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# IAD Insight

New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

## NM Indian Affairs Department Updates

The Indian Affairs Department is an essential resource to those it primarily serves—the Native Americans of New Mexico. As a cabinet-level department, IAD is a single point of contact for its constituents to a broad array of services from state agencies, organizations, and private sector partners.

IAD's vision is to make certain that New Mexico's Native American citizens have the right to remain active participants in their communities and the State's affairs, to be treated with respect and dignity, to continue to create avenues for reaching self-sufficiency, and to retain their cultural heritage. Our mission is to support the tribal communities' efforts to meet their challenges and expand their opportunities, leverage state resources for tribal benefit and work to create vital relationships across state, tribal, philanthropic, educational and private sectors for the New Mexico Pueblos, Nations and Tribes.

### Navajo Nation Reconciliation Meeting

On August 16, 2018 the Navajo Nation Reconciliation meeting was held at the Santa Claran Hotel in Espanola, New Mexico. The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, Department of Transportation, Aging and Long-term Services Department and the Environment Department met with the Navajo Nation Capital Projects Management Department (CPMD). A total of eighty-eight (88) capital outlay projects and seventeen (17) tribal infrastructure fund projects were reconciled with the Navajo Nation. Each project supervisor provided an update on when Notice of Obligations will be requested from the Navajo Nation and Request for Payments will be submitted for reimbursement. Following the reconciliation meeting, Secretary Shije (IAD) took several of the Navajo Nation project managers for a short visit with Governor Chavarria (Pueblo of Santa Clara) who provided a brief narrative about the pueblo, this was followed by the pueblo's tribal administrator providing site visits to their senior center, the adult day care, and the Santa Clara Development Corporation tribal court.



*Reconciliation Meeting Attendees*



*Navajo Nation Project Managers, Governor Chavarria, and Secretary Suzette A. Shije*



## **Tribal Infrastructure Fund/Capital Outlay Kick-off Meeting**

The Indian Affairs Department held its annual Tribal Infrastructure Fund & Capital Outlay Kick Off orientation for Fiscal Year 2018 project grantees at the Santa Claran Hotel & Event Center, Espanola, New Mexico on August 17, 2018. Nine (9) TIF projects and thirty-four (34) capital outlay projects were awarded. The Kick-off orientation started with a Welcome Address by Governor J. Michael Chavarria and Project Announcements by Suzette A. Shije, Acting Cabinet Secretary. Lawrence John, Tribal Infrastructure Fund Administrator presented on Tribal Infrastructure Fund and Capital Outlay administrative requirements, Carmen Morin, Program Manager, Local Government Division presented on Capital Project Monitoring Systems (CPMS) and Chandler Kahawai, Auditor, Accountant, presented on Pay Requests and Executive Order Compliance. Michelle LaFlamme-Childs, AIPP Manager, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs presented on Art in Public Places (AIPP). A total of eighty (80) participants from various tribal entities attended the orientation.



*Left to right, IAD Secretary Suzette A. Shije and Pueblo of Santa Clara Governor Michael Chavarria*



*Meeting Attendees*

## **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal-State Policy Academy Bridging Partnerships: The New Mexico Experience**

On August 20-21, 2018, the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, convened the first of three Tribal State Policy Academies (TSPA) in Santa Ana, NM. The TSPAs respond to a request by tribal leaders to Dr. Elinore F. McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to assist in building tribal-state relationships. The intent is to assist tribes and states build/strengthen relationships to more effectively address the opioid crisis and establish a collaborative path on tribal behavioral health issues. Dr. McCance-Katz invited IAD Acting Secretary Shije to speak to TSPA participants about “Bridging Partnerships: The New Mexico Experience.” This first Academy included approximately 140 participants from 14 states (AK, AZ, CO, MA, MN, MT, ND, NM, NV, NY, OK, SD, WA, WI) representing tribal governments; tribal health and behavioral health providers and administrators; state officials; and other important stakeholders. NM Senator Benny J. Shendo, Jr.; John C. Anderson, United States Attorney, District of New Mexico; and, Dr. Wayne W. Lindstrom, Director of the NM Division of Behavioral Health Services were part of the convening. A report summarizing the TSPA will be issued later this year.



*Secretary Suzette A. Shije*



*SAMHSA Tribal State Policy Academy Staff and Attendees*



## A Voice for our Youth: Juvenile Justice Roundtable Discussion

Acting Cabinet Secretary Suzette A. Shije was invited and attended the Juvenile Justice Roundtable that was held on August 24, 2018 at the Museum of Arts & Culture Meem Auditorium in Santa Fe, NM. This youth-led discussion focused on what adults can do to amplify the voice of youth in their courts, advice for youth who are currently going through the tribal court justice process, and visions for better tribal court juvenile justice systems, programs and services. The youth panel consisted of Rueban Abeita (Isleta Pueblo), Isabel Coronado (Muscogee Creek Nation), Brad Lee (Navajo Nation), Santana Martin (Oglala Lakota) and Sonwai Wakayuta (Hualapai Tribe). The discussion was moderated by Nikki Pitre (Coeur d'Alene Tribe) who is the Program Manager at the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute. This event was sponsored by the [Museum of Indian Arts and Culture \(MIAC\)](#) and co-hosted by the [Center for Native American Youth](#) and the [Colorado Juvenile Defender Center](#).



*left to right; Moderator Nikki Pitre, Isabel Coronado, Sonwai Wakayuta, Santana Martin, and Brad Lee. Not pictured is Rueban Abeita*

### Legislative Hearings

**August 20, 2018** - The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) General Counsel Jared Stensrud, and Tribal Infrastructure Administrator, Lawrence John, and Capital Outlay Bureau Chief, Debbie Romero (DFA) presented before the Indian Affairs Committee at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The presentation covered the Tribal Infrastructure Funds (TIF) awards for each fiscal year beginning from 2012 to present, and the number of TIF applications were received for this year's funding cycle. General Counsel Stensrud provided information on who and how many FY18 awards were made this year along with who serves on the TIF Board, and also the importance of having a member from the New Mexico Finance Authority's position on the board to bring financial expertise such as financial risk analysis, industry knowledge of bonding processes, laws and practices and concluded by providing a status project update for all TIF projects.

**August 20, 2018** - Acting Cabinet Secretary Suzette A. Shije attended the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee that was held at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. Secretary Shije and Allie Moore (Keres Consulting, Inc.) provided an overview, need and approach of the IAD Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program (TCPP), they also went over FY18 grant recipients, program outcomes and plans for FY19.

### Funding Opportunities

- [First Nations Development Institute: Keepseagle Fast-Track Grants to Support Native Farmers and Ranchers](#)
- [Comprehensive Approaches to American Indian health and wellness: Commercial Tobacco Control Program](#)
- [INSPIRE! Grants for Small Museums](#)
- [Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program](#)
- [GRAMMY Museum Grants Program: to support efforts that advance the archiving and preservation of the music and recorded sound heritage of North America](#)



# Save the Date

Friday, February 1, 2019

## American Indian Day at the Legislature

*Celebrating 10 years of the  
State-Tribal Collaboration Act*



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**\*\*\* FY2019 - Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for  
Language Preservation or Veterans Outreach Programs\*\*\***

**Proposal Open Date: August 30, 2018  
Proposal Close Date: September 28, 2018**

**Letter for FY2019 Notice of Funding Availability  
FY2019 - NOFA for Language Preservation and Veterans Outreach Programs  
Special Projects - Attachment A Proposal Form**

# **23RD ANNUAL NEW MEXICO INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE CONFERENCE**

**October 24-26, 2018- Albuquerque, NM**

The New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference (NMIFC) was created to help support the planning and funding of sustainable infrastructure projects throughout New Mexico. The conference offers local entities/communities, individuals, businesses and state agencies the opportunity to interact and network with each other to ask and answer questions, provide guidance and move forward as we all try to bring our states capital projects to reality. We look forward to seeing you there to take a look at the tribal tracks that IAD oversees. To register or find more information, please visit, [WWW.NMIFC.COM](http://WWW.NMIFC.COM)

### Job Openings:

- [Partnership Specialist \(Tribal\)](#)
- [Underwriter I \(AMERIND Risk\)](#)
- [Criminal Investigator, Drug/Gang/Task Force \(Pueblo of Isleta\)](#)
- [Clinical Application Coordinator \(Pueblo of Isleta\)](#)
- [Court Administrator \(Pueblo of Jemez\)](#)
- [Health Advocate \(Pueblo of Jemez\)](#)
- [Puye Cliff Dwellings Tour Guide \(Santa Clara Development Corporation\)](#)
- [Part Time Tewa Language Instructor \(Pueblo of San Ildefonso\)](#)
- [Museum Registrar \(Museum of Indian Arts and Culture\)](#)
- [Forestry Technician \(Tesuque Pueblo\)](#)
- [Operations Manager \(Pueblo of Isleta Utility Authority\)](#)

### Upcoming Events:

- September 22: First day of Autumn
- September 30: Taos Pueblo Annual Feast Day
- October 4: Nambe Pueblo Annual Feast Day
- October 24-26: 23rd Annual NM Infrastructure Finance Conference
- November 12: Tesuque Pueblo & Jemez Pueblo Annual Feast Day
- December 12: Pojoaque Pueblo Annual Feast Day

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