



## Executive Director Report

June 6, 2025

### **BUDGET**

Indian Commission - 2600

Approved Budget = \$16,111,474.00

Available Balance = \$ **2,698,920.40**

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center - 2601

Approved Budget = \$465,651.00

Available Balance = \$ **66,209.14**

Gift Fund

Current Balance = \$ **53,934.99**

### **NOTABLES**

- Collaboration with National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) brought together 15 elders for oral history project, plus cultural events; NABS staff toured Stewart campus and visited Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum
- Successful closing of DNAA budgets at Joint Meeting of Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, April 12
- May 12, Capital Improvement Project fund for Old Gym **removed** from CIP bill
- Secretary of State kicked off his Indian Country Listening Tour from the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum
- Orchestrated Tribal Liaisons meeting---State, Federal, not-for-profit---bringing together 68 professionals who focus on advocating for Tribal governments and communities, April 22; Follow up meeting will be held in conjunction with ITCN Convention in July
- Joint project with Nevada Governor's Office of Science Innovation & Technology to build internet infrastructure for 127 households or community centers on 16 reservations

### **STAFFING**

- Successfully processed an out-of-class salary adjustment for DNAA Program Officer
- Developing job announcements to be distributed externally for management analysts with clarifying questions requiring Tribal government / community experience

### **STANDING MEETINGS**

- Rural and Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet, April 23
- Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN), May 15
- Weekly Staff Meetings, June 4
- Bi-Weekly Meeting with DNAA Liaison to Governor's Office, Chase McNamara, June 6
- Nevada Governor's Cabinet, next meeting **TBD**

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- [Aguilar will discuss voting barriers with state's tribal groups](#)

By Jessica Garcia, *Nevada Appeal*, April 17, 2025

- [Tribal community, environmental advocates fight to prevent drilling on Ruby Mountains](#)

By Sophie Lincoln, News 4 , NBC Reno, April 30, 2025

## **PRESENTATIONS / WELCOMES**

- Moderated [panel](#) after screening of "[Remaining Native](#)" Nevada Museum of Art, April 24

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS / ONGOING PROJECTS**

- Wrote essay on the cultural significance of pine nuts for information panel to be installed at Nevada Museum of Art's rooftop garden which showcases plants connected to Native American basketry traditions of the Great Basin
- Attended [Clark County Indian Education Opportunities Program Senior Celebration](#); Washoe County School District [Paiute Language Bowl](#) and [Shaw Middle School mural](#) unveiling

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**Budget Status Report - Obligations**

**Fiscal Year: 2025**

**Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND      Department: 101 COMMISSION ON TOURISM**  
**Unit: 2600 INDIAN COMMISSION      Activity: 2600 HR-INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	7,692,468.08		
<b>Total Encumbrances</b>	.00		
<b>Total Pre-encumbrances</b>	.00		
<b>Total Obligations</b>	7,692,468.08	16,111,474.00	8,419,005.92

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
<u>01</u>	PERSONNEL SERVICES	291,001.27	.00	.00	291,001.27	679,795.00	388,793.73
<u>02</u>	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	1,746.69	.00	.00	1,746.69	6,778.00	5,031.31
<u>03</u>	IN STATE TRAVEL	12,653.00	.00	.00	12,653.00	18,731.00	6,078.00
<u>04</u>	OPERATING	40,304.22	.00	.00	40,304.22	46,556.00	6,251.78
<u>11</u>	NAC PROJECT GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<u>15</u>	GRANTS TO TRIBES PRGM SUBGRANT	7,008,761.13	.00	.00	7,008,761.13	14,812,845.00	7,804,083.87
<u>16</u>	GRANTS TO TRIBES ADMIN	244,682.11	.00	.00	244,682.11	378,243.00	133,560.89
<u>26</u>	INFORMATION SERVICES	9,042.05	.00	.00	9,042.05	16,829.00	7,786.95
<u>27</u>	SB462 ONE-SHOT	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,127.00	1,127.00
<u>31</u>	PROMOTION & ADVERTISING	63,645.00	.00	.00	63,645.00	65,000.00	1,355.00
<u>35</u>	EDUCATION SUMMIT	12,622.11	.00	.00	12,622.11	72,234.00	59,611.89
<u>82</u>	DHRM COST ALLOCATION	2,038.00	.00	.00	2,038.00	2,038.00	.00
<u>87</u>	PURCHASING ASSESSMENT	153.00	.00	.00	153.00	153.00	.00
<u>88</u>	STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN	976.50	.00	.00	976.50	1,302.00	325.50
<u>89</u>	AG COST ALLOCATION PLAN	4,843.00	.00	.00	4,843.00	4,843.00	.00

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Fiscal Year: 2025

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND

Department: 101 COMMISSION ON TOURISM

Unit: 2601 STWT INDN SCHOOL LIVING LEGACY Activity: 2601 HR-STWT INDN SCHOOL LVNG LGCY

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Expenditures	315,753.30		
Total Encumbrances	.00		
Total Pre-encumbrances	.00		
Total Obligations	315,753.30	465,651.00	149,897.70

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
<u>01</u>	PERSONNEL	216,601.16	.00	.00	216,601.16	299,565.00	82,963.84
<u>02</u>	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	60.70	.00	.00	60.70	3,314.00	3,253.30
<u>03</u>	IN STATE TRAVEL	593.04	.00	.00	593.04	2,773.00	2,179.96
<u>04</u>	OPERATING	85,502.15	.00	.00	85,502.15	95,424.00	9,921.85
<u>08</u>	EXHIBITS	1,519.80	.00	.00	1,519.80	2,231.00	711.20
<u>09</u>	COLLECTIONS	258.95	.00	.00	258.95	10,605.00	10,346.05
<u>10</u>	EDUCATION	1,011.04	.00	.00	1,011.04	7,841.00	6,829.96
<u>11</u>	NEH GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
<u>26</u>	INFORMATION SERVICES	3,017.21	.00	.00	3,017.21	4,624.00	1,606.79
<u>82</u>	DEPARTMENT OF ADMIN COST ALLOC	873.00	.00	.00	873.00	873.00	.00
<u>87</u>	PURCHASING ASSESSMENT	62.00	.00	.00	62.00	62.00	.00
<u>88</u>	STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN	6,254.25	.00	.00	6,254.25	8,339.00	2,084.75





## **Report to the Department of Native American Affairs Commissioners**

**June 16, 2025**

**Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum:**

**Museum Director Joshua Bonde Ph.D.,**

**Curator of Collections Chris Ann Gibbons & Curator of Education Melanie Smokey**

### **Leadership, professional development, and organization structure**

- JB has met with staff and volunteers to initiate strategic planning in accordance with the Stewart 20-year master plan
- JB and CG have met with Public Works to follow current Capital Improvement Projects, including the renovation of the Old Gym
- MS has done extensive networking with other Tribal and cultural institutions.
- JB and CG met with consultants to review status of the Stewart campus achieving National Landmark Status. We are at least 2 years out from designation in current governmental climate.
- NEH grant of \$30,000 to send Dr. Williams to San Bruno was officially rescinded

### **Financial Stability**

- Keeping the Welcome Center Gift Shop open on Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm. We have Stewart gear: t-shirts, hoodies, coffee cups, and caps. We also purchase art from local Native artists who sign an agreement that we follow the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990. All proceeds go to purchase more art from local Native artists.
- We are going to be reevaluating store purchasing and pricing philosophy moving forward. Although the original intent of the store was not to be a major revenue generator we see potential in it to do so.
- JB has been networking with established philanthropic individuals to start relationship building for Stewart into the future.

### **Complying with Department of Interior Boarding School Initiative**

- Staff from Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) have been in touch with SISCCM regarding housing ~55 boxes of archival materials currently being stored at the Nevada State Museum warehouse. JB and CG have cleared space to receive these boxes and have a logistics meeting this week to plan the transfer.

- National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition was in Reno doing oral history recording; they came to Stewart to do a tour with JB and Director Montooth of the campus. It was a positive exchange of ideas and efforts.

### **Collections Stewardship**

- Working with BIA staff to recover ~55 boxes of archival materials from the Stewart Indian School.
- Assisted Karely Byrd-Nowsch from the Dearborn Historical Museum in Michigan with identifying a pair of moccasins in their collection. The moccasins were given to a teacher at the Stewart Indian School in the 1920's.
- Assisted the Nevada State Archives with items and text for an exhibit on military history titled "All For Our Country." The exhibit runs June 14, 2025 - November 14, 2025, and focuses on Nevadans who served in the military.
- Assisted Miles Henley with archival information on Mary Jo Estep. Mary Jo attended the Stewart Indian School for a short time in 1911. Henley is gathering archival information on Mary and her family for a film project.
- Assisted Stewart Indian School alum Mary McCloud with multiple requests for photos and archival information related to the school. Mary attended Stewart in the early 1940's.
- Assisted Mel Glover, Director, Churchill County Museum with information on Marge Milazzo who was a student at Stewart in the 1930's.
- Received a donation of a set of Nevada Rock Art photographs from University of Nevada Professor Peter Goin. Prof Goin worked with Nevada Tribal representatives to photograph rock art throughout the state. Out of respect and protection of the sites, no locations of the art are given.
- Hosted University of Nevada Museum Studies student Jayden Forinash. During her 100-hour internship, Jayden was able to log-in to the backend of our touchscreens and successfully add information to them. Also, she scanned over 90 Stewart Indian School student records and completed and exhibit of beaded bottles from start to finish which included research, photographing, writing condition reports, and exhibit text.



### **Education and Interpretation**

- New exhibition of beaded bottles by the late Carrie Conway (top right).
- JB gave a tour of the facility to Congressman Amodei's rural constituent team member Annemarie Vogeles
- Hosted a pollinator garden planting tea with staff and volunteers of the Nevada State Museum

- Met with the Nevada Museum of Art regarding their project to republish "Desert Friends"
- Gave a large tour for the Visit Carson City; Hosted Jackpot Jamboree and made lip balms with the group
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### **Great Basin Native Artists Gallery**

- Melissa Melero-Moose wrapped up the solo show of Karma Henry in April
- New solo artist show currently on exhibit is by Kimberly Lawson of Schurz, NV. Show will be up until Nevada Day weekend
- Some of Kimberly Lawson's works top of page 4

### **Outreach**

- MS presented at the Eastern Shoshone Women's Convention in WY.
- JB and CG gave 2 UNR Tours and 1 Lake Tahoe Community College.
- JB, CG, and MS tabled at the "Threads of Tradition" event at the Nevada Museum of Art.
- MS was invited to the Swamp Cedar Meeting at Cave Lake, NV.
- MS was an invited presenter at the UNR Extension AG summit in Elko, NV.
- Provided a letter of support for Department of Anthropology promotion committee at UNR.
- JB is working with UNR and the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe on a fossil horse.
- Partnering with Nevada State Archives on the Archives Space Collaboration Project.
- Partnering with Nevada State Archives on their Flag Day exhibit.
- MS has done numerous school outreach programs on site and in the community.
- CG and MS currently serve on the Western Museum Association Meeting Host Committee.
- Team met with Secretary of State Aguillar as part of his tribal listening tour
- Attended and represented SISCCM at the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer training event in Bishop, CA
- Outreach event at the California Trail Center in Elko, NV

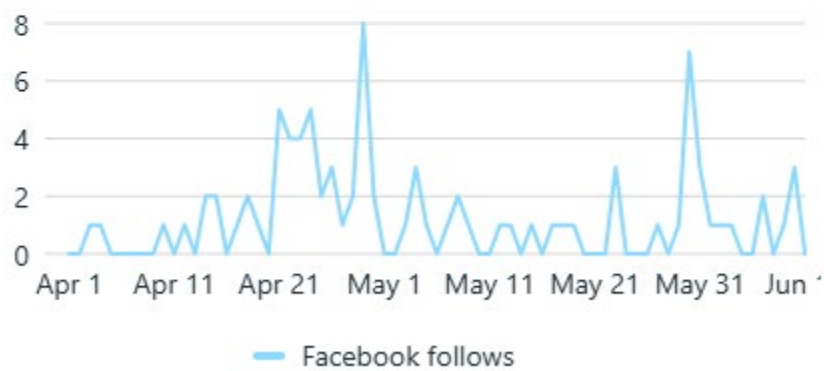


### Communication and Marketing

- Majority of Cultural Center marketing is via social media
- Facebook: 4,207

#### Follows ①

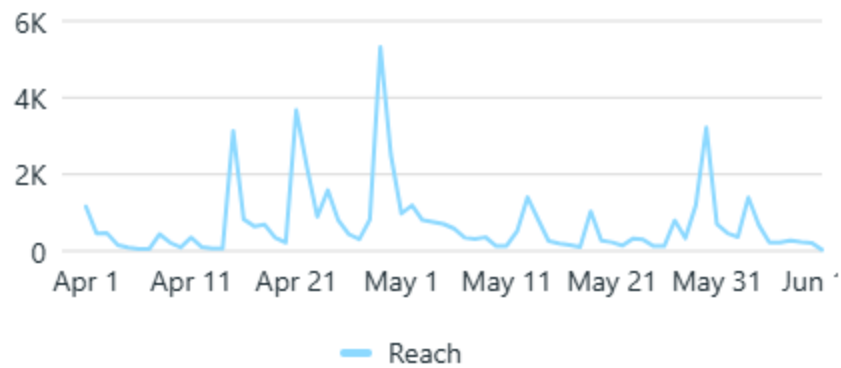
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### Reach ⓘ

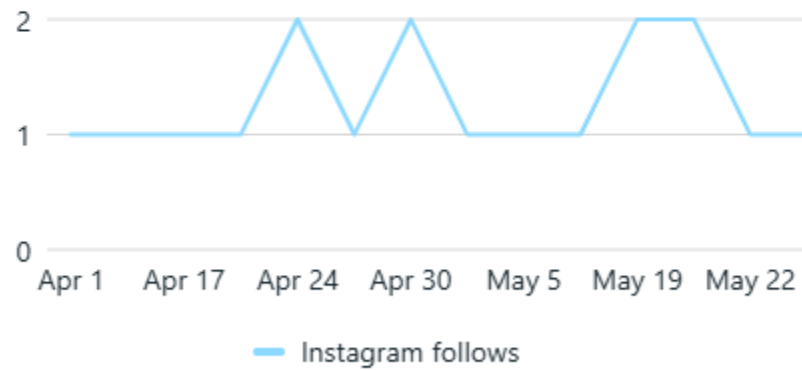
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- Instagram: 342

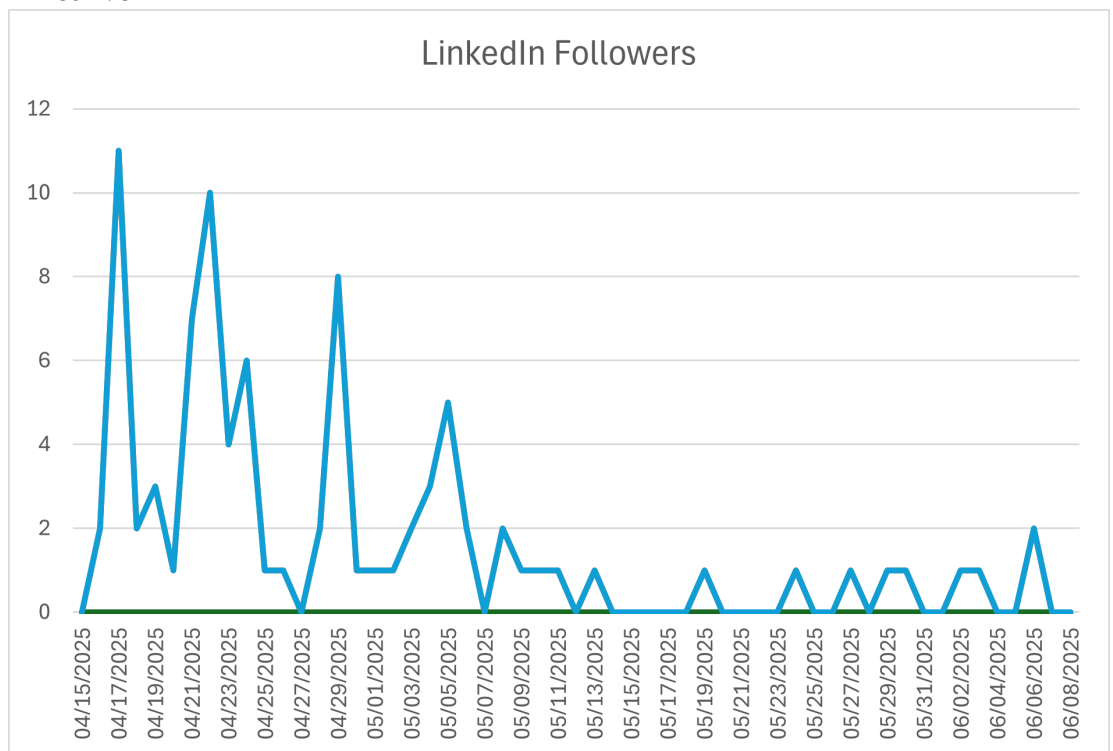
### Follows ⓘ

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- LinkedIn: 92



In addition to social media SISCCM collaborated with the Nevada Museum of Art and hosted an information table at the special public event "Threads of Tradition." This even saw roughly 3,000 guests. SISCCM was also asked to participate in a Flag Day exhibit with the Nevada Library and Archives, which put out a press release.

JB met with representatives of Visit Carson City and the Brewery Arts Center about collaboration and potential help with making progress on the 20-year Stewart Master Plan.

### **Visitorship**

- April 30-June 9 visitorship based upon our new digital tracking system- 378
- Majority of visitors are Nevada based, second most common is northern CA
- Most common international guests are from the UK, with others from Australia and the Netherlands
- 19 self-reporting descendants of students; 1 former student
- 15 self-reporting tribal visitors, 13 Northern Paiute, 2 Washoe

### **Store Sales**

- \$4,586 Gift Shop Sales so far this quarter

TRIBE	CFE's REQUESTED	PROJECT
Battle Mountain Band Council	714,000.00	Food vouchers for food security. Home renovations, <b>heating assistance, school supplies.</b> Vehicle purchase and infrastructure enhancement
Battle Mountain Band Council (Te-Moak Split)	178,500.00	Vehicle purchase for emergency medical response. Purchase tuff shed storage building, tables, chairs, chair cart, table dolly. Kitchen equipment, ice machines, microwave, gas range and fryer.
Carson Colony Community Council 4/30/25	714,000.00	Neighborhood cleanup, trees and debris removal. <b>Demolition of vacant or abandoned properties.</b>
Confederated Tribes of Goshute	573,098.07	Provide food assistance, purchasing non-perishable and shelf stable food items, meat, cleaning supplies. Staff or food pantry. Purvhase vehicle for food pantry.
Dresssterville Community Council 1/30/25	714,000.00	<b>Renovation of gym for wellness and educational activities, emergency shelter.</b>
Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe 11/30/26	714,000.00	<b>Pre-development infrastructure phase of new school. Pre-project development infrastructure.</b>
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	714,000.00	Provide electricity to food storage sheds. Weatherization project to homes. <b>Install central heating to homes.</b> Install concrete runners to homes. <b>Trash truck &amp; utility truck purchase.</b>
Elko Band Council 08/30/25	714,000.00	Access to transportation by purchasing school buses and vans. <b>Upgrade gym supplies and equipment, playground equipumnt. Supplement Senior Nutrition Program.</b>
Elko Band Council (Te-Moak Split)	178,500.00	<b>Remove dead wood and branches hanging over street and buildings. Purchase security system and cameras. Upgrade gym supplies, equipment andn storage. Suplement after school summer program with staffing.</b>
Ely Shoshone Tribe 11/30/25	714,000.00	Development of a cultural park, secure civil designs, construction of the park. On phase 1
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	712,700.00	<b>Procure 2 heavy duty trucks, 1 SUV, 2 passenger vans. Skid steer, mini extractor, gym audio. Upgrade command center, transportation yard fencing. Purchase gravel.</b>
Ft. McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe 12/31/25	714,000.00	Provide mortgage payments for tribal members. Provide utility assistance, internet services, home insurance assistance. Home repairs assistance. Broadband Infrastructure.
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	714,000.00	Upgrade Tribal Utilities Avi Booster Station
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	565,000.00	Upgrade security, construct security gate. <b>Purchase vehicle, equipment for Police Department</b>
Lovelock Paiute Tribe 11/30/25	714,000.00	<b>Upgrade /renovate Tribal Gymnasium, repair roof, install windows, renovate bathrooms, replace flooring</b>
Moapa Band of Paiutes	539,188.00	<b>Purchase vehicles to transport tribal members to Dr. Appointments/Dialysis, Purchase playground equipment for healthy physical activities.</b>
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	714,000.00	<b>Procure heavy equipment, two (one) service vans for education program, two service trucks for public utilities (Payment request submitted)</b>
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 11/30/25	714,000.00	Infrastructure for new housing area. Mobilization/Demobilization/cleanup/grubbing, earthmoving, backfill. Install sanitray sewer pipe with backfill.
South Fork Band Council	714,000.00	<b>Purchase equipment, SUV, road grader, big tex flatbed trailer, utility vehicle. Household Assistance</b>
South Fork Band Council (Te-Moak Split)	178,500.00	<b>2024 F-150 (2) for emergency purposes. John Deere Excavator purchase.</b>
Stewart Community Council 4/30/25	714,000.00	<b>Providing nutrition benefits for 7 months. Expand recreational facility. Neighborhood tree &amp; junk removal</b>
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	713,259.00	<b>Hire food pantry staff. Upgrade patnry space. Purchase storage equipment. Purchase food and supplies (ongoing)</b>
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	-	Funds Split evenly between the Te-Moak Bands: Southfork, Elko, Battle Mountain and Wells Band Councils
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	714,000.00	<b>Procuremet of 4 modular homes. Purchase of a backhoe, set up of modular homes, making pads, electricity and water-sewer hookup.</b>
Walker River Paiute Tribe	714,000.00	<b>Food pantry operations, hire staffing. Construct multi-use ball field (Requesting bids for contract). Construct SES improvements, adding ball courtg and patio.</b>
Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California 4/30/25	714,000.00	<b>Purchase a vac trailer to implement a proactive water infrastructure. Purchase a bobcat.</b> Installation of water storage tanks.
Wells Band Council	714,000.00	Road Repairs and driveway repairs. Providing access ramps. Pour concrete foundation for a multigenerational bldg.
Wells Band Council (Te-Moak Split)	178,500.00	Resurface roads, create safe driveways, incorporate ramps. Paving in housing area and admin offices, gym and local businesses. Construction of multi-purpose building.
Winnemucca Indian Colony	714,000.00	<b>Infrastructure or housing area, paved access road, lighting and sidewalks.</b>
Woodfords Community Council 11/30/25	714,000.00	<b>Wellness Center &amp; Education Center HVAC improvements.</b>
Yerington Paiute Tribe	714,000.00	<b>Purchase equipment for emergency assistance, purchase farm equipment for economic development, upgrade community market, install gas pumps, paint market, replace flooring.</b>
Yomba Shoshone Tribe	714,000.00	Food security food voucher program. Housing renovations to 11 homes. Purchase vehicles for HHS assistance. <b>Fuel infrastructure project.</b>
TOTAL	19,525,245	
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Denotes Approved Extension Date		
Denotes Completed Project		

**Denotes Completed Project**



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