

Agency Purpose

The Indian Affairs Council (IAC) was established in 1963 (M.S. 3.922). Its primary function is to serve as the official liaison between the state of Minnesota and the 11 tribal governments within the state. The IAC advises state government on issues of concern to Indian tribes and communities, and administers programs designed to enhance economic opportunities and protect cultural resources for the state's American Indian constituents. The IAC plays a central role in the development of state legislation and monitors programs that affect the state's American Indian population and tribal governments. Minnesota was the first state in the nation to establish an Indian Affairs agency and works to continually provide a model for other states to follow.

At A Glance

American Indian Population: 50,930

Cultural Resources Program:

- ◆ 2,500 human remains acquired in 1989
- ◆ 500 additional remains acquired 1998 – 2006
- ◆ 400 remain for reburial.

The agency serves the 11 Minnesota tribes and their enrolled membership residing both on and off of the reservations, and all American Indians residing in the state of Minnesota.

The vision of the IAC is to strive for social, economic, and political justice for all American Indian people living in the state of Minnesota, while embracing traditional cultural and spiritual values.

Core Functions

The IAC coordinates with the various state agencies, appointed liaisons, American Indians residing outside reservation boundaries, and tribal governments. The IAC monitors Indian programs to ensure that services are delivered by reviewing and analyzing data and trends, and providing the findings to the respective agencies, tribes, and other American Indian programs. Core functions include:

- ◆ providing information and technical assistance to Indian reservations in Minnesota through the administration of the Indian Economic Opportunity Program by inter-agency agreement with the Department of Human Services;
- ◆ monitoring and enforcing state laws as well as the monitoring of federal laws to protect American Indian human remains and associated burial items through the Cultural Resources Program; and
- ◆ providing a vehicle, through the Urban Advisory Council, for the urban Indian population to determine issues affecting the represented Indian populations.

Operations

The Indian Economic Opportunity Program coordinates with the Department of Human Services and the 11 reservations to provide management and technical assistance to the reservations for community service grants including the Community Services Block Grant, the Minnesota Economic Opportunity Grant, the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and the Rural Housing and Stability Program. The Economic Opportunity Program also advises area service providers on the impacts of government programs on low-income people and their progression toward self-sufficiency.

The Cultural Resources program provides protection of American Indian human remains and associated burial items under the Minnesota Cemetery Act, M.S. 307.08, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Public Law 101.601, by serving as a repository for human remains and associated burial items from state agencies, public museums, private individuals, and institutions, and processing them for proper repatriation.

Key Measures

The primary objective of the IAC is to monitor policy issues to protect the laws and rights of American Indian people. The IAC has also come to be recognized and utilized as a clearinghouse for information and projects. The IAC is called upon to participate and/or initiate a variety of activities and programs as they relate to Indians in Minnesota, and acts as an incubator for these special projects by providing administration and financial services for the overall benefit of Indians in Minnesota.

Budget

The agency's FY 2007 budget includes a General Fund appropriation of \$474,000, and a federal grant of \$60,000 for administration of the Economic Opportunity program.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	475	475	475	475	950
Forecast Base	475	475	475	475	950
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	433	583	475	475	950
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	1	79	0	0	0
Federal	55	81	65	65	130
Gift	0	2	2	2	4
Total	489	745	542	542	1,084
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	335	344	357	364	721
Other Operating Expenses	154	401	185	178	363
Total	489	745	542	542	1,084
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Indian Affairs Council	489	745	542	542	1,084
Total	489	745	542	542	1,084
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	4.7	5.3	5.5	5.5	

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Grants:					
Federal	78	55	65	65	130
Other Revenues:					
Misc Special Revenue	80	0	0	0	0
Gift	0	2	2	2	4
Total Dedicated Receipts	158	57	67	67	134
Agency Total Revenue	158	57	67	67	134