)" and "[Native Voices](#)" series and to grow and invest in activities that support cultural revitalization, cultural grounding, and traditional healing.
- May 2022 - IYC expands council by 16 new members.
- June 17-18, 2022 – 65 youth participate in-person at [2nd Indigenous Youth Wellness Summit, "Being A Good Relative,"](#) hosted by IYC in partnership with HNL with a focus on holistic wellness and how to be a good relative to each other and our environment.



STCA - State Agency Highlights

Early Childhood Education Care Department (ECECD)

- Awarded 476 Tribal early childhood educators \$1,500 one-time incentive payments totaling \$714,000 from the ECECD federal relief fund.
- Established MOUs with 12 Pueblo Governors to conduct comprehensive early childhood facility assessment.
- Created 2 IGAs establishing early intervention services in Mescalero Apache Tribe and Navajo Nation.

Public Education Department (PED)

- \$4.5 million allocated to Tribal Education Departments (TEDs) to implement educational blueprints and governance structures (SB 377 FY21-23).
- \$1.6 million to TEDs for Native Language programs to provide instruction materials for tribal language, assessment and programming (SB 377 FY21-23).
- \$1.25 million to the Native American Language Teacher 520 Certification Salary Parity (HB 60 FY 23).



STCA - State Agency Highlights

Department Cultural Affairs (DCA)

- \$4.5 million to 22 Nations, Tribes and Pueblos for linguistic and cultural programming, as part of SB 377 (2021).
- Technical assistance provided to Nations, Tribes and Pueblos on scopes of work for tribal library construction funding administered by PED.

Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

- Support to the Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA) to provide nutritional support to tribal senior center for elders.
- OIEA support to hire 4 additional staff to provide training and support for development of tribal senior service programs.

State Agency STCA Reports:

[Annual Reports | NM Indian Affairs Department](https://state.nm.us)
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Thank you! Questions?

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New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives



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MMIWR Task Force - Background

- Established in 2019 by House Bill 278. (*Romero, Lente, Stansbury, Johnson*) Started as a 12-member task force.
- Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham expanded the task force on May 5, 2021, by [Executive Order 2021-013](#).
- The task force released its State Response Plan in May 2022 outlining steps that all stakeholders must take to address the crisis in New Mexico.
- During the 2022 Legislative Session SB 12 and SB 13 were passed, which the task force is helping to implement.



MMIW/MMIWR/MMIP

Task Force considers all genders, rather than focusing exclusively on women.

The need to be comprehensive in our focus became clear as the task force began conversations with the wider community.

“They – and I mean ‘they’ like boys, men and our LGBTQ – should have been included at the beginning...because this is not just a crisis with our women and girls. The more research we do, there are more men that are missing or murdered than there are women. But a lot of people are not talking about that.”



Overview of the Problem

Missing Persons

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, more than **183** Native Americans are verified as missing throughout New Mexico and the Navajo Nation.

The list was last updated on September 20, 2022.



NM State Response

THE MMIWR TASK FORCE HAS:

- **Hosted events** to educate community and hear from families, service providers, law enforcement, and community.
- Published the **2020 NM MMIWR Final Task Force Report**.
- **Expanded the MMIWR Task Force** from 12 members to 40 with Governor Lujan Grisham's passage of Executive Order 2021-013.
- **Passed legislation** during the 2022 Legislative Session establishing a Missing Persons Specialist in the Office of Attorney General (SB 12) and creating a Missing In NM Day event (SB 13).
- **Convened the task force and subcommittees** monthly to look at legislative initiatives and to develop the State Response Plan.
- Published a **State Response Plan**.



MMIWR State Response Plan

Missing and Murdered
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SYSTEMS CHANGE

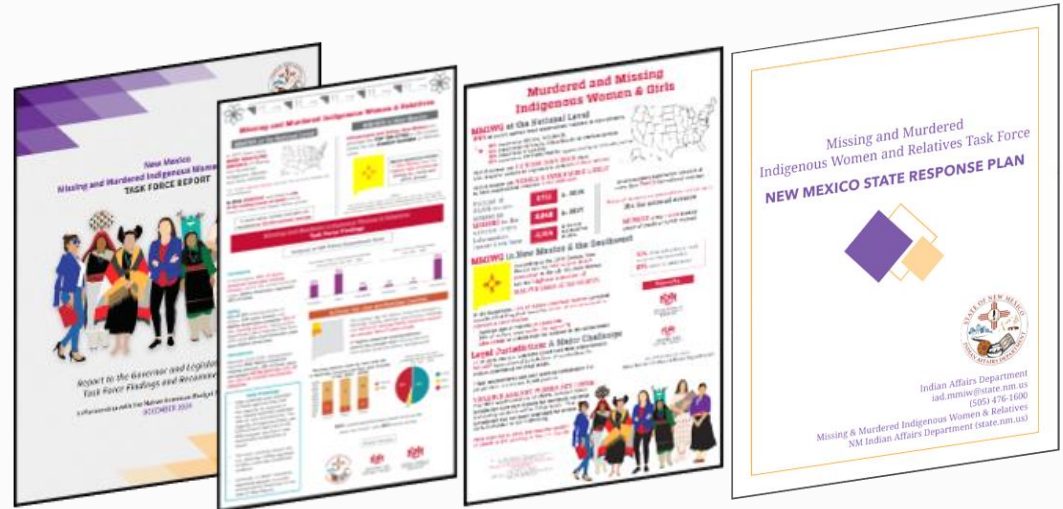
The five systems recommendations that had the highest levels of support from the task force were:

1	2	3	4	5
Establish a permanent MMIWR Office with a standing cold case review team.	Support all New Mexico tribes' participation in the 2013 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Act.	Establish liaison positions to improve coordination and collaboration between Tribal, state, city, county, and federal agencies.	Create and pass legislation mandating training focused on MMIWR and improving reporting by all public safety personnel across the state.	Establish a mandatory protection order sharing between tribes and New Mexico Law Enforcement officers via NCIC.



NM Reports & Resources

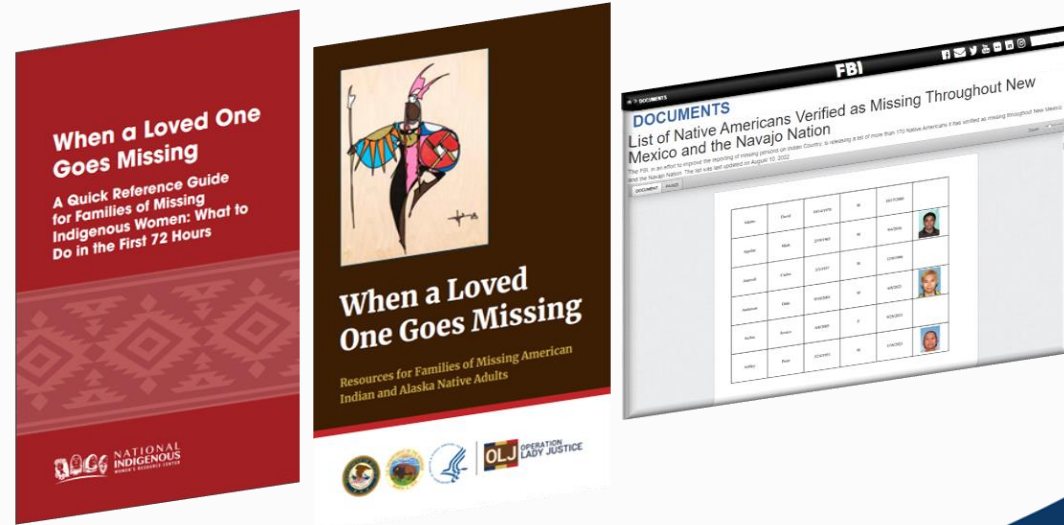
<https://www.iad.state.nm.us>



Federal Reports & Resources

<https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/>

<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/mmip-data-081022.pdf/view>



Partnerships

The MMIWR Task Force continues expanding its partnerships:



Next Steps

- **Missing in NM Event** – October 22, 2022
 - Tentatively set to take place at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.
 - Staff is working to get out the word about the event & can use support from legislators.
 - Ensuring this event is trauma-informed and offers healing, awareness, and exposure about families' missing relatives.
- Continue **education/outreach** on the State Response Plan and begin implementing strategies.
- Tailoring the **MMIWR budget** to provide support to communities in the form of training, healing support, education, resources.



SAVE THE DATE

October 22, 2022

- File or update missing persons reports,
- Submit DNA records,
- Meet with investigators and
- Access support services.

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MMNR MISSING PERSONS DAY



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Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Update



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Tribal Infrastructure Fund - Background

Governing Statute: §6-29-1 to §6-29-9 NMSA 1978).

- Fully appointed TIF board (terms expire in 2023).
- Federally recognized Indian Nations, Tribes and Pueblos in NM eligible for TIF.
- Eligible applicants required to submit application and supporting documents via TIF portal by deadline. Projects must be on ICIP and be a qualified project per TIF guidelines.
- Board appoints a review committee to review all applications and score—selected projects present to the full TIF board.
- Projects scored based on critical need, project readiness, capacity and leveraging.



FY22 TIF Timeline

(subject to change)

EVENT	DATE
TIF Portal open	February 4, 2022 at 8:00 am
TIF Portal closes, all applications final	March 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm
TRC review, score, and prioritize projects	March 9, 2022 – April 8, 2022
Tribes with top ranking projects are notified to attend a TIF Board meeting to present their project	May 2022
TIF Board meets and votes to certify project awards to the State Board of Finance	May 2022
Tribal entities notified and SOWs and budgets requested	June 2022
EO Compliance process *Dependent on submission of Tribal Audits	June 2022
State Board of Finance Bond Sale	June 2022
IGAs drafted and sent out to Grantees for signature	June/July 2022



Funding Caps & Project Period Timeline

Project Category	Amount	Timeline
Planning	No Cap	Must be complete within 24 months from date of IGA execution
Design	No Cap	Must be complete within 36 months from date of IGA execution
Construction	15% of the total TIF allocation available Example: If total TIF allocation is \$10 million, construction request cannot exceed 15% (\$10 million x 15% = \$1,500,000)	Must be complete within 36 months from date of IGA execution

No-Cost Extension Request must be made 60 days before date of expiration to the TIF Board in writing



TIF Statistics 2019-2022

- Number of TIF Applications

2019	64
2020	55
2021	44
2022	37

- Types of Projects Awarded

Year	Water Wastewater	Health, Safety, Road	Community, Utility
2019	8	2	1
2020	10	3	1
2021	11	5	1
2022	5	5	7



TIF Statistics

2019-2022

Amount of TIF Funds Requested

2019	\$51,902,871.92
2020	\$69,623,669.45
2021	\$60,711,646.69
2022	\$67,856,022.02

Reversions

2017	\$41,897.20
2018	\$115,106.45
2019	\$867,459.16

Amount of TIF Funds Awarded

2019	\$14,050,394.00
2020	\$18,256,199.62
2021	\$26,630,794.00
2022	\$38,140,000.00



2022 TIF Projects

- Total of 17 projects awarded funding in 2021.
- Total amount awarded: \$38,140,000.00.
- The majority of projects awarded were for water or wastewater projects. Other projects included roads, housing and public safety improvements.
- The department has issued all IGAs for the approved projects and tribes should soon be able to begin their projects.
- IAD's TIF/CO Administrators will conduct a kick-off meeting with new grantees to providing training and technical assistance support.



2021 TIF Projects

Total of 17 projects awarded funding in 2021.

Total amount awarded: \$ 26,630,794.00

Despite the pandemic, tribal grantees continue to make progress in expending funding. Issues related to funding were result of pandemic:

- Increase in projects costs due to material and services;
- Lack of materials or contractors to perform services which may increase time to complete projects;
- Turnover in project staff due to effects of the pandemic—leaving employment.



Tse'ii'ahi' Head Start Facility

The Tse'ii'ahi' Head Start Facility will serve 15-20 families within the Standing Rock community. This facility will provide educational services within the community and reduce the need for children traveling 25 miles outside the community to attend a head start facility.

2019 TIF Award: \$400,000.00



Jemez Pueblo Comprehensive Health Center Renovation Remodel



The project added additional space to increase services for specialty clinics (primary care, dental, optometry, behavioral health, audiology, podiatry) which will reduce the need for patients to travel to Albuquerque.

2020 TIF Award: \$2,980,000.00



Jicarilla Apache Nation Cutter Lateral Intertie Waterline



The Project will immediately provide a new water source for approximately 25 Jicarilla families who live in the southern portion of the reservation that are presently hauling water from sources that include livestock wells.

2020 TIF Award: \$2,255,404.00



Thank you!

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