

August 31, 2020

Nevada Indian Commission Executive Director Report

BUDGET

Per Governor Sisolak's mandate due to global health crisis, NIC froze spending from mid-March through end of FY20. Vacated Admin III position for salary savings as a means to implement mandated 15% general fund reduction, plus 50% reduction of tourism transfers

FY2021

NIC budget = \$330,000 – all reductions = <\$8,858> *

**proportionally reduced deficit amount from travel line items*

SISCC&M budget = \$305,000 – all reductions = <\$101,000> **

***grants / donations = \$87,500 <\$13,500>*

Per Director of Nevada Tourism and Cultural Affairs, predicts future tourism reduction to include:

2021 = 42%

2022 = 30%

COVID-19

TOTAL TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVE CASES IN NEVADA: **217** (as of Monday, 8/24/2020)

Ft. Mojave: 60

Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone: 50

Pyramid Lake Paiute: 13

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony: 12

Walker River Paiute: 12

Te-Moak Tribe (all 4 Bands): 11

Washoe Tribe: 7

Las Vegas Paiute: 3

Duckwater Shoshone: 1

Yerington Paiute: 1

Duck Valley Sho-Pai: 0

Ely Shoshone: 0

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone: 0

Moapa Band of Paiutes: 0

Yomba Shoshone: 0

Southern NV Health District: 49 Washoe County Health District: 10

- NIC holds weekly briefings with NV Division of Emergency Management
- NIC holds bi-monthly briefings with all food organizations, including the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Nevada Department of Ag (school breakfast, lunch), and ITCN
- NIC continues to set up food networks, logistics for distribution, survey communities' needs
- NIC office closed to public; Flexible tele-work schedule as needed
- NIC ED participated in daily "war cabinet" with Governor's Office from March 25 – May 20; and on Tuesday, Thursday calls from May 21 – June 26
- Continue to accommodate Tribal Nation inquiries from law enforcement assistance to COVID Cares Act funding

EDUCATION

- Working with Nevada Department of Education to ensure all Native American students have devices and stable wifi
- Partnering with Nevada Digital Learning Collaborative to ensure culturally appropriate distance learning lesson plans
- Reconvened Indian Education Advisory Committee with record 32 participants

NATIVE VOTE

- 4 Nations requested early voting or election day polling stations for 2020: Duckwater, Duck Valley, Yerington, and Washoe, joining Moapa, Pyramid Lake, RSIC and WRPT. Deadline Sept. 1

CENSUS

- Organizing weekly census and election/voting meetings with rep from all 25 Nations, the NCAI, Four Directions, and the Directions and the Nevada Statewide Native American Caucus

Nevada Overall Tribal Self Response Rate Average: **39.2%**

Nevada Self Response Rate: **63%**

National Self Response Rate: **64%**

Ely Colony: 62.5%

Stewart Colony: 57.4%

Campbell Ranch (Yerington): 53%

Las Vegas Indian Colony: 50%

Carson Colony: 46%

Wells Band Colony: 41.9%

Lovelock: 40%

Duckwater: 37.8%

Battle Mountain Band Colony: 30.1%

South Fork Reservation: 19.3%

Timbi-Sha Shoshone: 18.2%

Duck Valley: 12.6%

Yomba Reservation: 8.3%

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe: 61%

Elko Band Colony: 55.8%

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony: 51.6%

Woodfords Colony: 50%

Yerington Colony: 43.9%

Walker River Reservation: 41%

Pyramid Lake Reservation: 39.4%

Dresslerville: 37.4%

Fort McDermitt Reservation: 29.8%

Moapa River Reservation: 18.9%

Winnemucca Indian Colony: 16.7%

Goshute Reservation: 11.4%

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- Co-facilitate Liaison meetings with State, Fed representatives
- Requested, gathered written policy input from Nevada agencies
- Requested, gathered required July 1 proof of consultation
- NIC has commitments from two Native American educators to develop, deliver content employee training. DHRM doesn't have funding to pay presenters. Meeting next week with DHRM Director

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS / ONGOING

- “This Is Why We Dance” webinar honoring Native American powwow culture with Facebook LIVE = 3K views, plus over 200 registrants; Linked to Stewart Indian School YouTube channel
- Partnering with Corrections Tribal Liaison about inmate health care, religious rights
- Community Outreach / Public Relations FB reach
- Indian Territory has reconvened with new officers
- Led capital improvement program presentation for the Stewart Indian School bakery building to be restored into a repository for historic artifacts, art pieces for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum, plus remaining pieces from the former Stewart Museum, and for our Tribal Nations