



TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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**NEW MEXICO
INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT 2005

§6-29-1 to §6-29-9 NMSA 1978

- The Tribal Infrastructure Fund was created by the Tribal Infrastructure Act in 2005. This act recognizes that many of New Mexico's tribal communities lack basic infrastructure, including, but not limited to water and wastewater systems, roads, and electrical power lines.
- Tribal Infrastructure Act's purpose is to ensure adequate financial resources for infrastructure development in tribal communities to improve the quality of life and encourage economic development.
- Tribal Infrastructure Board is created and is administratively attached to Indian Affairs.

2010 HB 162

§7-27-10.1 NMSA 1978

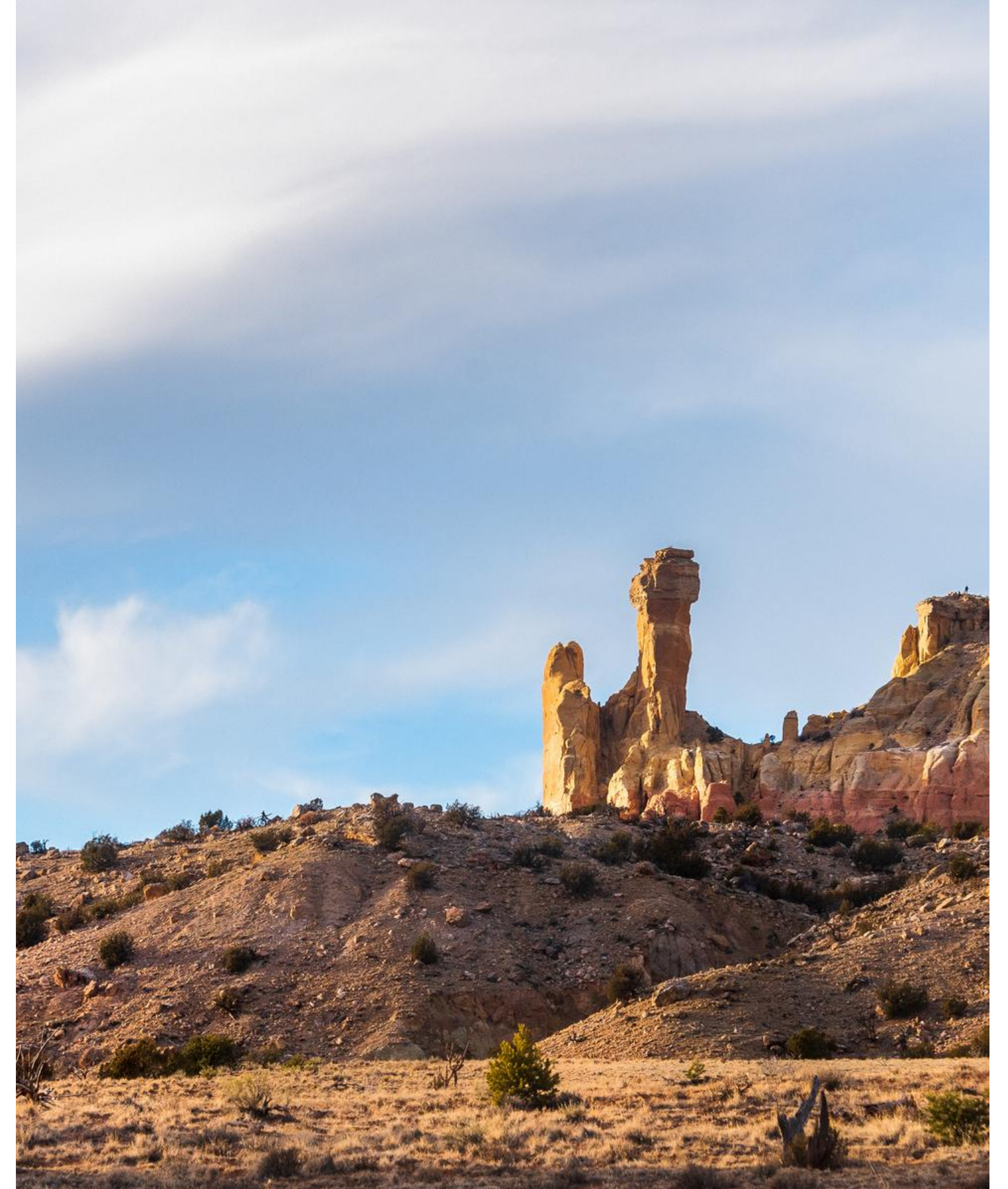
- By January 15th of each year, board finance division of DFA shall estimate the amount of bonding capacity available for STB to authorized by the legislature.
- The board of finance division shall allocate 4.5% of the estimated bonding capacity each year for TIF projects and the legislature authorizes the state board of finance to issue STBs in the annually allocated amount for use by the tribal infrastructure board to fund tribal infrastructure projects
- The TIF board shall certify to the state board of finance the need for issuance of bonds for tribal infrastructure projects.
- The state board of finance may issue and sell the bonds in the same manner as other severance tax bonds in an amount not to exceed the authorized amount provided for in this subsection.
- Proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to TIF for the purposes certified by the tribal infrastructure board to the state board of finance.

TIF BOARD

The TIF board is comprised of 9 voting and 4 non-voting members:

9 Voting Members:

1. Chair and Secretary of Indian Affairs,
2. Secretary or Designees of DFA
3. Secretary or Designees of DOH
4. Secretary or Designees of NMED
5. Executive Director or Designee of NMFA
6. Governor appointee from the Pueblos
7. Governor appointee from the Jicarilla Apache Nation
8. Governor appointee from the Mescalero Apache Nation
9. Governor appointee from the Navajo Nation.



TIF BOARD (CONT.)

Four non-voting members:

1. BIA Representative from the Albuquerque area
2. BIA Representative from Navajo area
3. Indian Health Representative from the Albuquerque area
4. Indian Health Representative from the Navajo area



TRIBE AND PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Federally recognized Nations, Pueblos, or Tribes (NPTs) located in New Mexico or any of its governmental entities or subdivisions is eligible to apply for funding.
- Projects must be entered into the ICIP prior to applying for TIF funds.
- Each NPT must be in compliance with the Public Finance Accountability Act, 6-3B-1 to 6-3B-6 NMSA 1978, HB 493 Regular Session 2025, to be eligible to apply for funding.



TIF APPLICATION

- Tribes seeking to apply for TIF funding must submit a TIF Application when the TIF Portal is open.
- TIF Portal opens the first Friday of February, American Indian Day
- Project readiness documents shall be submitted with the application.
- IAD staff will review the application and supporting documents for eligibility, entity capacity, completeness, readiness and budget.
- IAD staff may request additional information from the tribe as needed.
- Each complete application submitted by the deadline is placed on an application listing for the TIF Board's TIF Review Committee review.



TIF REVIEW COMMITTEE

- The TIF Review Committee (TRC) is a TIF Board Committee comprised of members of the Board and/or Staff designated from the various agencies represented on the Board, along with appropriate infrastructure experts as may be deemed necessary.
- The TIF Board Chair appoints the TRC chair.
- The TRC convenes and conducts an in-depth review of all project applications along with all supporting documentation based on the selection criteria set forth in the scoring metric.
- Tribal entities with top-ranking proposals are invited to make a short presentation to the Board outlining the proposed projects at a meeting of the Board.
- The TIF Review Committee (TRC) may, at its discretion, incorporate other review processes as it deems necessary provided that they will not affect the selection criteria or scoring metric.



FUNDING CAPS

Project Category

Amount

Planning	No Cap
Design	No Cap
Construction	15% of the total TIF allocation available

- Example: If total TIF allocation is \$10 million, construction request cannot exceed 15%
- ($\$10 \text{ million} \times 15\% = \$1,500,000$)

Per the TIF Guidelines:

The Board reserves the right to alter this cap based on fund availability.

The Board's alteration of this cap must be made at a Board meeting no later than the second quarter of each calendar year.



APPLICATION SCORING METRIC

The TRC considers the following criteria and point system comprised of four (4) categories and a total of one hundred (100) possible points for each formal TIF project application:

- Critical Need (30 possible points): Projects that demonstrate a high degree of critical need with an emphasis on addressing specific health, safety, welfare, or economic development needs in accordance with the Act.
- Readiness (30 possible points): Projects are ready to proceed, clearly demonstrating all components and the ability to complete the project within the time allotted for the grant.
- Capacity (25 possible points): The Applicant has demonstrated timely expenditure and compliance with requirements for grant funding.
- Leveraging (15 possible points): Projects are supported by a high percentage of funds in relation to the amount of the TIF funding.

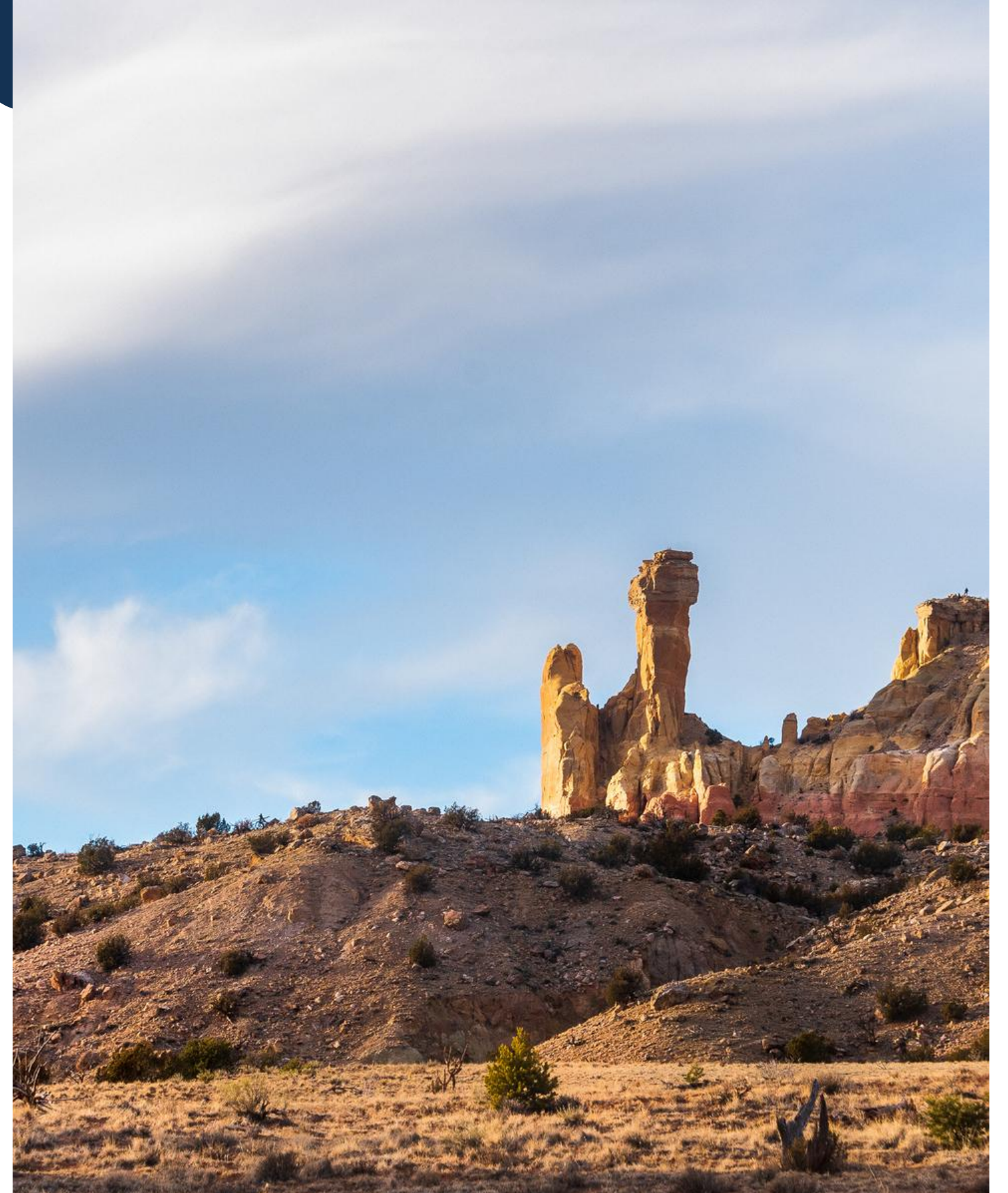
The Board votes on TIF awards in open meetings of the Board. The ability of the Board to make awards of grants under the Act is contingent upon the existence of sufficient funds in the Project Fund. The Board's decision regarding TIF project awards shall be accepted by the applying tribe and shall be final.

PROJECT PERIOD

Planning projects must be completed by June 30 of the fiscal year two years following the fiscal year in which the award was granted.

Design and Construction projects must be completed by June 30 of the fiscal year three years following the fiscal year in which the award was granted.

Extension Request must be made 60 days before date of expiration of IGA.



TIF PROJECTS

Year	Amount Awarded	Amount Obligated	% Obligated	Amount Expended	% Expended	Balance	% Balance
2025	\$80,574,147.00	\$848,392.63	1.05%	\$0.00	0.00%	\$80,574,147.00	100.00%
2024	\$62,310,000.00	\$21,622,492.54	34.70%	\$10,246,427.91	16.44%	\$52,063,572.09	83.56%
2023	\$67,500,000.00	\$36,099,566.54	53.48%	\$17,992,422.43	26.66%	\$49,507,577.57	73.34%
2022	\$38,140,000.00	\$30,887,964.96	80.99%	\$20,546,700.62	53.87%	\$17,593,299.38	46.13%
2021	\$26,630,794.00	\$23,095,114.65	86.72%	\$22,300,177.83	83.74%	\$4,330,616.17	16.26%
2020	\$19,896,635.25	\$17,117,590.89	86.03%	\$16,579,885.18	83.33%	\$3,316,750.07	16.67%
TOTALS	\$295,051,576.25	\$129,671,122.21	43.95%	\$87,665,613.97	29.71%	\$207,385,962.28	70.29%



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