



State Tribal Collaboration Act Report

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Agency Overview

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Mission

Guide, serve, and support public entities to ensure fiscal accountability and effective government that is responsive to all New Mexicans.

Values

Accountability, Collaboration, Communication, Efficiency, Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, Service, and Quality.

Executive Summary

The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) provides planning, fiscal services, and the necessary oversight for state and local entities to ensure compliance with all applicable statutes as well as transparency and accountability in the management of public funds.

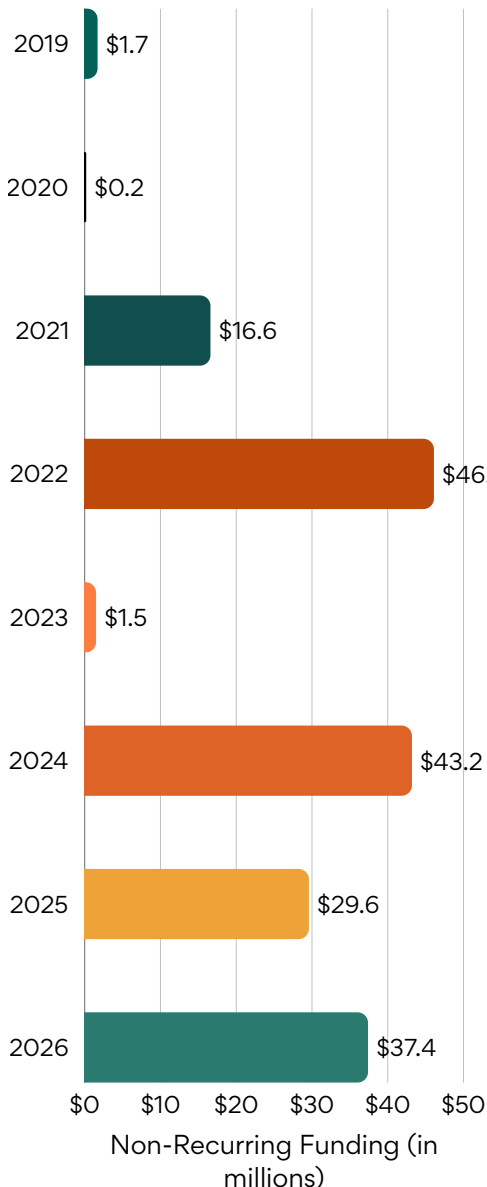
Our aim is to continually strengthen New Mexico's financial management and oversight practices through sound analysis, effective communication, appropriate monitoring, and excellent customer service.

We are committed to achieving Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's performance and accountability goals and look forward to working and collaborating with all state agencies, local entities, and Tribal governments to continue providing efficient services for all New Mexicans.

Agency Programs Serving Native American Communities



Total General Funded Non-Recurring Appropriations directed to Tribal Communities



State Budget Division

The State Budget Division (SBD) oversees and administers the budget for the State of New Mexico. SBD provides high quality, timely and easy to understand analysis and recommendations for agency budgets, legislation, and performance issues. In addition, the Division prepares and presents the Governor's annual budget recommendation to the New Mexico Legislature. The Division also monitors and oversees expenditures by state agencies during the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. SBD is charged with the implementation of the Accountability in Government Act (AGA), Sections 6-3A-1 through 6-3A-9 NMSA 1978, that provide state government with the framework for more cost-effective and responsive government services.

SBD works collaboratively with state agencies to highlight and advocate for Governor priorities during the legislative session. SBD staff participate in various meetings related to water, natural resources, tourism, health, education (early childhood education, K-12, higher education), and economic development.

The total general funded non-recurring appropriation for tribal communities is \$176.6 million from FY2019 – FY2026. The \$176.6 million investment includes \$16.5 million for tribal libraries, \$24 million for education, \$4.5 million for capital outlay, \$19.3 million for broadband, \$52 million for water and \$59.5 million for other initiatives.

Infrastructure Planning and Development Division

The Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD) collaborates with state agencies, the legislative and judicial branches, local public bodies, and Nations, Pueblos and Tribes to provide comprehensive planning and funding assistance for capital projects listed in the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP).

Their mission is to expertly manage the planning and funding process for all capital outlay projects, ensuring that they are fully funded through various appropriations and financing mechanisms, including the Capital Appropriation Bill, the Reauthorization Bill, the General Obligation Bond Bill, the House Bill 2 Specials, federal grant and loan programs, state grant and loan programs, and any Junior Bill.

The division was created during the 2024 legislative session to overhaul and modernize the capital outlay process by centralizing and consolidating infrastructure and capital outlay operations and integrating funding navigation to ensure projects are fully funded and completed in a timely manner. There are currently four bureaus within the division that includes the Capital Planning and Policy Bureau, Capital Navigation and Funding Bureau, Federal Grants Bureau, and the Community Development Block Grant.

The **Capital Planning and Policy Bureau (CPPB)** supports statewide capital planning by assisting state agencies and local public bodies with infrastructure planning, oversight, and compliance. The bureau manages key capital systems, including the Capital Projects System (CAPS) and the public-facing Capital Appropriations Dashboard, while overseeing ICIP reviews, capital appropriations, audit compliance, and the Capital Development Program Fund (CDPF). CPPB also coordinates capital outlay activities with executive agencies and the Governor's Office to promote effective planning, budgeting, and administration of state-funded capital projects.



PLANNING

ICIP Review & Training



SYSTEMS

CAPS & Capital Appropriations Dashboard



OVERSIGHT

Capital appropriations, reauthorizations, Audit Compliance & CDPF



COORDINATION

Executive Agencies, Governor's Office & Capital Project Administration

The **Capital Navigation and Funding Bureau (CNFB)** helps state agencies and local governments identify, secure, and coordinate funding for capital projects, with a focus on rural, frontier, and Tribal communities. The bureau provides technical assistance for grant applications, administers the Funding Navigation Questionnaire, coordinates emergency funding requests with DFA, the Board of Finance, and the Governor's Office, and oversees the New Mexico Match Fund and Natural Disaster Match Fund. Through its Rural and Frontier Ombuds, CNFB also serves as a statewide resource and advocate for underserved communities.



FUNDING ASSISTANCE

State Funding Search,
NM Match Fund
Disaster Match



TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Grant Guidance & Funding Navigation Questionnaire



EMERGENCY FUNDING COORDINATION

DFA
Board of Finance
Governor's Office



COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Rural & Frontier Ombuds supporting rural, frontier & Tribal communities

The **Federal Grants Bureau (FGB)** strengthens the capacity of state agencies, Tribal governments, and local governments to successfully pursue and manage federal funding. The bureau identifies and disseminates federal funding opportunities, provides technical assistance and training, administers the State's Intergovernmental Review process, and develops resources that support grant readiness, application development, and long-term grant management. Through newsletters, webinars, workshops, and technical assistance, FGB expanded access to federal funding information and enhanced grant management capacity across New Mexico, particularly for Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos.

STAY CONNECTED



Receive monthly updates on federal funding opportunities, grant resources, training events, and technical assistance from the Federal Grants Bureau.

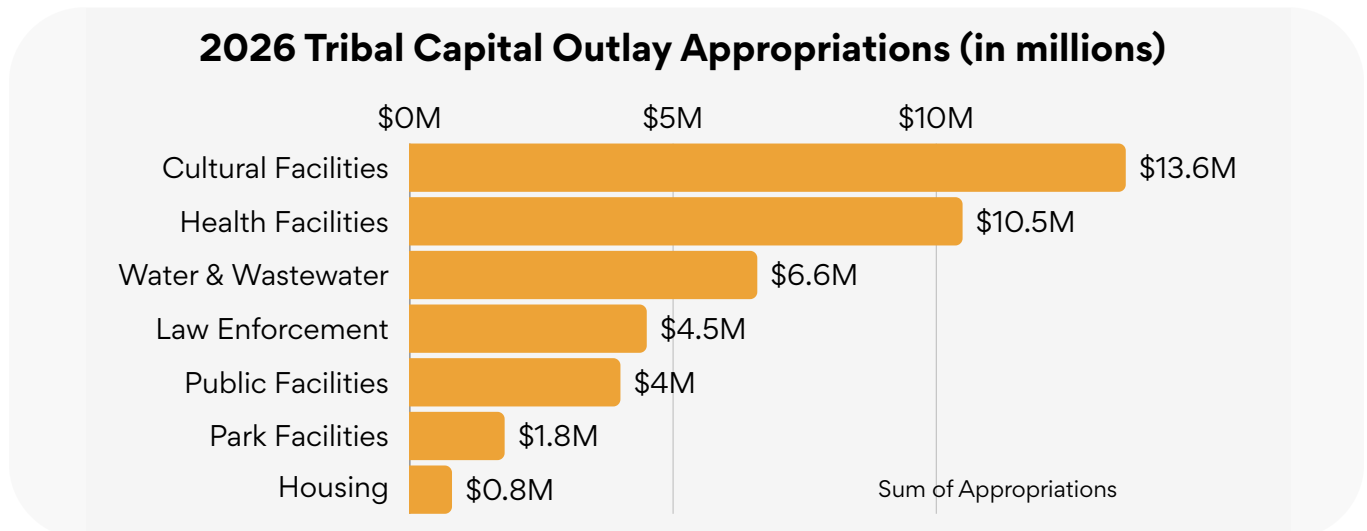


IPDD and Tribal Capital Outlay

IPDD works in collaboration with the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) to train IAD staff and staff from the Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos on the capital outlay budget and capital processes. During Fiscal Year 2026, IPDD also provided virtual ICIP training to IAD and Tribal entities.

(Excluding General Obligation Bonds, N/A for this year) Excluding the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF), for FY2026, there are 135 open capital projects for tribal entities throughout all state agencies totaling about \$70.6 million. As of July 2026, the unspent balance is \$65.2 million, with \$16.9 million encumbered.

During the 2026 legislative session, there were 128 tribal capital outlay appropriations which totaled approximately \$90.8 million in Senate Bill 240. Of the 128 appropriations, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham funded 17 appropriations totaling \$41.7 million. This included \$13.6 million for cultural facilities, \$10.5 million for health facilities, \$6.6 million for water and wastewater, \$4.5 million for law enforcement, \$4 million for public facilities, \$1.8 million for park facilities, and \$750 thousand for housing.



Infrastructure Finance Conference

The New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference (NMIFC) Committee includes IAD as an official member which works to ensure full representation throughout the sessions, especially in sessions that highlight planning, budgeting, and administration of Tribal capital outlay projects. The 2026 NMIFC will be held on November 17-19, 2026, at the Farmington Convention Center. This will be an in-person conference. For more information, click on the following link, <https://www.nmifc.com/>.

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

IPDD provides comprehensive technical assistance to New Mexico's Tribal governments throughout the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) process. Support includes training, online resources, guidance documents, weekly office hours, and individualized technical assistance to ensure complete and accurate ICIP submissions.

In FY2026, IPDD delivered 10 virtual ICIP training sessions. For the FY2027–2031 ICIP cycle, 77 Tribal governments submitted 1,281 capital projects totaling more than \$4 billion in funding requests—an increase of 104 projects compared with FY2024. In partnership with the Indian Affairs Department (IAD), DFA also promoted additional funding opportunities through the Regional Recreation/Quality of Life Grant, Matching Grant, Capacity Building Grant, and Housing Grant programs.

**Submission Deadline:
July 31, 2026**

FY2028-2032 ICIP
Submission Deadline for
Tribal Governments

FY2026 ICIP AT A GLANCE

77

Tribal Governments
Participated

1,281

Capital Projects
Submitted

\$4B+

Funding
Requested

10

Virtual ICIP
Training Sessions

+104

Increase in Projects
Since FY2024

NM911 Program (E-911 & NG911)

LGD administers the Enhanced 911 (E-911) Program, which provides fiscal and technical support for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) operated by municipal and county governments. All New Mexico Pueblos and Tribes receive E-911 service through the state's 45 PSAPs. The E-911 Fund reimburses local governmental grantees for capital expenditures and operational costs associated with calls received by PSAPs. Combined FY2026 operating and capital funding supporting the five Tribal PSAPs totaled \$3,820,175.

The NM911 program completed the "Implementation and Transition to Next Generation 9-1-1" project to upgrade the State's emergency communication system to ensure faster, more reliable, and interoperable public safety responses across the State. The project included setting up a statewide IP-based Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) and implementing Next Generation Core Services (NGCS). As a part of this project, all tribal PSAPs now have greater network resilience and reliability, as well as more accurate call routing for calls within tribal jurisdictions. The Pueblo of Laguna is now live on the NG911 system as a new secondary PSAP.

To strengthen Tribal emergency response capabilities, NM911 expanded local Geographic Information System (GIS) capacity by providing customized mapping applications, technical training, and data-sharing agreements to the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Ohkay Owingeh, Santo Domingo Pueblo, and Taos Pueblo. The program also developed statewide Tribal 911 GIS boundary datasets and online mapping tools that improve address accuracy, emergency call routing, and dispatch operations across Tribal communities.

NM911 also developed a new online GIS application which greatly improves the ability of tribal agencies throughout the state to identify and resolve issues in their local addressing and GIS datasets. In addition to improving local GIS capabilities, NM911 developed new 911 GIS boundary datasets for all tribal areas in the state – used for routing 911 calls and dispatching emergency services in NextGen 911 systems. To ensure the accuracy of these boundaries, NM911 built an online GIS application which enabled non-GIS users (local 911 staff) to review and approve the boundaries or suggest revisions.

STATEWIDE 911 & TRIBAL PSAP HIGHLIGHTS

45

Public Safety
Answering Points

5

Tribal PSAPs
Supported

\$3.8M

FY2026 Tribal
Operating & Capital

4

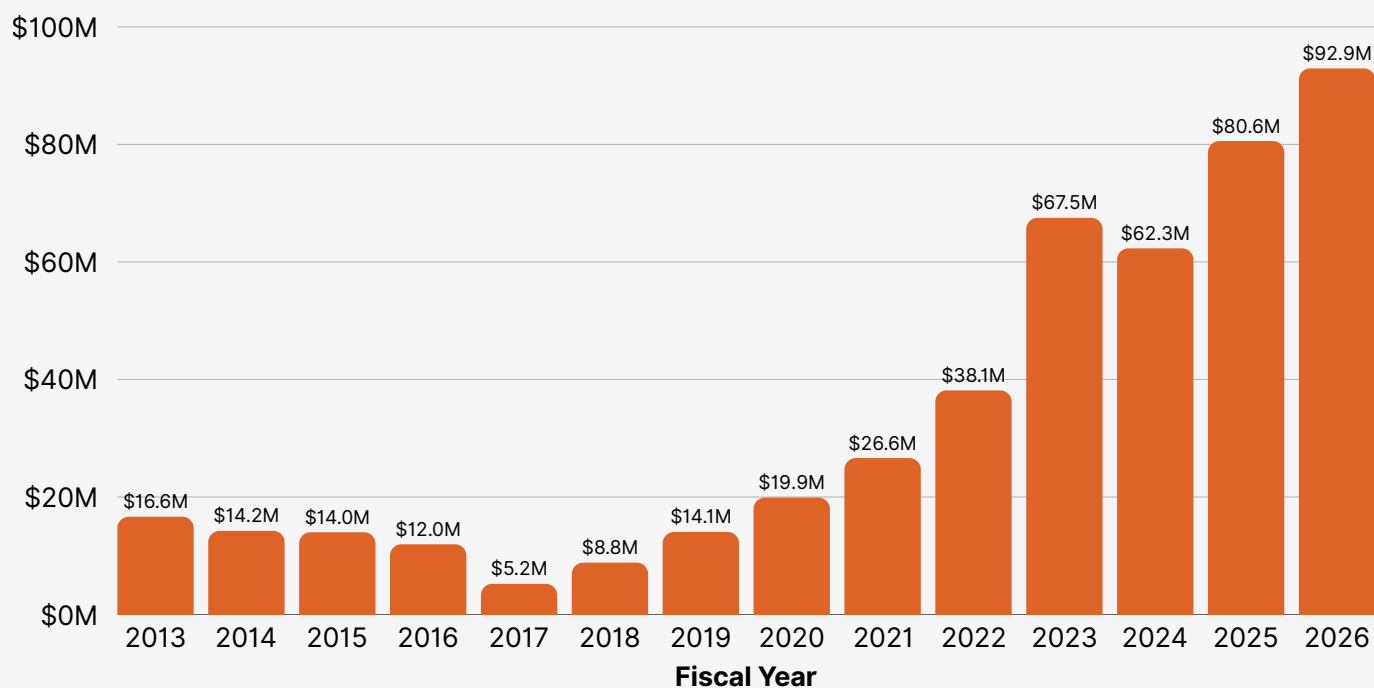
Tribal Gov'ts Receiving
GIS Support

Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF)

The Tribal Infrastructure Act provides Tribal communities with financial assistance to address basic infrastructure needs. The Tribal Infrastructure Act created a 13-person Tribal Infrastructure Board (TIF Board), consisting of nine voting members and four non-voting members, including the Secretary of DFA as a voting member. DFA administers the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) and IAD manages the grants awarded by the TIF Board.

A portion of the senior Severance Tax Bond (STB) capacity is earmarked for Tribal infrastructure projects awarded by the TIF Board. From FY2012 through FY2015, nearly 5% of senior STB capacity was earmarked for Tribal Infrastructure projects. Legislation enacted in the 2015 regular legislative session reduced the overall senior STB capacity but increased the Tribal earmark to 6.5% in FY2016 and 5.5% in FY2017 and beyond. Additional legislation enacted during the 2016 special legislative session reduced the Tribal earmark for FY2017 and beyond to 4.5%. The TIF Board evaluates project proposals and awards grants and loans funded with STB proceeds to qualified projects from monies available in the Project Fund. The New Mexico interim Legislative Indian Affairs Committee provides oversight of the TIF Board. The LGD processes fiscal documents related to the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund. Awards and unspent balances in the fund for FY2019 to FY2025 will be reconciled in collaboration with the Indian Affairs Department by September 2026.

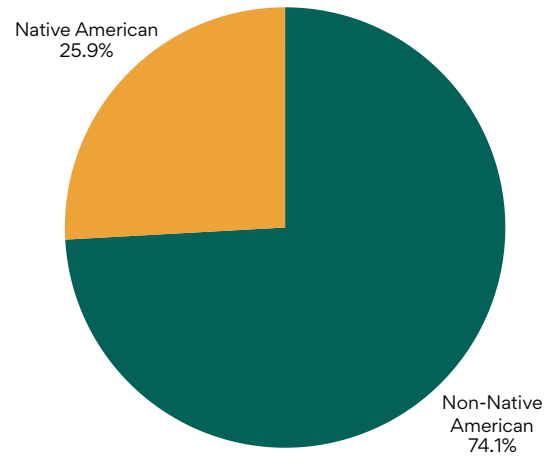
Tribal Infrastructure Fund Awards



Local Driving While Intoxicated (LDWI) Program

The Local Government Division, (LGD), through its Local Driving While Intoxicated (LDWI) Grant Program, supports county initiatives to prevent or reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, and alcohol abuse. In FY2026, 23 local DWI programs in New Mexico provided screening and tracking services for Native American DWI offenders. The table is a statewide summary by county of total DWI offenders segmented by Native American DWI offenders along with percentages. In addition, 10 county programs provide prevention and/or treatment services and/or law enforcement activities by working collaboratively with Native American communities.

FY26 Demographics of DWI Offenders Statewide



Counties	Total Number of DWI Offenders	Number of Native American DWI Offenders	% Native American DWI Offenders	% Difference between FY24 and FY25
Bernalillo County	1,804	333	18.50%	↓ 1.6%
Cibola County	115	75	65.20%	↑ 2.1%
McKinley County	428	398	93.00%	↑ 3.7%
San Juan County	647	485	75.00%	↓ 0.3%
Sandoval County	524	141	24.60%	0.0%
<i>Other Counties</i>	2,539	95	3.70%	0.0%
Statewide Total	6057	1,527	25.20%	↓ 1.3%

TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the State-Tribal Collaboration Act, all state agency managers and employees who have ongoing communication with Indian nations, Tribes or Pueblos must complete a training provided by the State Personnel Office with assistance from the IAD. This training supports the promotion of effective communication and collaboration between state agencies and Indian Nations, Tribes, or Pueblos; the development of positive State-Tribal government-to-government relations; and cultural competency in providing effective services to American Indians or Alaskan Natives.

KEY NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our findings further, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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