



# **2021 TRIBAL LIAISON REPORT**

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Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders,

The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) presents this report to you with the goal of sharing the work of the State of New Mexico's various departments over the course of first quarter, January – March 2021. The 60-day legislative session kept many of us busy advocating for Tribes' positions; a separate report was created related to the outcomes of the session. The information presented in this quarterly report will not focus on legislation but rather opportunities that are available to Nations, Tribes and Pueblos.

This report is meant to give you an overview of the divisions and program initiatives of each department, a brief overview of ongoing tribal consultations or other tribal engagements with state departments as well as funding opportunities and overall quarterly accomplishments. Over the past year, the state has been working hard to address the needs of the state's sovereign nations and working in partnership under Governor Lujan Grisham's administration to address mutual concerns.

IAD has established this report at the request of Tribal Leaders. The information gathered in this report was collected from the tribal liaisons from each state department with the goal to communicate updates to tribal leadership. A list of contact information for tribal liaisons is included and questions regarding specific initiatives can be directed to them.

As always the IAD staff is also available to answer any questions and to be of service to your communities.

Respectfully, Lynn A. Trujillo



## **Program Initiatives**

The various Departments of the State of New Mexico actively provide programming for Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos.



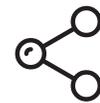
## **Tribal Consultations**

Status updates on current consultations with Tribal governments.



## **Tribal Engagement**

Many Departments report on the activities and collaborations with Tribal communities



## **Funding Opportunities**

Grants and funding opportunities available to Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos available through departments.



## **Top Accomplishments**

Celebrating the wins, big and small, for departments, liasons, and Tribal communities.



## **Participating Departments**

Game and Fish, Public Safety - State Police, Military Affairs, Tourism, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Veterans Services, Corrections, Cultural Affairs, Workforce Solutions, Agriculture, Aging & Long Term Services, Transportation, Early Childhood Education and Care, General Services, Human Services, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Environment, State Personnel Office, Office of the State Engineer, Higher Education, Economic Development, Regulation and Licensing, Finance and Administration, Taxation and Revenue, Information Technology, Public Education



## Indian Affairs Department Initiatives

### Impact Aid Signing Ceremony

On the afternoon of April 5, Governor Lujan Grisham signed HB 6 into law outside of the Rotunda in one of the first in-person events of the year. Legislative representatives, Tribal leaders, and Indian Affairs Department staff were present to witness the historic moment and the end of a decades old issue of inequity.

The bill sends federal money directly to schools with high numbers of Native American populations providing equitable funding for underserved schools, especially located on tribal lands.



Impact Aid signing ceremony

### Listening Session with Secretary Haaland, Government Officials and APCG

On April 6, 2021, Indian Affairs staff joined Pueblo leadership, members of the state's Congressional delegation, and state officials at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for a meeting with Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland. Secretary Haaland hosted a roundtable discussion about the American Rescue Plan, which has been lauded as the largest single investment in Indian Country by the United States government. Pueblo leadership welcomed Secretary Haaland back to New Mexico and shared words of prayer and encouragement as she begins her new role with the Department of the Interior.

### New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force Updates

The MMIW Task Force of the State of New Mexico met with Judge Marion Buller, Chief Commissioner for the Canadian National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, for consultation in early April. Judge Buller shared with the task force information that will help the New Mexico MMIW task force as they continue their service.



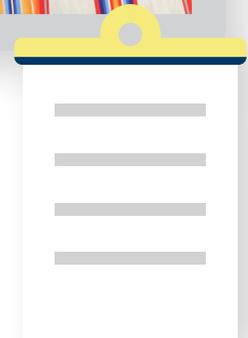
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### Tribal Leaders

#### Legislative Debrief Call

On April , Governor Lujan Grisham held a teleconference with Tribal leadership to address the outcomes of the 2021 60-Day Legislative Session.

Tribal Leadership had an opportunity to speak with the governor regarding outcomes related to Indian education and Tribal budget priorities for: (1) Impact Aid; (2) the Yazzie/Martinez Tribal Remedy Framework; (3) Tribal Capital Outlay Package; (4) Broadband Funding; and (5) other funding intended to help with recovery for Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos. The Lujan Grisham administration initiated this meeting to continue the open and transparent relationship she values with the leaders of New Mexico.





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## Departmental Program Initiatives

<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH</b> (DGF)</p>	<p>DGF is working with tribes on common wildlife issues statewide. DGF offers the E-PLUS (Elk Plus) program that was created in recognition of the important benefits that private lands make to the elk populations and hunting opportunities in New Mexico. The program gives hunters and landowners a way to work together to effectively hunt and manage elk on private lands. Tribal-owned land enrolled in E-Plus habitat programs annually, that all qualified privately owned property owners can participate in include areas in Taos County and San Felipe. DGF offers Hunter education on the local level per communities.</p>
<p><b>STATE POLICE - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b> (DPS)</p>	<p>DPS is committed to continuing collaborative efforts in State/Tribal law enforcement generally, and specifically the joint commissioning and education of law enforcement officers. Two programs that DPS fully supports are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The commissioning of tribal police officers as New Mexico Peace Officers using Statute 29-1-11. This program enhances a Tribal police department's overall police function by allowing officers to not only respond to, but to handle incidents and police services that involve non-Indians within their sovereign jurisdictions. The tribal officer through his/her New Mexico Law Enforcement Commission can utilize New Mexico State Criminal and Traffic Statutes.</li> <li>• Through an approved resolution by a specific Pueblo, Tribe, or Nation, and through a formal request for a Government-to-Government agreement, DPS supports the Special Law Enforcement Commissioning (SLEC) of New Mexico State Police officers as deputies of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, allowing for DPS and SLEC commissioned officers to provide law enforcement services when called upon by the sovereign jurisdiction and/or the BIA. The SLEC also provides deputized officers with the civil protections from Tort Claims when acting under color of law and in good faith in Indian Country. Currently, DPS has SLEC commissioned personnel who are assigned to the various Districts around the State.</li> <li>• Some State Police officers in districts that border the Navajo Nation have a Navajo Nation police cross-commission authorizing them to enforce Navajo laws against tribal members on Navajo land. This collaboration between agencies is aimed at reducing the real and perceived loopholes created by jurisdictional boundaries. For example, cross-commissioned NMSP officers may arrest a drunk driver anywhere on Navajo land, regardless of whether that person is tribal or non-tribal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS</b> (DMA)</p>	<p>Through DMA, the New Mexico National Guard Youth Challenge Academy (located in Roswell) provides a 17 ½ month program. The program starts with a demanding 22-week quasi-military residential phase in which cadets live in Roswell. This is followed by a year of mentoring support to help our graduates maintain positive lifestyles.</p> <p>During the residential phase, we focus on the development of the whole person through training of the 8 core components, which are designed to instill healthy, lifelong skills that have been time-proven to lead to success. In this phase, all cadets will live in recently renovated military barracks, work towards earning a GED, and are eligible to receive college credits in a vocational training program provided by Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell.</p>
<p><b>TOURISM DEPARTMENT</b> (TD)</p>	<p>TD does not have specific program initiatives, however, there are several programs throughout the year for Tribes to participate in: NM True Certification (year-round), NM Clean and Beautiful, Cooperative Marketing Program (opens April 2021).</p>



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<p>DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMELAND SECURITY (DHSEM)</p>	<p>State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) assists local and Tribal governments by serving as the conduit for assistance from the federal government. DHSEM educates and engages representatives from state, local, and tribal governments during major emergencies and disasters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Certificate programs are available at: <a href="https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx">https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx</a> and <a href="https://www.ncbrt.lsu.edu">https://www.ncbrt.lsu.edu</a></li> <li>• Periodic updates from the NM-DHSEM Training Program Department are delivered to all Tribal Emergency Operation Center points of contacts.</li> </ul> <p>For detailed info and updates, tribal emergency managers can contact DHSEM Training Specialists, Mr. Federico Hernandez Federico. <a href="mailto:Hernandez@state.nm.us">Hernandez@state.nm.us</a> or Ms. Felecia Schreier <a href="mailto:Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us">Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us</a>.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES (DVS)</p>	<p>DVS is committed to working with and responding to all joint state veterans' related concerns for the state, Tribes, Pueblos and Native Nations. The Department will continue to seek out community and veterans outreach outlets to promote New Mexico veterans within Native communities.</p> <p>DVS collaborates with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal VA partners (i.e. VBA and VAHCS to capitalize on services to our veterans in rural communities);</li> <li>• National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) Accreditation training for Veteran Service Officers (VSO) in Pueblos and Tribes; and</li> <li>• Partner and mentor Native American VSO's.</li> </ul>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (NMCD)</p>	<p>The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) encompasses both adult prisons and Probation and Parole. NMCD is one of the largest State departments and is fully committed to public safety.</p> <p>Programs for incarcerated Tribal members include Traditional Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMCD provides services to Native Americans in the form of Sweat Lodge Ceremony, Talking Circle Ceremony, Blessing Way Ceremony, Pipe Ceremony, and access to an on-site Spiritual Counselor, observance of Tribal Holy days, and NMCD assists with re-entry efforts.</li> </ul>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)</p>	<p>The DCA's vision is for stronger New Mexico communities through greater connection, belonging, understanding, and respect for individual and collective cultural contributions. We move towards this vision through activating our mission of building a more vibrant, resilient New Mexico by improving the quality of life, supporting a culturally rich education, strengthening the creative economy, fostering a diversity of expression, preserving our cultural resources. DCA runs the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers program and State Library.</p>
<p>AGING &amp; LONG TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALTSD)</p>	<p>The Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA) is housed at the ALTSD. Other programs ALTSD offers are Senior Center Services/Contract Support/WellSky Support.</p>



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<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (DWS)</b></p>	<p>DWS workforce program initiatives and services are available and provided below and online at <a href="http://www.dws.state.nm.us">www.dws.state.nm.us</a> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ameri-Corps</li> <li>• Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Economic Research &amp; Analysis</li> <li>• Human Rights</li> <li>• Jobs for Veterans</li> <li>• Rapid Response (Business and Individuals)</li> <li>• Trade Adjustment</li> <li>• Unemployment Insurance</li> <li>• Wage and Hour</li> <li>• Work Opportunity Tax Credit and Federal Bonding</li> <li>• Workforce Connection Center</li> <li>• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity</li> </ul>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT Of AGRICULTURE (NMDA)</b></p>	<p>NMDA serves as the liaison between agricultural producers and state, federal, and tribal governments. NMDA works with tribal leaders, agencies, organizations, and businesses on issues related to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural biosecurity</li> <li>• Pesticide regulation</li> <li>• Produce safety</li> <li>• Water and other natural resources</li> <li>• Wildlife and endangered species</li> <li>• Farmers' markets</li> <li>• Retail petroleum support</li> </ul> <p>The Director's Office also coordinates tribal entities and USDA disaster assistance and recovery programs.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)</b></p>	<p>The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has maintained a proactive government-to-government working relationship with state Tribal entities, addressing the Tribes' specific needs and concerns relative to our transportation system.</p> <p>NMDOT strives to be a national leader in developing these relationships on all matters of transportation in a consultative manner that is respectful of each tribe's culture and traditions. In addition, to ensure compliance with the federal tribal coordination requirements in each district offices: District-1, Deming, NM; District -2, Roswell, NM; District-3, Al-buquerque, NM; District-5, Santa Fe, NM, and District-6, Milan, NM. Region Design Cen-ters: South Region ,Central Region, and North Region. Statewide offices: Right of Way Bureau; Environmental Bureau; Cultural Resource Section; Drainage Section; Traffic Safety Bureau; Transit &amp; Rail Bureau; IT Bureau; Planning &amp; Government to Government Bureau; Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO's) Northern Pueblos RTPO; Mid-Region RTPO; Southcentral RTPO; Southeast RTPO; Northwest RTPO; Metro-politan Planning Organizations (MPO's) Mid-Region MPO and Santa Fe MPO. NM Local Technical Assistance Program.</p>



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<p><b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT (ECECD)</b></p>	<p>ECECD programs include Home Visiting, Child Care, NM PreK and Early PreK, Early Intervention, Family Nutrition, Families First, Early Intervention services and Workforce Development. Technical Assistance is provided through the Head Start State Collaboration Office.</p>
<p><b>GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (GSD)</b></p>	<p>GSD does not offer any specific programs for Nations, Tribes and Pueblos, but GSD is heading Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's "Buy New Mexico" Initiative, where state agencies conduct outreach efforts and provide technical assistance to encourage New Mexico businesses to contract with the state.</p>
<p><b>ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (EMNRD)</b></p>	<p>EMNRD provides natural resources protection.</p>
<p><b>NM ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED)</b></p>	<p>NMED offers multiple collaborative initiatives, such as the Data Sharing Network for Water Quality Monitoring, Assessment, Standards, Watershed Planning and Restoration, the Indoor Radon Outreach Program (providing test kits), the Monitoring, Assessment, and Standards Section meetings on river water quality and water standards.</p>
<p><b>STATE PERSONNEL OFFICE (SPO)</b></p>	<p>SPO provides administrative support for the Building Cultural Equity with Native Nations course, including all participant registrations and course completion tracking required of all state Tribal Liaisons.</p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER (OSE)</b></p>	<p>The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) is a regulatory agency and is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has authority over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and ground water in New Mexico including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The agency serves the constituents including the Tribes, Pueblos and Nations should there be questions related to water issues, negotiations through meetings and consultations if requested.</p> <p>The Interstate Stream Commission is charged with the protection of New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts as well as investigating, conserving, and protecting the waters of the State, in addition to water planning.</p>
<p><b>TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (TRD)</b></p>	<p>TRD is in the process of developing an audit training program.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DoIT)</b></p>	<p>DoIT Offices of Broadband and Geospatial Technologies assists Nations, Tribes and Pueblos.</p>



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HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT  
(HSD)

### **The Income Support Division of HSD includes the following programs:**

- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) The P-EBT program was authorized by the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act to aid families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals. Total P-EBT issuance to date is \$214,738,026.90 to over 340,000 students.
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The program provides USDA Foods to income-eligible households living on Indian reservations, and to American Indian households residing in approved areas near or on Navajo Nation. Eligible households may not participate in FDPIR and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in the same month, NMHSD works with Navajo Nation to verify SNAP eligibility status.
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Low-Income Home Energy Heating and Cooling, and Weatherization are offered to eligible Na-tive American households whose Tribes do not receive their own LIHEAP funding.
- Qualifying tribal households will also be eligible to receive the water/wastewater benefits when they become available.
- USDA The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is available to all tribal communities. Tribal Communities are required to work with one of 5 food banks that serve designated areas around the state. Food Boxes are distributed to HH @ 185% FPL with minimal HH information collected.
- USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a food box program for elderly 60+ at 135% FPL. Food boxes are distributed monthly and available in all counties through a series of food banks. Applications are collected and food is packed according to USDA packing list guidelines. School Food is delivered from the HSD Warehouse to all tribal schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program through Public Education Department.

### **The Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) of HSD includes the following programs:**

- CSED has had a long collaborative relationship with the Navajo Nation that stems back to 1993, when the two entered into its first Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for operation child support on the Navajo Nation, one of the first agreements of its kind in the United States. The JPA was renewed in October 2020. Access to, and the use of, the NM Child Support Enforcement System (CSES).
- Centrally located services providing access to state & federal case registries, including the Federal Parent Locator Services (FPLS).
- Timely responses to referrals from Constituent Services.
- Central receipt and disbursement services through the CSED State Disbursement Unit (SDU).
- CSED is in full support of tribes and pueblos wishing to develop and operate their own Tribal Child Support IV-D Programs and will provide technical assistance upon request.
- CSED has a dedicated attorney from the Albuquerque North Office that is licensed to practice in Zia, Acoma, Isleta, and Laguna Pueblos. The CSED attorney appears before the tribal court judges from these Pueblos regularly. The attorney is often called upon by tribal judges, court staff, and parties when questions arise regarding child support cases that involve tribal members and/or basic child support matters. CSED also has a dedicated Child Support Legal Assistant that handles a total of 353 active cases for Zuni, Acoma, Isleta, and Laguna Pueblos.



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### **The Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) of HSD includes the following programs:**

- BHSD funds several Behavioral Health (BH) treatment programs that serve pre-dominantly Native Americans. The RISE program (treatment for people in jail and post-release) in Lincoln County has partnered with the Mescalero Tribe.
- We offer funding to eight Tribes and Pueblos for traditional healing practices in BH services.
- FEMA works with 23 Tribes to help with outreach around COVID-related mental and behavioral health counseling. Kewa Pueblo has a health home.
- Peer support work in Gallup focuses on Native American populations. BHSD also has LGBTQ programming that specializes in providing care to Native American Youth.
- Our prevention program funds Indigenous PAX in 15 Tribal schools, substance abuse prevention activities in one school and two Tribes, behavioral health out-reach, and overdose prevention education training and Narcan distribution. BHSD collaborates with Ricardo Cate on overdose prevention, COVID-19 education, and New Mexico Community Survey campaigns.
- The permanent supportive housing program, Linkages, dedicates 10% of service to Native American clients, and BHSD contracts with Zuni and Acoma Housing Authorities for Local Lead Agency services, related to the permanent supportive housing program, Set Aside Housing Program.

### **The Medical Assistance Division (MAD) of HSD offers many services to Nations/Tribes/Pueblos such as:**

- Ongoing training for potential beneficiaries and providers about New Mexico Medicaid.
- Enrolling Tribal staff to become certified Presumptive Eligibility Determiners (PEDs) so they can assist with getting people enrolled in Medicaid and understanding services and benefits for Fee for Service and Centennial Care (Managed Care Organizations (MCO's)).
- Ongoing training on FFS billing and billing the Managed Care Organizations for services.
- Information on the 40 different categories of eligibility for Medicaid and the benefits associated with each category.
- Keeping Tribes/Pueblos/Nations and IHS updated on Medicaid changes i.e., COVID-19 related new programs and service reimbursement, improving the value and range of services we provide.
- Implementing technology to give customers and staff the best and most convenient access to services and information. For example, YesNM portal for SNAP, LIHEAP or Medicaid Services.
- Continuing the Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) specifically to engage Tribes/Pueblos/Nations to have a forum in which to discuss Tribal concerns and issues with the Human Services Department and Medical Assistance Division on a quarterly basis



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<p>HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HED)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (AE) The Adult Education Division oversees 24 Adult Education programs throughout the state of New Mexico including programs at Tribal Colleges (SIPI and Dine). Additionally, we oversee programs funded through the Adult Literacy allocation which also serve Native American adult learners.</li> <li>• (GUNM) Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a seven-year initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP programs support efforts to increase the number of low-income students that obtain a secondary school diploma and prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Currently, GEAR UP programs are in 11 school districts in the State of New Mexico.</li> <li>• (IED) The Indian Education Division is working to partner with Tribes, Nations and Pueblos on a pilot college and career readiness initiative. HED would, in partnership with a Tribe, Nation, or Pueblo, to develop localized Tribal community profiles or "opportunity maps" for Native American communities and students. This would assist Tribes with pipelines to localized workforce needs. Most importantly, this initiative is geared towards student empowerment in making their post-secondary decisions. The intended cohort program would support this group of students that commit to an area of study of their choice. This would generate educated Native professionals to work and provide services in their community.</li> <li>• IED also is responsible for building, maintaining and ensuring effective two-way communication between NMHED and Tribes, Nations and Pueblos in the State. In addition, IED will work with Tribes, Nations and Pueblos to hear needs, concerns and questions and work to address them accordingly. The Indian Education Division is also responsible for upholding the provisions of the State Tribal Collaboration Act and the NMHED State Tribal Collaboration Act Communications Policy.</li> <li>• (FA) The Financial Aid Division provides and oversees grants, loan repayment, loan-for-service and scholarship programs available to meet the needs of New Mexico's diverse population. These financial aid programs have various eligibility requirements. For most financial aid opportunities, the application process is handled at the eligible institution.</li> <li>• (CP) The NMHED Capital Projects Division actively collaborates with the four New Mexico Tribal colleges and universities by providing resources and trainings on the higher education capital outlay funding request process and the management and reimbursement of state funds. The four Tribal colleges and universities also actively participate in our capital outlay summer hearing process and have hosted several of the hearings over the past couple of years. Academic Library appropriations have also been made available to the four Tribal colleges in universities as well. These funds can be used to purchase books, electronic media, subscription services, and other important resources for students, faculty, staff, and the local public to use.</li> </ul>
<p>REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT (RLD)</p>	<p>The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) offers a variety of educational presentations in the areas of financial fraud, financial literacy, elder financial exploitation and investor education.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (DFA)</p>	<p>The Department has statutory provisions related to Tribes, Tribal entities and Tribal members that recognize tribal sovereignty and that place limitations on the State's authority to impose and collect taxes; provide for exemptions or deductions from tax for taxpayers selling goods or providing services to tribes; and allow the Department to enter into cooperative agreements with tribes to provide for the cooperative administration and collection of taxes.</p>



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<p><b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD)</b></p>	<p>Economic Development Department includes the Local Economic Development Act (LEAD) Program, Outdoor Recreation Division and New Mexico Film Office. Tribal participation, Tribal Members and third party businesses are found primarily with funding from Finance Development, Job Training Incentive Program, New Mexico MainStreet Native American Project, Outdoor Recreation Grants, Film Liaison Network and Senator Pinto Scholarship Grants.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION (IED)</b></p>	<p>IED administers grants through the Indian Education Act Funds (Native Language, Teacher Pipeline, Curriculum Development, College and Career Readiness, Culture and Linguistic Responsiveness, and Culture and Identity Development)</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NMDOH)</b></p>	<p>There are eight NMDOH divisions and multiple programs. For the purposes of this quarterly report, we will focus on tribal COVID-19 response (Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD), Bureau of Health Emergency Management (BHEM) , Office of Tribal Liaison (OTL), Public Health Division (PHD)) and highlight some programs that are in the area of chronic disease risk reduction and prevention and behavioral health.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES DEPARTMENT (CYFD)</b></p>	<p>CYFD partners with tribal communities through its Behavioral Health Services, Protective Services Division, the Office of Youth Homelessness and Juvenile Justice Services.</p>

### Drive-Through Vaccination Event

IAD recently partnered with state and community partners for a two-series vaccine event and food distribution to serve relatives living in the Albuquerque area. In partnership with NMDOH and First Nations, we were able to coordinate vaccination of 600 people with first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Both events had a food distribution component. IAD values the relationships that made this event a success including MoGro, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, NM Department of Health, First Nations Community Healthsource, All Pueblo Council of Governors, the Thornburg Foundation, Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, and the New Mexico Foundation.





## Tribal Consultations

Below is a brief list of ongoing Tribal consultation with Nations, Tribes, Pueblos and State of New Mexico departments. This list is intended to give tribal leadership an idea of consultations that are in process currently. Specific details are not included in this report.

Other forms of Tribal Engagement are also listed, including discussions and roundtables, but not formal consultations.

STATE POLICE - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)	Quarterly collaboration commission meetings with affected Tribes.
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES (DVS)	DVS has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Navajo Nation dated December 14, 2018 to provide VSO accreditation to Navajo Nation VSO's. 8 Navajo VSO's participated in accreditation training during the week of March 8, 2021.
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)	DCA is involved in multiple reburial issues under the NM Reburial Grounds Act.
AGING & LONG TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALTSD)	Upcoming ALTSD State Plan Development requires consultation on issues affecting Tribal programs. The ALTSD will request support from the IAD to conduct the consultation process.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)	<p>NMDOT is currently involved in the following consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pueblo of Laguna's concerns regarding the impacts of I-40 construction to NM 124: Status: NMDOT staff currently addressing and resolving the issues and concerns of the Pueblo.</li> <li>• NMDOT D-5, Technical Support, REF: Taos Gorge Bridge project update with Taos Pueblo. Status: Pueblo is addressing concerns that will affect their lands that is adjacent to the project.</li> <li>• Navajo Nation Chapters: US 491 Project from Shiprock to the Colorado state line. Status: Currently scheduling a virtual public meeting with the stakeholders.</li> <li>• Pueblo of Acoma: follow up with NMDOT I-40 corridor across New Mexico for broadband fiber optic installations. Status: Coordination is still needed with consultant for further discussion.</li> </ul>
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT (ECECD)	<p>ECECD has engaged in two consultations with Santa Clara Pueblo and San Ildefonso Pueblo in the month of March.</p> <p>An internal department goal is to have 2-3 tribal consultations per month.</p>
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)	<p>Each division within HSD reported there is no current involvement in any Tribal consultations with Tribal governments. However, the Human Services Department has sub-mitted Special Plan Amendment (SPA) for pharmacy prescription reimbursement at an OMB rate. <i>(SPA) 21-0001 Indian Health Service and Tribal 638 Pharmacy Payment.</i></p> <p>This amendment is currently under review by CMS. Medicaid Assistance Division is up-dating providers on the current status of the amendment and will notify providers when approved. Once approved, providers will be able to bill for the new rate for prescriptions provided to patients on Medicaid. Tribal Consultation for this SPA was held on November 19 , 2020.</p>



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<p><b>ENERGY MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (EMNRD)</b></p>	<p>EMNRD had a consultation with the Pueblo of Acoma regarding water and mine closures. EMNRD is also starting the scheduling process for tribal consultation with the Pueblo of Laguna.</p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED)</b></p>	<p>NMED is pending consultation with Santa Clara Pueblo for one year due to COVID-19 regarding a Superfund site in Española. We are in regular communications and a meeting will be set when the Pueblo is ready.</p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER (OSE)</b></p>	<p>OSE is engaged in consultations with the Taos Pueblo on the implementation of the Congressionally-authorized water settlement. Status: on-going, drafting and reviewing administrative guidelines. Another meeting will be scheduled in the month of April. Two draft documents that we are working on involve 1) roles and responsibilities and 2) the other a checklist that would create a decision tree to determine the validity of a water right to be used as tool.</p>
<p><b>HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HED)</b></p>	<p>Not formal consultations, but collaborative and cooperative conversations surrounding MOUs on the pilot profile initiative. HED is always open to questions, inquiries, comments and feedback from our Tribal constituents.</p>
<p><b>ENERGY MINERALS &amp; NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (ENMRD)</b></p>	<p>EMNRD had a consultation with the Pueblo of Acoma regarding water and mine closures. EMNRD is also starting the scheduling process for tribal consultation with the Pueblo of Laguna.</p>
<p><b>TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (TRD)</b></p>	<p>Tribal Cooperative Tax Agreements. Status is on-going</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION (IED)</b></p>	<p>IED is not currently involved in tribal consultations; however, a memorandum was issued to Local Education Agencies (LEA) informing them to consult with Tribes regarding School Opening/closure and COVID-19 related responses.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN YOUTH CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES DEPARTMENT (CYFD)</b></p>	<p>CYFD held Tribal consultation on State Indian Child Welfare Act (December 7, 11, 12, 2020 and January 20, 2021). CYFD supported the work of a number of Tribal leaders and child welfare experts during the drafting and legislative process. CYFD was able to participate in working groups lead by the NM Tribal Indian Child Welfare Consortium, Bold Futures, and the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. Although the State ICWA bill was not heard in Senate Judiciary Committee (along with a number of other bills), CYFD will continue to be supportive of improving and strengthening child welfare practices which honor and support our tribal children, families and communities; as well as to improve ICWA compliance. Upcoming consultations include CARA plans of care and Substitute Care Advisory Council.</p>



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DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH  
(NMDOH)

Two formal consultations were held in 2020 with the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG), NMDOH and the Governor's Office, organized by IAD. One was in May and the second in September. The purpose of the consultations was to receive feedback on NMDOH release of Tribal data for Inspection of Public Records Requests (IPRA), data agreements, and zip code level data on public information COVID-19 dashboards.

At the second consultation in September, the follow-up action was to assemble a task force with the All Pueblo Council of Governors' representatives. The task force has not been activated yet.

One action that did take place was IAD connection to the Southwest Indian Law Clinic. Students were engaged to study the concerns raised by APCG and to provide recommendations. This paper has been submitted to IAD and to NMDOH. No actions taken yet.

## Jemez Broadband Project

Secretary Trujillo supported the project launch by joining Gov. Toledo and staff on a tour of bigbyte.cc's data center in downtown Albuquerque in March 2021. The Pueblo launched the "Jemez Pueblo Tribal Network," on Friday, March 5th. The Network can connect 500 homes, government offices, and departments to high-speed fiberoptic internet for the first time. The network was a shovel-ready project that the Tribal council authorized using federal CARES Act money, State CARES allocations, capital outlay, and private grant funding to finalize.





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<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH (DGF)</b></p>	<p>DGF is involved in some ongoing joint discussions on San Juan River aquatics species and bighorn sheep, pronghorn and elk with Pueblos, Nations and Tribes including Taos Pueblo, Navajo, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Santa Ana Pueblo, and others).</p> <p>Involved in tentative discussions with Isleta Pueblo on land management/disposal in Valencia county.</p>
<p><b>STATE POLICE - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)</b></p>	<p>DPS continue law enforcement to law enforcement meetings with Tribes we actively have cross commission agreements with.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS (DMA)</b></p>	<p>DMA provided comments on MILCON Project-Las Cruces Armory.</p>
<p><b>TOURISM DEPARTMENT (TD)</b></p>	<p>NMTD is involved in roundtable discussions with other departments including Library Funding through the Tribal Libraries and State Grants in Aid programs, which also pro-vides technical assistance to tribal libraries. to discuss programs offered to Tribes and have an opportunity for Tribal Leadership tp asl questions of the paticipating liaisons - the group has met with 4 tribes so far.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMELAND SECURITY (DHSEM)</b></p>	<p>FEMA and department leadership are in constant communication and are working to resolve reports in accordance to legal and environmental standards.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)</b></p>	<p>DCA is working with IAD on a regulation regarding the NM Burial Grounds Act</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (DWS)</b></p>	<p>DWS Tribal Liaison continue to participate in IAD scheduled meetings and provided workforce outreach briefings to tribal governments in conjunction with other State of New Mexico agencies (NMTD, NMDA, EDD).</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NMDA)</b></p>	<p>NMDA is participating in joint roundtables with Economic Development, Tourism and Workforce Solutions. Letters were sent to all Tribes, Pueblos and Nations offering this consultation. Four discussions have been held so far.</p>
<p><b>AGING &amp; LONG TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALTSD)</b></p>	<p>The responsibilities of Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA) involve tribal engagement on all levels. The OIEA assists tribal programs on a consistent basis throughout the con-tracting process, implementation of programs, program development, problem solving, data management and reporting, etc.</p>



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<p>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)</p>	<p>NMDOT is currently involved in the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination Meeting - Pueblo of Laguna, Engineering Program: Update status on the Pueblo's FY 2019 NMDOT Projects i.e. Local Government Road Fund, Recreational Trails Program, Local Government Transportation Project Fund. The Pueblo will follow through with funding requirements.</li> <li>• Zuni Pueblo: Bike/Ped case studies conversation to identify their interest to participate in a case study for a pooled fund project (Case Studies of Communities of Less Than 10,000 People with Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Infrastructure). The Pueblo will have internal discussions with program staff.</li> <li>• Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Council Presentation update: NM 30 Phase 2 project. Project team is addressing the needs and concerns that the Tribal Council had expressed.</li> <li>• Navajo Nation DOT: Tse-ya-toh and Tohajiilee Chapters funding needs for a eight mile paving project and information for Chapter to apply for TIF funding. We contacted the chapter to encourage them to apply for the TIF funding.</li> <li>• NMDOT-D6 and Pueblo of Zia: Local Government Transportation Project Fund project Project for a Multi-Use Trail 30% Design Review. Project team is moving forward to the 60%Design.</li> <li>• Pueblo of Acoma: Governor Vallo Coordinating For an 1-40 Bypass Project: NMDOT Secretary Sandoval, D-6 Engineer Larry Maynard are working with the Pueblo to go for State Legislative appropriation. This project is still in the planning stage.</li> <li>• Santa Clara Pueblo transportation team discussion: design progress of NMDOT project CN 5100043 in Española: Tribal representatives had concerns of cultural properties in the areas of the NW of the Plaza and the Old Railroad and requested that they be involved in the construction phases with a 3 to 4 weeks notice. Other concerns were commercial traffic and increase of such traffic on the Santa Clara Bridge.</li> <li>• NMDOT US 64 Study Projects from AZ Stateline to Shiprock: presentation to the Navajo Nation - Beclabito Chapter referencing their input on the impacts to their community.</li> </ul>
<p>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT (ECECD)</p>	<p>ECECD participates in the Navajo Nation Early Childhood Collaborative, APCG Education Committee Updates, follow-up with Tesuque Pueblo leadership to strengthen early childhood services within that specific Pueblo. ECECD hosts bi-weekly meetings with all tribes to participate and learn about ECECD programs and external resources.</p>
<p>GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (GSD)</p>	<p>GSD's Procurement Division (SPD) has been working with Marvis Aragon of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICCNM) to present the Buy New Mexico Campaign, and other procurement services, to Nations, Tribes and Pueblos.</p>



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<p>HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)</p>	<p><b>HSD - Income Support Division (ISD):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) tribal meetings to share information regarding services offered at ISD.</li> <li>• San Juan County Quarterly Indian Health Services meeting.</li> <li>• San Juan County Monthly Navajo Nation Department of Self Reliance meeting.</li> <li>• McKinley County Quarterly meetings with Indian Health Services.</li> </ul> <p><b>HSD - Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular communications with the Tribal IV-D programs (Navajo Nation, Mescalero, and Zuni). These are primarily informal communications with these Tribal IV-D programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>HSD - Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) attends the following meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHSD participates in the statewide Native American Suicide Coalition, the BH Planning Council's Native American Subcommittee and the Kevin S settlement ICWA meetings.</li> <li>• BHSD has four regional Native American BH learning communities, and an additional Native American learning community for all the Tribal and Pueblo communities that BHSD funds.</li> <li>• FEMA requested meetings with Native American providers to assist with Navajo application for COVID-19 related funding.</li> <li>• The first New Mexico Tribal Behavioral Health Providers Association (NMTBHPA) meeting was held on March 19th. The meeting has been created for providers to engage with HSD leadership to discuss policy, capacity building, billing and coding, and building capacity around BH strategies and priorities. The next meeting will be held on April 16th.</li> </ul> <p><b>HSD - Medical Assistance Division:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) was held on March 22, 2021. The NATAC is a quarterly meeting for tribal leaders and designated representatives to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest with HSD/MAD leadership.</li> </ul>
<p>NM ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED)</p>	<p>NMED is engaged with Pueblo of Acoma to discuss groundwater history and ongoing protections as it relates to the closure of Mt. Taylor Mine (former uranium mine) and the Bluewater Basin.</p>
<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD)</p>	<p>Zuni Pueblo RE: Bike/Ped Case studies conversation to identify their interest to participate in a case During January - March of 2021, all Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos were mailed a hand written congratulatory card to each President and Governor requesting a follow-up joint meeting with NMAD, EDD, NMED, and DWS. Four Pueblos responded with scheduled dates, by email correspondence and three roundtables were completed with Acoma, Ohkay Owingeh, and Taos. These meetings were all well received. Follow-up correspondence was made to sovereign governments. study Pooled Fund Project- Case Studies of Communities of Less Than 10,000 People with Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Infrastructure. Pueblo to have internal discussions with program staff.</p>



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<p><b>NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER (OSE)</b></p>	<p>We are involved with 9 Tribes, Pueblos and Nations in six adjudications which include the Federal Government, including non-Indian parties ie; acequias and cities. Status: all in different phases of negotiations, two of the adjudications have engaged the services of a mediator(s).</p> <p>Meeting scheduled in April with the Pueblos of Jemez and Zia and the Rio Jemez Water Users Association on discussing pre-season irrigation scenarios, ie; what does the coming runoff look like, the possibility of preparing for another priority call on the Rio Jemez which will initiate another shortage sharing process.</p> <p>Pueblo of Cochiti - City of Santa Fe - The release up to 200 AF into the Santa Fe River at the highest rate possible, and will monitor the fate of that release, but may shift up to 100 AF of that to San Juan Chama by exchange after working through our monitoring plan this week. This issue has been resolved through the release of San Juan Chama water.</p> <p>Pueblo of Cochiti - Pending meeting with State Engineer including a separate tour of the Santa Fe River stream system by the Pueblo and OSE staff from the Albuquerque District 1 office. The issue of concern by the Pueblo is a diversion on the river by the non-Indian community of La Bajada.</p> <p>Pueblo of Picuris - Meeting conducted in March between State Engineer John R. D' Antonio, Jr., PE and Tribal Liaison Myron Armijo on the long standing issue of a Trans-Basin diversions in the transfer of water from the Rio Pueblo/Rio Embudo watersheds and into the Mora Valley and the impacts the diversions have on the Pueblo including west-ern slope acequias."</p>
<p><b>HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HED)</b></p>	<p>HED is currently involved in ongoing discussions with Taos and Zia Pueblo Leadership and Education Departments to come to a mutually agreeable MOU. This MOU will drive the work of the pilot profile initiative in these two communities. There are some information requests that are part of the initiative. Understanding that the Tribe owns this information, we seek guidance from the Tribe to help us understand their preferences in information sharing.</p> <p>HED continues to host monthly update meetings with Tribal Education Directors across New Mexico. These meetings are an opportunity to engage about higher education initiatives, news, updates and programs.</p> <p>The NMHED Capital Projects Division actively collaborates with the four New Mexico Tribal colleges and universities by providing resources and trainings on the higher education capital outlay funding request process and the management and reimbursement of state funds.</p>
<p><b>TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (TRD)</b></p>	<p>Development of TRD/Tribal State Tax Working Group and Tax Audit Training Workshop. Both are in development stage. Tax Working Group had its first meeting in March with tribal and state representatives.</p>



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<p>REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT (RLD)</p>	<p>The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department is currently in collaboration with the Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority and Jemez Pueblo, providing financial education workshops, that include discussions on Native American concepts of protecting and building their assets and accessing credit; to include education on frauds and scams. The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department has partnered with FDIC and the National Indian Council on Aging for an April event. FDIC will host a webinar to inform American Indian and Alaska Natives about safe financial measures to take during COVID-19 and the recovery period.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT)</p>	<p>“DoIT participates in the following venues benefitting Tribes:          - Weekly NM Homework Gap Team Meetings that includes IAD, DoDE, PED/IED, and SFIS co-chaired by NM PED and NM DoIT. Status ongoing.          - NM HGT: <a href="https://www.communitylearningnetwork.org/homework-gap-team.html">https://www.communitylearningnetwork.org/homework-gap-team.html</a>          - Monthly Geospatial Advisory Committee meetings that include tribal representations. Status ongoing          - NM GAC: <a href="https://www.gac.state.nm.us/index.html">https://www.gac.state.nm.us/index.html</a>”</p>
<p>NM PED INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION</p>	<p>IED is not currently involved in other Tribal engagements, however, IED will be meeting with Tribes in the April - May on Tribal Education Appropriations.</p>
<p>PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION (IED)</p>	<p>Consultations with NMDOT-D6 and Pueblo of Zia on their Local Government Transportation Project Fund project for an update. The Tribal Administrator is following up with funding requirements.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NMDOH)</p>	<p>DOH initiated an Alcohol Roundtable discussion at the beginning of 2020, however with COVID-19, progress was cut short. DOH is in discussion on next steps and how best to continue engaging our core team of 7 Pueblos and 1 Apache Nation.</p>
<p>CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES DEPARTMENT (CYFD)</p>	<p>CYFD and Binti have a contract to pilot implementation of Binti’s Licensing/Approvals and Placements modules. CYFD has allowed NM Tribes to use Binti free of charge. Tribes are working with Binti to configure the models to use their workflows and forms for foster care licensing and placement. Tribal data will be segregated from CYFD’s data; and CYFD and Binti will continue to work with Tribes who which to launch this cloud-based data management system.</p> <p>CYFD’s Juvenile Justice Services was successful is acquiring grant funding, and the department was able to get 54 laptops for our tribal partners (protective services/ICWA workers and juvenile probation officers).</p> <p>CYFD continues to host a number of workgroups (i.e., CARA, in-home services, relative care team, shelter, quarterly meetings, out-of-preferred placement meetings) which our tribal partners are regular participants. The meetings are on-going and aim to not only improve practice, also to strengthen the state-tribal partnerships to better address the needs of our tribal children and families.</p>



## Funding Opportunities

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DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH (DGF)	DGF only has joint actions via federal funding, partnering with groups for large habitat and fire suppression landscape projects.
STATE POLICE - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)	DPS administers the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). JAG funding is a grant utilized to assist with funding for violent crimes, in which our investigations bureau is involved. Investigations Bureau oversees this grant and approval is needed in order to utilize this funding. Contact Javier Moncada for more details.
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS (DMA)	College Tuition Assistance with NM National Guard Enlistment.
TOURISM DEPARTMENT (TD)	NM True Certification (year round), NM Clean and Beautiful Grant, Cooperative Marketing Program (opens April 2021)
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMELAND SECURITY (DHSEM)	DHSEM provides weekly reports on available programs and the Tribal Liaison is also available for additional request and questions to required/requested programs at Daniel. Moya@state.nm.us
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (NMDC)	Federal grant support associated with recidivism and re-entry.
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)	Library funding through the Tribal Libraries and State Grants in Aid programs is available, which also provides technical assistance to tribal libraries.
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (DWS)	DWS funding opportunities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ameri-Corps (Teach for America, Indigenous Educator Corps and Community Volunteerism)</li> <li>• Work Opportunity Tax Credit (for eligible Tribal Enterprise and individuals)</li> <li>• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (for eligible individuals and employers for the purpose of job training).</li> </ul>
AGING & LONG TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALTSD)	NM State General Fund appropriations, and federally-funded Title III funding administered through Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging and Metro Area Agency on Aging. The Title III federal funding is currently being reevaluated in the ALTSD State Plan to provide better opportunities for tribal programs to access this source of funding.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)	Funding is available through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Highway Safety Funds, Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) and Transportation Project Fund.



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<p>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NMDA)</p>	<p>The Healthy Soil Program (HSP)                  The program was created when the Healthy Soil Act was signed into law in 2019. The purpose of the Act is "to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology and water retention to improve the health, yield and profitability of the soils of the state."</p> <p>The Healthy Soil Act directs NMDA to engage with "eligible entities" in a variety of ways, including through the awarding of grants to improve soil health and soil health stewardship. The Act defines Eligible Entities as including nations, tribes, and pueblos; land grants and acequias; soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs); and NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service.</p> <p>Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)                  The purpose of the federal SCBGP is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets. The program assists with improving the competitiveness of specialty crops by promoting, supporting research, and providing access to specialty crops. The SCBGP also helps address local, regional, and national challenges experienced by specialty crop producers. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines specialty crops as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture)."</p>
<p>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT (ECECD)</p>	<p>Funding is available for Home Visiting, NM PreK, Scholarships, Health and Safety currently through ECECD.</p>
<p>HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)</p>	<p><b>Income Support Division (ISD):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds could be used to assist tribal members. Eligibility is determined by six Community Action Agencies (CAAs) serving all counties in NM. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements.</li> <li>EFAP and CSFP. Tribes wishing to participate in school lunch program must participate through Public Education Department.</li> </ul> <p><b>Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHSD is working with several tribal entities to establish LEAD programs and will be releasing an RFA for LEAD later this year that will include pre-booking diversions; tribal entities are encouraged to apply. A substance abuse prevention RFA specifically for Nations, Tribes and Pueblos will be released in late December 2021. BHSD plans to release an RFA for traditional healing in 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Medical Assistance Division (MAD):</b></p> <p>The following Tribal Notifications have gone out and have sent notification to tribal leaders. The open comment period is identified in each notification. These are not necessarily funding opportunities but reimbursement opportunities by tribal facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written Tribal Notification Letter 21-06 (Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-06: Rescission of SPA 20-0014 Pharmacy Curbside Payment).</li> <li>Written Tribal Notification Letter 21-05 (Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-05: Medication Assisted Treatment).</li> <li>Written Tribal Notification Letter 21-04 Tribal Notification to Request Advice and Comments Letter 21-04: NMAC Change for Parent Caretaker Medicaid Category.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>NM ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED)</b></p>	<p>NMED offers Recycling and Illegal Dumping Grants, and several funding opportunities through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund and Capital Outlay funds related to water and wastewater funding.</p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER (OSE)</b></p>	<p>The agency through appropriations from the legislature have funds for the installation on metering and measuring equipment streams and irrigation systems. The most recent installation for a Pueblo is Ohkay-Owingeh. The equipment was installed on the Chamita ditch through an agreement with the Pueblo, the ditch comes from the Rio Chama and into the Chamita ditch which serves the participants and then into the Pueblo. The OSE also is paying for half of the cost of mediators that were contracted for two settlement negotiations; Ohkay-Owingeh and the Rio San Jose parties which includes the Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma.</p>
<p><b>HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HED)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (AE) The Adult Education receives funding from WIOA Title II from the U.S. Department of Education as well as an allocation from the New Mexico State Legislature. Further, funding is allocated by the Legislature for Adult Literacy programs and that funding is overseen by Adult Education as well.</li> <li>• (GUNM) GEAR UP funding will provide tutoring and mentoring services, college and career counseling, financial aid awareness, college tours, and other research-based activities designed to help students enroll and succeed in college.</li> <li>• (FA) The Financial Aid Division provides over \$100 million dollars each year in financial aid to students in New Mexico. Students can qualify for various financial aid opportunities. From degree specific financial aid for students pursuing nursing and teaching, to the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship, there are various opportunities available to meet students' needs.</li> <li>• (CP) The annual capital outlay funding request process is available to all four Tribal colleges and universities. This process allows all public post-secondary educational institutions to request funding from the state to address their prioritized capital outlay needs. Funding to support these requests comes from Severance Tax Bonds, General Obligation Bonds, and General Funds.</li> </ul>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (DFA)</b></p>	<p>E-911 Funding: The E-911 fund reimburses local governmental grantees for capital expenditures and operational costs associated with calls received by public safety access points (PSAPs). In FY2020 there were 34 grantees operating 41 PSAPs within the State.</p> <p>All New Mexico Pueblos and Tribes receive E-911 service through the state's 41 PSAPs. However, four separate tribal PSAPs—located at Isleta, Jicarilla, Zuni, and Mescalero—are in operation and receive funding through a consolidated effort with each of the respective grantees—Village of Los Lunas, City of Espanola, McKinley County and the Village of Ruidoso.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT)</b></p>	<p>DoIT funding is limited to \$3M to support Navajo Nation broadband and 911 infrastructure builds. Currently nearly \$2.5M has been committed to support three E-Rate Broadband Fiber Construction Projects.</p>



## Funding Opportunities

Funding opportunities available for Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos are listed below by state department. For any additional questions or further details on these programs and initiative please reach out to state department's tribal liaisons. If a department is not listed, this indicates that there are no current funding opportunities at this time.

<p><b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD)</b></p>	<p>Federal EDA Funds have been awarded for a 20-year Strategic Plan in which we have contracted a firm to complete. Three economic development target markets will be identified by each Nation and Pueblo during the next six month period. Regulatory benefits and local incentives will be identified, as well as vacant properties that can be leased to third party businesses or Tribal enterprises. New Mexico Main Street (NMMS) have released their Native American New Community Economic Development Project Application due by June 16, 2021. Applications are reviewed and ranked by NMMS professionals. The Science and Technology Office is working with a Native American business. We continue to offer webinar speaker series with financing recovery, cooperatives, energy efficiency, global trade, NM Main Street, Outdoor Recreation and quarterly Film Liaison Network Meetings. The Outdoor Recreation has an Outdoor Equity Fund, Outdoor Trails and Incubator Initiatives. The Economic Development Division will be reaching out to Economic Development Organizations, Local Governments and Tribes with LEADS Grants to supplement their recruitment attraction budgets, entrepreneurial and workforce training projects. In FY 2020 projects were awarded up to \$15,000 Economic Development Organizations that also serve Nations, Pueblos and Tribal Members. The New Mexico Film Office Senator Pinto Scholarship Senate Bill 209 did not pass during the 2021 Legislative Session.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION (IED)</b></p>	<p>IEA Funds, and new lines of funding from the legislature for FY21-23 are available through IED.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NMDOH)</b></p>	<p>There are relatively few funding opportunities available to Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations through NMDOH. The agency operates with contracts provided through Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant awards primarily. For example, the Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Program (ONAPA) has contracts with tribal nations for implementation of Healthy Kids programs that are focused on nutrition and physical activity.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES DEPARTMENT (CYFD)</b></p>	<p>Since October 2019 CYFD's Tribal Affairs, Office of General Counsel and Protective Services have focused on identifying ways to help support tribal child welfare initiatives. Since August 2020, CYFD continues to meet weekly with tribes on Title IV- E funding opportunities to help support tribal child welfare system. Joint Powers Agreements are needed in order to pass through federal IV-E funding which would help to support placement subsidies, administrative costs and training.</p>



## INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHES INAUGURAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH COUNCIL

The council was formed in February 2021 following two listening sessions that IAD held with tribal youth from across the state. Issues discussed ranged from the desire to have access to higher education resources to behavioral and mental health needs for tribal communities. Participants also voiced the desire to have more intertribal connection between the Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos in the state.

The NM Indian Affairs Department selected members representing the 23 Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos to engage with the department and help steer the work related to the issues raised at the listening sessions. IAD provides this space to come together to share mutual experiences, collaborate on shared initiatives, and build community.

“Our department is proud to stand up this Indigenous Youth Council,” said Secretary Lynn Trujillo. “We look forward to hearing and learning from the next generation of tribal leadership.”

The council includes seven members, two co-chairs from the Youth Council for the All Pueblo Council of Governors, two representatives from Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council, a Mescalero Apache Tribe youth representative, a Jicarilla Apache Nation representative, and an urban Indian representative. The council meets biweekly and is planning a Youth Wellness Summit in partnership with Honoring Native Lives to be held in June 2021.





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<p><b>DEPARTMENT                  GAME &amp; FISH                  (DGF)</b></p>	<p>Quarter 1 accomplishments are ongoing: land management of cultural resource property concerns in Valencia county on the Rio Abajo property and talks with Isleta Pueblo on a possible land disposal.</p>
<p><b>STATE POLICE -                  DEPARTMENT OF                  PUBLIC SAFETY                  (DPS)</b></p>	<p>Due to Covid, a decline of in-person meetings has resulted and interaction is limited to zoom meetings. DPS has worked with NMDOT and Laguna Pueblo on I-40 construction of a wall barrier project (I-40 MP114-117). Several pueblos are not allowing access and have limited their activities.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF                  MILITARY                  AFFAIRS (DMA)</b></p>	<p>MILCON project comment period NEPA Las Cruces Armory.</p>
<p><b>TOURISM                  DEPARTMENT                  (TD)</b></p>	<p>Weekly communication with Tribal tourism representatives and monthly roundtable discussions with both tribal tourism representatives regarding specific tribal invites for all upcoming programs/grants etc.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF                  HOMELAND                  SECURITY AND                  HOMELAND                  SECURITY                  (DHSEM)</b></p>	<p>DHSEM first quarter accomplishments include working in partnership with EMNRD, sharing information on Spent Fuel and the impact, transport, lasting affects involving Tribal lands and/or related identified archaeological location and finds, communicat-ing daily with Liaisons from DOH, IAD, HSD, CYFD, FEMA, and fulfilling Tribal Liaison EOC dutiets including distribution of requests to Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos (road closures, food, water, public safety, recovery).</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF                  VETERANS                  SERVICES (DVS)</b></p>	<p>DVS accomplishments include attending monthly meetings with San Juan County, Gallup and Cibola Veterans Collaborative, the March 8-11, 2021 - NACVSO Accreditation via zoom (8 - Navajo VSO in attendance), and the March 20, 2021 attendance at the Navajo Nation Women Veterans Conference in Window Rock, AZ.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF                  CORRECTIONS                  (NMDC)</b></p>	<p>Given the constraints under the current pandemic, maintaining contact with Native American Program clients at each of the 11 facilities and maintaining regular weekly contact with tribal leaders through Zoom meetings were the NMCD liaison's primary goals for the 2021 first quarter.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT                  OF CULTURAL                  AFFAIRS                  (DCA)</b></p>	<p>The state library budget was approved through the legislative session. State grants in aid and tribal library grants will remain level at \$990k and \$96k respectively.</p>



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<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (DWS)</b></p>	<p>DWS Tribal Liaison participating in IAD scheduled meetings and workforce outreach briefings to tribal governments. We plan to continue with participating and workforce outreach, and follow-up to determine expanded collaboration that may lead to potential departmental consultation.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NMDA)</b></p>	<p>The Roundtable discussion provide an opportunity for interactions with tribal leadership and allow for more specific questions and answers. NMDA looks forward to participating in more of these events.</p>
<p><b>AGING &amp; LONG TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALTSD)</b></p>	<p>ALTSD first quarter accomplishments include the development of the concept for a pi-loted program to support an Elder Care Workforce Development Initiative (ECWDI) to build capacity within tribal programs for education, training, and certification of senior center workers to support senior centers.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)</b></p>	<p>NMDOT first quarter accomplishments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMDOT -D5, RE: Finalizing Fiber installation to Ohkay Owingeh Gas Stations. Secretary Sandoval's Letter of Support for Ohkay Owingeh TIF Grant Application.</li> <li>• Santa Ana Pueblo completion of their Local Government Transportation Project Fund project - Eagle Estates.</li> <li>• MRMPO 2020 Or-tho-photography project has input from these tribal entities Jemez Pueblo, Zia Pueblo and To'Hajiilee Navajo Chapter as to what and how they could use this information for their future plans for their communities.</li> <li>• Navajo Nation Tribal Council - Resource De-velopment Committee involvement with the NM 118 Drainage Analysis project. In the upcoming quarter NMDOT will work: Coordination with Tribal Entities REF: Follow up - current funding opportunities i.e. TIF, Capital Outlay, Stand alone special appropriation, Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) and Transportation Project Fund. Call for Projects - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Highway Safety Funds, Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) and Transportation Project Fund.</li> <li>• Follow up on current NMDOT projects that fall within tribal boundaries.</li> <li>• Follow up with the tribal entities that had received funding with the FY 2019 Local Government Transportation Project Fund project to make sure with proper close out or the need for amendments to their agreements. Continue to provide assistance to our General Office and Districts relative to coordination, collaboration and consultation with our tribal entities, along with providing technical assistance to the MPO's and RTPO's.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (GSD)</b></p>	<p>GSD's Procurement Division (SPD) presented the Buy New Mexico Campaign at the February 17, 2021 AICCNM webinar. SPD has also been attending the weekly Dineh Chamber of Commerce (DCC) Navajo Small Business calls.</p> <p>GSD will continue efforts to establish relationships with New Mexico's Nations, Tribes and Pueblos in the next quarter.</p>



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<p><b>EARLY CHILDHOOD                  EDUCATION AND CARE                  DEPARTMENT (ECECD)</b></p>	<p>ECECD top first quarter accomplishments includes: the launch of the first Statewide Early Childhood Strategic Plan, ECECD Sowing Seeds curricular project completion, providing testimony to HJR1 - Permanent Fund for Early Childhood Services, organizing two government-to-government consultations with northern Pueblos and launching a series of professional development trainings in partnership with Dr. Christine Sims on re-envisioning early childhood education for Native American children. Lastly, the increased participating of tribal Head Starts in the statewide Head Start Needs Assessment released on April 1st.</p> <p>Our next quarter goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building a community of practice for the curriculum workshops created in the last quarter. ECECD will be working with three Tribes to pilot the digital workshops and provide participation stipends to the teams of five.</li> <li>• Recruit for a Tribal policy position to assist the Assistant Secretary in creating internal policies as it relates to State Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA) and also assist Tribes in creating early childhood policies for implementing within early learning centers. ECECD will also work with HED in transferring the \$7 million received in HB2 to support increasing Indigenous and bilingual early educators and offering higher education institutes the ability to apply for funding to increase their capacity and practices. As a result of the Government-to-Government sessions, we will work on transferring the requests from Tribal leaders into MOU's.</li> <li>• Apply for funding that will assist mapping early childhood systems, services and workforce within the Tribes, Pueblos and Nations. Lastly, release a 3-year Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Plan with a goal to work with ICWA directors to provide professional development opportunities and possible endorsements to increase the Native American workforce.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HIGHER                  EDUCATION                  DEPARTMENT (HED)</b></p>	<p><b>TOP QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In January, a new State Director of Adult Education was hired (welcome Amber Gallup Rodriguez). Since then, the Adult Education division has been working to get the Request for Applications out for the next WIOA Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA) grant cycle that will begin a 4 year funding period on July 1, 2021. The RfA was released at the end of February and we have been fielding questions, comments, and concerns from interested applicants about the grant application, requirements, and other technical issues. The Adult Education Division also successfully celebrated and raised awareness about adult education through our Adult Education Day at the Virtual Roundhouse and co-sponsored a successful professional development conference for state adult educators.</li> <li>• (CP) The Capital Projects division provided a training on the Capital Outlay Process on March 17, 2021. All four Tribal colleges and universities attended the training, which covered the most recent updates to the NMHED capital outlay funding request process, and went over the forms and instruction guide for requesting funding during year's summer hearings.</li> </ul>



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HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT (HSD)

### HSD - Income Support Division (ISD):

PEBT issuance Outreach relationship for attachment and retention to ISD services ISD Next quarter goals

- McKinley County to Virtually re-engage with Indian Health Services.
- McKinley County to provide some sort of community outreach with chapter houses.
- McKinley County to begin quarterly meetings with Navajo Nation Department of Self Reliance.

### HSD - Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED):

- Here are figures from both Navajo Nation offices for the FFY21 Q1. They are the same goals for Q2. CS% - 37.8% The percentage of the current amount of child support due, that is paid. Arrears 28.3% The percentage of cases with at least \$1 paid towards arrears OBLG % 46.8% The percentage of cases with order obligations PE % 70.5% The number of dependents with paternity established, divided by the number of dependents born out of wedlock in the prior fiscal year.

### HSD - Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD)

- Full outreach to 23 Tribal entities related to COVID- 19 related services for homeless Native Americans.
- Opened Four Corners Recovery Center in Gallup; this provider is exploring expanding to medical detox services.
- Increased peer support work in Gallup
- Working with Native American influencers to do COVID-related outreach to Native American youth.

### HSD - Medical Assistance Division (MAD):

- Mi Via Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) went live 01/01/2021. EVV is an electronic system that verified home or community-based services were received. This is a federal mandate under the 21st Century Cures Act.
- Native American Medicaid enrollment for December 2020, 141,547; There was an increase in the total Native American population from January 2021 142,439 to February 2021 143,068.
- Covid-19 vaccine and vaccine administration has been added as a Medicaid benefit coverage and reimbursement will be reimbursed in accordance with Medicare's billing and reimbursement guidance
- MAD sent tribal notification for public comment period for the 1115 Demonstration Amendment #2 to the Centennial Care 2.0. There were two public hearings on January 19th and January 28th. Purposed changes effective 07/01/2021. MAD is seeking federal authority to amend and make changes to:
  - Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) Waiver
  - High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Services
  - Expansion to Primary Care Graduate Medical Education (GME)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage



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EMNRD first quarter accomplishments from the following divisions are: STATE

- **FORESTRY**  
The Bernalillo District continues to facilitate ongoing efforts between the Village of Corrales and the Sandia Pueblo to restore and preserve their shared bosque area along the east and west sides of the Rio Grande. These efforts began about a year ago at the request of the Sandia Pueblo Governor to address restoration in the Romero Burn area from 2011. The Pueblo has received \$75,000 in Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA) funding to perform this restoration on 100 acres of the 351-acre burn area. Clay Benton, Timber Management Officer, is producing a work plan with on-the-ground efforts expected to begin in April. "Cross-river" coordination also includes treatment of invasive Ravenna grass, 300 acres of which have been cleared on the Corrales Bosque side of the river via FAWRA funding. The Corrales Goats Project (using goats to eat invasive plants) will also provide further assistance soon. The Bernalillo District is also working with the City of Rio Rancho to include more invasive plant treatment that impacts the river, surrounding communities, and the Sandia Pueblo.
- The non-profit organization Trees, Water and People (TWP) has developed and proposed a FAWRA project on Santa Fe National Forest land impacting the Cochiti, Jemez, and Santo Domingo Pueblos. The Bernalillo District is working with The Nature Conservancy and TWP, who assist Native American communities with this and other projects, on the effort. Timing of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents by the USDA Forest Service is a concern with this project and whether or not these will be in place for the upcoming funding cycle. The Forestry Division is looking at the most effective way to fund the project without waiting for the NEPA.
- Several Division Staff participated in the South West Fire Science Consortium: Native American fire management at an ancient wildland-urban interface, profiling Jemez Pueblo and their ancestral use of wildland fire as a tool for managing the wildland urban interface of traditional villages.
- The 2019 Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Project: "Restoring and reconnecting the Navajo Nation's San Juan River" is complete. The final treatments included 111 acres of native grass seeding and the planting of 31 cottonwood and willow poles that will become trees.
- Approximately 57 acres of invasive Russian olive and salt cedar trees were removed near the San Juan Chapter House and 2,200 willows were planted as part of the 2019 San Juan River Capital Improvement Project.
- Susan Rich, Forest and Watershed Health Coordinator, met with Lindsey Quam, Deputy Director for Forests, to discuss tribal issues raised during a meeting of the Rio Grande Water Fund Technical Committee. Topics focused on strengthening the relationship between tribes and Forestry through the implementation of the Shared Stewardship Agreement and the NM Reserved Treaty Rights Land work-group, and pros and cons of having a tribal forum connected to the Forest and Watershed Health Coordinating Group; and ways to increase the capacity of both tribal crews and Forestry workforce and relationship to the state price agreements and NM Forest Industry Association (NMFIA).
- Lindsey Quam and Joe Carrillo, Chama District Timber Management Officer, are working with staff from the Pueblo of Santa Clara on a potential extension of project work under an existing Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA) work plan.

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- Carmen Austin, Climate Change Specialist, participated in a meeting with the Santa Clara Pueblo Forestry Department and Renewable Resource Solutions to discuss potential options for creating higher value markets from low value timber material. Santa Clara Pueblo aims to develop a logging and sawmill infrastructure as a long-term investment to help accelerate forest restoration, improve economic conditions, and create new jobs. The forest products marketing technical assistance was provided by the USDA Forest Service (USFS) Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Products Marketing Unit in Madison, Wisconsin
- Lindsey Quam, Deputy Director for Forests, and Joe Carrillo, Chama District Timber Management Officer are working with staff from the Pueblo of Santa Clara on an extension of project work under an existing Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA) work plan. Joe also inspected the 1,200-acre Santa Clara FAWRA pile burn located along the Rio Grande corridor near Espanola.
- The Bernalillo District continued efforts to supply firewood to three Navajo Nation Chapters with assistance from local volunteer church groups, Rancho del Chaparral Girl Scout Camp, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Wood is also going to Lybrook Church in Cuba for distribution to elderly residents. The Presidents of the Torreon and Counselor Chapter Houses have plans to visit the Jemez Mountains work site in the coming days.
- The Bernalillo District is currently working with Sandia Pueblo to initiate a Memorandum of Agreement which will allow the Division to work directly with the Pueblo on forest and watershed restoration, treatment, and hazardous fuel mitigation on Pueblo lands.
- Lindsey Quam met with Kewa Pueblo - Natural Resources Department staff to discuss collaborative shared stewardship opportunities and way the Division can assist Pueblo DNR staff with forestry training and capacity building. This will be an on-going discussion and relationship building endeavor.
- The Bernalillo District worked with Mt. Taylor Manufacturing to help keep ten employees from the Navajo Nation working during a weather-related shutdown.
- Carmen Austin, Climate Change Specialist, participated in a virtual meeting with Renewable Resource Management (RRM) and Teleforest to acquire information for a cable logging system that Santa Clara Pueblo expressed interest in for long-term investment for forest restoration.
- Lindsey Quam, Deputy Director for Forests, represented the Forestry Division with participation on a "Tribal Forest Partnership through Shared Stewardship" workshop; co-hosted by the Intertribal Timber Council and the USDA Forest Service. The purpose of the workshop was to develop, refine and implement shared stewardship project proposals on national forests and adjacent tribal lands using USDA FS TFFPA 638 project-level and related authorities.
- Malone Exploration District Application: Tribal consultation letters were sent on 2/17/21 to Ft. Sill Apache, Isleta Pueblo, Mescalero Apache, Navajo, and White Mt. Apache regarding the Malone District Exploration Project GR086EM in Grant County (copper project). We received a response from White Mountain Apache Tribe on 2/24/21.
- Emma-B Exploration Application: MMD sent tribal consultation letters in March to Ft. Sill Apache, Isleta Pueblo, Mescalero Apache, Navajo, and White Mt. Apache regarding FMI's Emma-B Exploration Project, GR083EM Mod. 21-1 in Grant County (FMI copper mine expansion).
- Consultation with Pueblo of Acoma: conducted on 2/4/21 regarding the reclamation of Mt. Taylor Mine in Cibola County, close to the Mt. Taylor Traditional Cultural Property.
- Consultation with Pueblo of Laguna: conducted on 2/16/21 regarding the reclamation of Mt. Taylor Mine in Cibola County, close to the Mt. Taylor TCP.

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<p><b>ENERGY,                  MINERALS AND                  NATURAL                  RESOURCES                  DEPARTMENT                  (EMNRD)                  (CONTINUED)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deming Alpha Mine Application: MMD sent request letters offering tribal consultation to Ft. Sill Apache, Isleta Pueblo, Mescalero Apache, Navajo, and the White Mt. Apache regarding a minimal impact new mining operation application for Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, Permit No. LU042MN.</li> <li>• Turquoise Mountain Project Exploration – MMD sent letters requesting comments on the Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application for the Turquoise Mountain Project in Grant County, Permit No. GR087EM, to Ft. Sill Apache, Isleta Pueblo, Mescalero Apache, Pueblo of Isleta, THPO, White Mt. Apache, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Acoma, and the Pueblo of Zuni.</li> <li>• Summa Silver Mogollon Project – MMD sent letters requesting comments on the Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application for the Summa Silver Mogollon Project, Catron County, Permit No. CA027EM: MMD sent request for comments to: Ft. Sill Apache, Isleta Pueblo, Mescalero Apache, Pueblo of Isleta, THPO, White Mt. Apache, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Laguna, Pueblo of Acoma, and Pueblo of Zuni STATE PARKS first quarter accomplishments: NM Department of Game and Fish has initiated tribal consultation on a boat ramp project at Bluewater Lake SP.</li> <li>• Archaeologist submitted tribal consultation letters to appropriate tribes and pueblos in support of Eagle Nest Lake SP sewage lagoon remediation project. Energy Conservation &amp; Management Division (ECMD) first quarter accomplishments: ECMD requested a contact from Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (ENIPC) Office of Environmental Technical Assistance (OETA). The purpose is to open a line of communication with the tribal agencies which could lead to a collaboration on climate resilience and adaptation projects, such as the climate risk map tool. EMNRD Oil Conservation Division (OCD) first quarter accomplishments:</li> <li>• Coordinated with the Jicarilla Oil and Gas regarding a well head repair on the Logos Operating Jicarilla West #2 30-039-06743. On this well Logos performed a well head repair and we have been assisting Jicarilla Oil and Gas to ensure remediation of any potential impact to a water zone due to natural gas pressure on the surface casing annulus. All final approvals are being made by Jicarilla Oil and Gas and the gas issues appear to have been mitigated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NM                  ENVIRONMENT                  DEPARTMENT                  (NMED)</b></p>	<p>NMED’s goal is to gauge COVID-19 conditions such that NMED can initiate more meetings and personal communications.</p>
<p><b>STATE                  PERSONNEL                  OFFICE (SPO)</b></p>	<p>SPO helped register state employee attendees of two sessions of "Building Cultural Equity with Native Nations" course held with 45 total participants. Both numbers are somewhat low for this quarter due to instructor being out on maternity leave. We hope to increase participant numbers.</p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO                  OFFICE OF                  THE STATE                  ENGINEER                  (OSE)</b></p>	<p>One accomplishment which warrants mention is, the agency is challenged with lack of resources, but the agency continues to engage the Tribes, Pueblos and Nations on water settlement negotiations, Water settlement implementation, priority calls on stream systems.</p>



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<p><b>HIGHER                  EDUCATION                  DEPARTMENT (HED)</b></p>	<p><b>TOP QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In January a new State Director of Adult Education was hired (welcome Amber Gallup Rodriguez). Since then, the Adult Education division has been working to get the Request for Applications out for the next WIOA Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA) grant cycle that will begin a 4 year funding period on July 1, 2021. The RfA was released at the end of February and we have been fielding questions, comments, and concerns from interested applicants about the grant application, requirements, and other technical issues. The Adult Education Division also successfully celebrated and raised awareness about adult education through our Adult Education Day at the Virtual Roundhouse and co-sponsored a successful professional development conference for state adult educators.</li> <li>(CP) The Capital Projects division provided a training on the Capital Outlay Process on March 17, 2021. All four Tribal colleges and universities attended the training, which covered the most recent updates to the NMHED capital outlay funding request process, and went over the forms and instruction guide for requesting funding during year's summer hearings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ECONOMIC                  DEVELOPMENT                  DEPARTMENT (EDD)</b></p>	<p>Top first quarter accomplishments are establishing a joint team collaborating with Tribal Liaisons at the Department of Agriculture, Tourism and Workforce Solutions to help assist Nations and Pueblos through roundtables with similar departments that rely on tribal enterprises, member and third party businesses.</p> <p>The Department Staff have been dedicated public servants responding to hotline calls and outreach through technical assistance and webinars with Nations, Pueblos, Tribes, communities, counties, economic development organizations, film liaisons, tribal members and their businesses during the pandemic closures and recovery. Helping them walk through Federal and State Financing and workforce programs that have allowed them to retain jobs and grow wealth through expansion.</p> <p>Job Training Incentive Program awarded McKinley Paper Company, Inc., Prewitt, 10 trainees. McKinley Paper is a subsidiary of Mexico-based Bio Pappel. Operating in Prewitt, NM, it has served as an economic base anchor for McKinley and parts of Cibola Counties for 27 years. The company produces packaging paper products from recycled corrugated packaging. With the loss of the Escalante Generating Station, the state has committed LEDA funds to construct a new boiler and other associated equipment so that the company can remain operational. McKinley Paper will need to expand its em-ployee base to operate this new division of the company. Average Wage: \$32.38; Total Awarded: \$256,147.68.</p> <p>Tribal liaison assisted Rep. Roger Montoya and staff with scheduling a meeting with Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo Leadership before the 2021 Legislative session started. Trained Navajo Nation Eastern Business Development Project Manager on submitting new Opportunity Zone Projects in McKinley County at <a href="http://www.nmopportunity.com">www.nmopportunity.com</a> . Participated in initial Economy Recovery Council Meeting with Tribal Leaders.</p> <p>Tribal liaison Introduced and facilitated meetings with United State Air Force Academ-ic Partnership Engagement Experiment (APEX). APEX is a USAF partnership interme-diary through Parallax Advanced Research <a href="http://www.apex-innovates.org">www.apex-innovates.org</a> and Navajo Tech Staff and Navajo Nation Council Delegate Crotty. Outcomes Navajo Tech was placed into APEX database for student competition with micro electronics and manufactur-ing needs.</p>



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<p><b>REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT (RLD)</b></p>	<p>The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department has accomplished financial education to inform Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos and hope to have plenty more accomplishments in the future.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (DFA)</b></p>	<p>2020 Census: The New Mexico Legislature appropriated a total of \$11.5 million to DFA for outreach purposes. Of these appropriated funds, \$4.4 million was made available to participating New Mexico counties to conduct 2020 Census outreach, promotion, and education to increase the self-response rate and accuracy of the 2020 Census. Another \$800,000 was distributed to IAD for grant agreements to tribal governments, in the hopes of ensuring a more complete count in New Mexico’s tribal communities.</p> <p>Published the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Final Reports on the DFA website and created the ICIP Dashboard.</p> <p>CARES Act Relief Funds - Provided technical assistance and training for the Tribal Governmental CARES Act Funding. \$27,300,000 was awarded to 20 tribal governments. \$25,882,159.65 was expended to reimburse payroll for health and public safety, economic support for tribal members, COVID-19 testing, facilitation of distance learning, food programs, housing support, improvements for telework capabilities, medical expenses, PPE, and other issues that included solid waste, equipment, and expansion of health facilities, temporary housing, and more.”</p>
<p><b>TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (TRD)</b></p>	<p>TRD 2021 first quarter accomplishments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hosted The TRD/Tribal Tax Cooperative Agreement Round Table Zoom Meeting on February 12, 2021 represented by 10 Tribal entities 47 participants in total.</li> <li>- Held a CRS audit re-evaluation and informed appropriate Tribal entities of results.</li> <li>- Worked to resolve specific tax issues with appropriate Tribal Entities.</li> </ul> <p>Next quarter we plan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete needed Tax Cooperative Agreements.</li> <li>- Resolve specific Tribal entity tax issues.</li> <li>- Develop Tax audit training related to Tribal Cooperative Revenue Sharing Agreements and federal preemption of taxation</li> <li>- Set up enrollment of TRD Staff in the “Building Cultural Equity with Native Nations” Cultural Competency training.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF                  INFORMATION                  TECHNOLOGY                  (DOIT)</b></p>	<p><b>DoIT first quarter accomplishments include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted the Navajo Nation in the coordination of two successful E-Rate Funded Fiber Builds totally nearly \$45M.</li> <li>• Provided to Tribes T-Mobile Device Signal mapping and analytics to assist in proper placement of the no-cost 10 Million Program devices.</li> <li>• Added additional Tribal facilities to support broadband planning to our online map.</li> <li>• NMBBP Map: <a href="https://nmbbmapping.org/mapping/">https://nmbbmapping.org/mapping/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>DoIT next quarter goals include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist SFIS with a geospatially enabled survey instrument to support student learning.</li> <li>• Assist Tribes working with Internet Service Providers to properly identify qualified families for Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Federal Funds to support device purchases and monthly recurring costs (\$50 off tribe/\$75 on tribe).</li> <li>• Support the NM911 by contacting tribes not participating in providing public safety data as required for emergency response.</li> <li>• At the request of the Navajo Nation provide an implementation plan to map roads and addresses.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PUBLIC                  EDUCATION                  DEPARTMENT -                  INDIAN                  EDUCATION                  DIVISION (IED)</b></p>	<p><b>IED first quarter accomplishments include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development/completion of Systemic Framework/Student Needs Assessment/Accountability Tool Rubric, Crosswalk of all accountability tools within IED,</li> <li>• Initiated Culturally and Linguistic Responsive (CLR) Training for all PED Staff and LEAs (school personnel, and school boards)</li> <li>• RfA completed and prepared for training in next quarter, streamlined funding allocation for Tribal Education Departments (TED)</li> <li>• Computer 101 training for parents/grandparents/guardians, curriculum for Indigenous communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>IED next quarter goals are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RFA training completed in April</li> <li>- CLR training in May, Government-to-Government in May,</li> <li>- Establish deadlines for RfA for TEDs to follow, route award letters for grant recipients.”</li> </ul>



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### **NMDOH COVID-19 Tribal Response**

As a public health system, it has been essential to develop an inter and intraagency response that is intertwined with Albuquerque Area IHS, Navajo Area IHS, Navajo Nation, FEMA Region 6. During this quarter, FEMA has provided essential technical assistance in order to stand up an Incident Command system for more effective communication and service delivery. Two key developments during this quarter was development of an agency equity plan and tribal vaccine plan. Three nations selected NMDOH as their distribution and administration source with the remaining Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations selecting Indian Health Services (IHS) due to the choice directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in late fall 2020.

COVID response is built upon understanding incidence and prevalence of the virus (what it is, where it is, how it is spreads, measures to prevent spread, and support of Tribal Leaders as public health authorities in their planning and response efforts). The agency works with development and provision of surveillance tools which includes data collection and dashboards focused on testing and vaccination; prevention education; monitoring of variants that have emerged over the course of the pandemic and particularly in this quarter so far, and resource requests for individual Tribal Leaders, Emergency Managers, and other tribal serving organization serving both on and off reservation populations. A few highlights are provided below from Divisions that are involved in vaccination (key in this quarter) and testing.

#### **Public Health Division (PHD)**

- NW, NE, and SW regions interact with Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations within these areas. NW includes the Albuquerque metro area and much of Navajo Nation NM; NE includes Eight Northern/Jicarilla Apache Nation; SW includes Mescalero Apache Tribe. Primarily, focus this quarter was on support of the Pueblos that selected NMDOH as vaccine distributor.

#### **Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD)**

- Provide Tribes with daily COVID update reports that detail new cases and case information.
- Provided Navajo Nation a list of COVID variants among Navajo cases.
- Participated in DOH sponsored COVID calls and IHS calls.
- Responded to tribal requests for information on breakthrough and Variant of Concern cases

#### **Bureau of Health Emergency Management (BHEM)**

Tribal Partnership Activities:

- The DOH Department Operations Center (DOC) Tribal Liaison continues to attend the weekly IHS COVAX update meetings and gives current updates during the bi-weekly tribal partner calls.
- Assists in sending COVID test kits and other requests to tribal partners.
- Currently developing the CDC Cities Readiness Initiative Inter-Governmental Agreements for the 8 Pueblos in the Albuquerque area.

#### **Office of Tribal Liaison (OTL)**

- Provide continuity of communication and interfacing between divisions, other agencies, tribal leadership and Incident Commands, IHS, FEMA regarding topics of concern for vaccination and testing.
- Work closely with IAD to promote follow-up as questions and concerns are raised.
- Provide input in development of vaccine equity and tribal vaccine plans.



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- Convene bi-weekly calls with Tribal Leaders, program directors, external agencies (non-clinical); calls with IHS and 638 clinic providers to provide updates and discuss topics of concern and resource requests.
- Provide data on a daily basis for IAD Secretary Trujillo and others for reports on vaccines and testing progress.
- Participate in multiple federal agency calls on COVID response.
- Participate in tri-state Tribal Liaison Navajo Nation calls (bi-weekly) that includes other NMDOH Divisions (ERD/BHEM).
- Provide technical assistance to staff on working more effectively with Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations
- Testing from January- March to Tribes for a total of 7 events held and total of 827 tests administered.

### **Other Key Agency Program Highlights: Chronic Disease Risk Reduction and Prevention**

As an agency, continuous public health priorities include obesity, diabetes, and substance use including tobacco. Diseases of despair (behavioral health) were added in the first year of Governor Lujan Grisham's administration. For this report, program progress is reported for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control (TUPAC), Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity (ONAPA) Healthy Kids programs, and suicide prevention.

Each quarterly report will highlight different program activities given the number of programs that provide resources to support Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations.

### Tobacco Use Prevention and Control (TUPAC)

TUPAC contracts with Keres Consulting to manage educational and technical assistance initiatives in Native American communities to promote protections from secondhand smoke and nicotine aerosols not currently assured by voluntary or legislated policy. See below for Keres Consulting work in tribal communities.

Activities for this time period include the following:

- Published Smoke Free Signals biweekly newsletter, sharing resources related to secondhand smoke protections, commercial tobacco, community events, training opportunities, etc.
- Published Weekly educational videos published to Smoke Free Signals website.
- Supported smokefree casinos by mailing a letter to all casinos on benefits of remaining or re-opening smokefree and offering to pay for signage, provide custom handouts, signs, social media posts, etc. Interest and involvement was solicited in a NM-specific smokefree casino webinar.
- Two editorials to Tribal newsletters and newspapers were submitted for publishing consideration. Topics included COVID-19 & tobacco use, and why now is a good time to try quitting.
- Anthony Romero, a community health leader supported by the Community Health Leadership Program, presented to Jemez youth.
- Smokefree home and car decals were delivered to Isleta Pueblo, Navajo Nation Department of Health, Navajo Health Education Program at Crownpoint, and Acoma Pueblo. FREE home and car window decals can be requested at [SmokeFreeSignals@gmail.com](mailto:SmokeFreeSignals@gmail.com).

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TUPAC contracts with Alere Wellbeing provide statewide comprehensive nicotine ad-diction treatment services to be delivered via quitline, online, and other commu-nica-tions technologies and technology; and to provide training and technical assistance for tobacco system change for New Mexico (NM) clinics and for health care professionals.

Activities for this time period include the following:

- Recruitment activities with mail distribution of resources, including virtual training at [www.NMTUPAC.com](http://www.NMTUPAC.com) to the following organizations:
  - Pueblo of Isleta Health Center
  - Pueblo of Laguna
  - Northern Navajo Medical Center
  - Mescalero Apache Tribe - behavioral health unit and Community Health Representative Program
  - Jicarilla Department of Corrections
  - Jicarilla Behavioral Health
  - Northern Navajo Medical Center
  - Pueblo of Acoma
  - Taos Pueblo
- The Health Systems Change Training & Outreach Program was introduced to the behavioral health service unit at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Healthcare Services (RMCHS). RMCHS requested to receive staff trainings.
- Follow-up activities to organizations that are currently active in the Health Systems Change Training & Outreach Program, as follows:
  - Resources were provided to the Native American Community Academy
  - Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
    - Discussed coordinating resources to implement Brief Tobacco Intervention on Tribal Land
    - Discussed presentations on 1-800-QUIT NOW by a Health Systems Change Specialist at their monthly trainings
- Follow-up activities to organizations that have completed the Health Systems Change Training & Outreach program, as follows:
  - Indian Health Services in Albuquerque
  - Informed champion of online trainings availability and resources from TUPAC
- Champion has requested future in-person staff trainings on the Brief Tobacco Intervention and Direct Fax Referrals to the Quitline
- Recruitment activities and resources were provided to Five Sandoval Indian Health Pueblos
  - Information was provided about NMTUPAC's online trainings and other resources through TUPAC.
  - A program introduction was completed on 4/13/2021 and an interested staff member who will discuss implementation of the Health Systems Training & Out-reach Program with their supervisor.
- Oso Vista Ranch Project (OVRP) provides commercial tobacco prevention out-reach to Navajo Nation. Activities for this time period include the following:
- Provided information regarding monthly Southwest Tribal Tobacco Coalition (STTC) trainings to community members and Diné peers.
- Participated in one virtual STTC quarterly meeting to learn about the process for helping casinos in tribal communities go smoke-free.
- Met with leadership at two Diné serving schools, to discuss OVRP's youth leadership development process and identified one school that was ready to develop a Native youth leadership group.

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- Met with leadership from two Diné serving schools to help disseminate six Ernie Tsosie commercial tobacco video outreach education messages for athletes, youth leaders and youth coalition members.
- Assisted Ernie Tsosie in developing six commercial tobacco prevention video trainings for Native youth at the identified school.

TUPAC contracts with Media Matched, Inc. to develop and manage strategic health communications to help achieve the TUPAC program goals. Activities for this time period include the following:

- 1-800-QUIT NOW was advertised on Rio Metro Shuttle buses as they travel into the Jemez Pueblo, Santo Domingo, and Zia Pueblo.

### **Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity (ONAPA): Healthy Kids Healthy Tribal Communities Oct 2020 - Mar 2021**

The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 shut down all venues and sites where children, adults, or elderly gather for services, programs, and/or entertainment including schools and senior centers. If onsite gatherings are not permitted by the Tribal Governor or Tribal authority, program implementation will shift to online meeting platforms, social media, printed healthy eating/physical activity materials included with food service delivery, and other methods until the State and Tribal Governor, and Public Health Department deem it safe to fully reopen institutions and businesses. There is no precedent for this situation, and the Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity (ONAPA) program and Healthy Kids Healthy Communities (HKHC) are adapting as necessary to meet both the new needs of our communities and accomplish program goals during this unusual time. On-site training, meetings, program/partner presentations, direct education, and technical assistance may occur virtually due to public health concerns and/or be modified to meet COVID-19 individual school social distancing and cleaning/disinfection requirements.

DOH-ONAPA is funded by the Prevention Block Grant Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education (SNAP-Ed), and NM general funds. HKHC supports opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity in ten low-income counties and two tribal communities. HKHC expands into other counties and tribal communities when funding is available, and the community has the capacity to implement the initiatives. Health initiatives include Healthy Eating in Schools, and Communities; Physical Activity in Schools, and Communities; supporting Health Coalitions, School Wellness Policies, school and community edible gardens, trails, farming, and outdoor recreation opportunities. ONAPA initiatives cover policy, systems, and environmental changes that healthy living an easy choice.

In FFY2021-22, Zuni Pueblo and Pueblo de San Ildefonso are the HKHTC tribal contracts. ONAPA is beginning talks with San Felipe Pueblo and Laguna Pueblo to discuss the possibility of HKHC participation.

#### Zuni Pueblo:

1. HKHC - Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP) staff implemented weekly online nutrition classes with 15 Zuni middle-schoolers using leveraged funds to pay for weekly cooking kits that included fresh produce from the community garden that they built two years ago. Eat Smart To Play Hard Social Marketing campaign (ESPH) was expanded virtually to all students and grades (570 students) in the elementary school. The curriculum was modified to be culturally appropriate.
2. HK ZYEP created grade-specific physical activity videos, and shared nutrition videos via the library class including using traditional Zuni language.

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- 3) They created a virtual nutrition curriculum for all students that included traditional Zuni language
- 4) HK Zuni distributed 240 home gardening kits and 120 rain barrels (purchased with other funds) to the community. Survey feedback reported an average of 960 community members participated in planting activities/lessons that HK coordinators provided.
- 5) HK Zuni helped the elementary school and BIE get a greenhouse built two years ago and it is used for student meals, nutrition and farming lessons, and activities. This Spring they are setting up hydroponics for growing more produce for school meals and nutrition education and cooking lessons that ZYEP provides to students.
- 6) HK Zuni team presented to the NM Food and Ag Policy Council on the comprehensive food system and food policy efforts in Zuni. This included establishing and maintaining school and community gardens, local procurement, water conservation, nutrition education, educating and informing state and local legislators on their work, seed saving, and the importance of using organic non-GMO seeds adapted to their ecosystem and growing conditions.
- 7) Zuni Middle school reached out to HK ZYEP to teach water conservation as a form of STEM education in the pueblo.

### **Pueblo de San Ildefonso:**

- 1) HKHC San Ildefonso coordinator created a Facebook page for Heathy Kids San Ildefonso where she can post nutrition education and physical activity exercises. <https://www.facebook.com/HealthykidsSanIldefonso/>
- 2) HK San Ildefonso coordinator applied for and was awarded grants to purchase local produce to supplement the pueblo COVID food program.
- 3) HK San I coordinator collaborated with San Ildefonso Day (Elementary) School (SIDS) to use the virtual Google classroom to provide nutrition, planting, and physical activity lessons to students.
- 4) HK coordinator provided recipes for healthy snacks and activities for movement which were distributed through the school meal distribution program during COVID.
- 5) HK San I coordinator submitted a grant to improve the composting project she helped build with pueblo students a few years ago to support pueblo farmers and edible home gardeners
- 6) HK San I coordinator has collaborated with San Ildefonso Transportation Division to improve trails and outdoor recreation opportunities in the pueblo through a National Parks: Rivers and Trails Conservation Program technical grant she received and the Rocky Mountain Youth Conservation Corps program where pueblo youth are paid to train and work in park and trails development through Bandelier National Park (currently on hold due to COVID).
- 7) She also works with the pueblo Environmental and Cultural Preservation Office to create healthy soil and garden activities, and coordinates community and student planting and agriculture activities with Santa Fe County Agriculture Agent and NMSU Alcalde Science station.

ONAPA is participating on an Interagency Procurement Task Force established by the Governor's office. The Task Force, comprised of PED, ECECD, ALTSD-OIEA, DOH, and NMDA, is working to streamline procurement of local produce for meal programs, train and qualify growers to sell produce to agencies with meal programs, and support dis-tribution statewide. These efforts include growers in tribal communities, and the food programs at Head Starts, schools, and elder centers in tribes, pueblos and nations. This work will serve as an infrastructure to help create a sustainable food system change that may benefit the health, livelihood, and economy of NM.

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<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)</b>  <i>Continued</i></p>	<p>In addition, ONAPA is collaborating with ALTSD State nutritionist to provide health and food preparation training to senior and elder centers in NM. She supports local, traditional, indigenous foods, and a plant-based diet.</p> <p>Suicide Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Casias (Jicarilla Apache) serves as the Chair of the Suicide Prevention Coalition and meets regularly with the Coalition Chair-elect and Department of Health’s Office of Injury Prevention staff to plan Coalition activities and facilitate quarterly meetings.</li> <li>• The re-established New Mexico Suicide Prevention Coalition has as one of its workgroups the Native American Workgroup (or, subcommittee). This is the first Coa-lition workgroup to be established and includes members with Tribe, Pueblo, and Na-tion affiliations from across New Mexico. Members have met regularly to develop the group’s structure and to define roles, responsibilities, membership, and focus areas.</li> <li>• Dr. Rachell Tenorio (Santo Domingo/Kewa), one of the workgroup’s leaders, presented at the quarterly statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting held via Zoom on January 29th, 2021. She shared ideas about the group’s collaborative efforts and intent to engage in planning efforts to ensure that the Native American community is represented as actions are developed to address suicide in the state.</li> </ul> <p>Goals vary according to Divisions and programs. In the next quarter, NMDOH continues forward to address mitigation of the virus through multiple strategies including monitoring of variance, vaccine efficacy, testing efficacy, reinforcement of preventive measures, public health orders, improvements in data dashboards and other tools such as the vaccine registration application in order to continue to push towards herd immunity in the context of national changes in the pandemic given variance in poli-cies that have opened up other states quickly.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES DEPT. (CYFD)</b></p>	<p>First quarter (2021) accomplishments include the partnership with NM tribes on the drafting of State ICWA; finalization of the IV-E template JPA and on-going support provided to tribes; laptops to help support the remote work for tribal child welfare and juvenile justice services workers; the launch of Binti in several tribal communities.</p> <p>Second quarter (2021) goals include to continue partner with tribes on IV-E initiatives (on-going); help more tribes who want Binti data management to get up and running; work with tribal partners to ensure department compliance with ICWA requirements; and improve notifications to Tribes on PS/ICWA and JJ cases. The department also is working with partners at HSD and on the expansion of mental health services and Medicaid funding for Tribal members to include cultural interventions as first line interventions. Infant Mental Health programs have been expanded in several Tribal communities and the department looks for on-going expansion in other tribal communities.</p>



## Miscellaneous Updates

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<p><b>STATE POLICE - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)</b></p>	<p>DPS will continue to assist Tribal law enforcement when requested. BIA has started having Special Law Enforcement Commission (SLEC) training and districts have started recertification for officers.</p>
<p><b>TOURISM DEPARTMENT (TD)</b></p>	<p>If there is a primary contact for each tribe specifically for tourism, please send contact information to Deborah.Torres@state.nm.us NMTD Tribal Liaison.</p> <p>The Tourism Departments next quarter goals are to learn more of the support/ concerns/barriers of The tribes regarding tourism for the Tourism Department to be proactive.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMELAND SECURITY (DHSEM)</b></p>	<p>No additional information to report.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (DVA)</b></p>	<p>After April, a grant opportunity will be available: \$50K Curriculum Development Grants. This grant is designed to assist individuals (ages 35-65) with attaining computer skills, understanding and willingness to engage the increased requirements for an online presence.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (DWS)</b></p>	<p>DWS Jobs for Veterans has opportunity for Tribal special initiative to assist Native American Veterans and to facilitate veterans' workforce initiatives. The department's workforce staff program administrators and their staff are available to assist tribal communities.</p>
<p><b>AGING &amp; LONG TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALTSD)</b></p>	<p>HB 256 failed to pass through the final stages on the Senate Floor. However, the Office of Indian Elder Affairs, ALTSD, is committed to assisting tribal senior program to develop their capacity with support from the department. Tribal senior programs need a great deal of support.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)</b></p>	<p>NMDOT encourages all Tribal entities to apply for the State-funded Transportation Project Fund to address their local transportation needs.</p>
<p><b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT (ECECD)</b></p>	<p>ECECD is currently working on Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan that requires input from various stakeholders around the state. The Plan will serve as the federal application to receive the funds from the Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Care. There will be several comment periods as the plan gets developed. The main goal is to see how can ECECD strengthen child care services and assistance to tribal families and to identify what the greatest need will be in the new Plan. ECECD will work to provide formal letters to all leadership to gather guidance and input. The Plan is due June 30th.</p>



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<p><b>HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)</b></p>	<p><b>HSD - Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED):</b>                  •NM CSED is moving forward with electronic document management (EDM), including a plan to scan all active case files to the cloud. In the current pandemic situation and into the future, EDM will provide staff the ability to work on-site or remotely. CSED has been working side by side with the Navajo Nation and providing equipment to make this happen in both the Crownpoint and Shiprock offices.</p> <p><b>HSD - Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD):</b>                  •We have provider support teams and offer technical assistance to any provider entities who want to become Medicaid reimbursable.</p> <p><b>HSD - Medical Assistance Division (MAD):</b>                  •Upcoming training for all Tribal 638 healthcare providers interested in becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center designation.</p>
<p><b>NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER (OSE)</b></p>	<p>Interstate Stream Commission and Office of the State Engineer are spearheading an initiative called the 50 Year Water Plan. This project is a goal that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has identified as a priority for her current administration. It is critical that the state start to chart a course that will allow for flexibility in our water resources with the issue of climate change, changes in temperatures (higher) causing drought conditions to persist in our state. The three pillars of the plan are stewardship, equity and sustainability. Part of this process is putting together a team of experts to provide an assessment of changing temperatures and water resource conditions that would provide a description of our water resources over the next fifty years. The agency has partnered with several stakeholders which include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources and the NM Indian Affairs Department to look at our present water conditions and with the use of science-based information and providing this to the stakeholders of NM. We can use this as a tool on how we can try to get out in front of these issues and have a sustainable source of water supply going into the future. The work plan will actively engage and meaningful collaboration with the Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations throughout the entire process.</p> <p>Next Quarter Goals for OSE are to continue the current water settlement negotiations mentioned above, continue to address, and engage Tribes, Pueblos and Nations who have important or high priority issues. Outreach from the Office of the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission’s endeavor on the 50 Year Water Plan as directed by Governor Lujan Grisham.”</p>
<p><b>HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HED)</b></p>	<p>In the future, we hope to continue to reach out to Tribal communities about adult education services we can offer in nearby programs.</p> <p>The Senate Rules committee confirmed Stephanie Rodriguez as the Cabinet Secretary for the Higher Education Department. She formerly served as the Senior Policy Advisor for Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. She was serving as Acting Cabinet Secretary since September 2020.</p>



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<p><b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD)</b></p>	<p>We are presently scheduling conference calls with all Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos in followup to the Economic Development Department Tribal Liaison Tim Hagaman mailing USPS correspondence to schedule a joint roundtable with Department of Agrisculture, Economic Development, Tourism Department, and Workforce Solutions that are sched-uled for two hours. Tribal Secretaries are encouraged to email <a href="mailto:tim.hagaman@state.nm.us">tim.hagaman@state.nm.us</a> your preference of available dates and times.</p>
<p><b>REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT (RLD)</b></p>	<p>The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department created a podcast series on financial education with leaders, advocates, and practitioners; focus on financial capability strategies. The podcasts will be housed on the new NMRLD website.</p> <p>The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department encourages all Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos, if interested, to contact the department to request the free educational presentations.</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOT)</b></p>	<p>No additional information to report.</p>
<p><b>NM PED INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION</b></p>	<p>The IED Government-to-Government meeting is scheduled on May 28th. Pending survey results to determine if IED will host an education summit.</p>

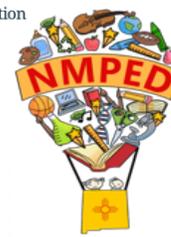


## Participating Departments

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