



## STATE OF NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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### **Indian Affairs Department to present budget before House Appropriations and Finance Committee**

Santa Fe, NM –Indian Affairs Department Secretary Lynn Trujillo will present the department's FY22 budget to the House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFC), Tuesday, February 9th at 1:30 PM. The executive budget recommendations maintain IAD's budget at FY21 levels, allowing the department to continue its work to serve New Mexico's 23 tribal nations.

The executive budget recommendation of \$3.7 million would keep IAD's operating budget at FY21 levels. The executive recommendation would allow the department to fund special project grants, early childhood education grants, and tobacco cessation and prevention grants at the same levels as FY21.

"The Indian Affairs Department continues to work collaboratively with our sister agencies and tribal governments to bring resources and support to our tribal communities and people. I remain hopeful that the New Mexico Legislature will agree with the executive recommendation from DFA and maintain our budget for FY22," said Secretary Lynn Trujillo.

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department advocates for and connects New Mexico's 23 Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos to State and Federal resources and advocates for the 1-in-10 New Mexicans who enjoy dual citizenship with the state and a Native government.

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