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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, June 18, 2026
3:30 PM

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AGENDA

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- I.** Convene meeting, roll call, and establish quorum – Chair Staci Emm
DNAA Executive Director Stacey Montooth
- II.** Invocation – Dr. Art Martinez
- III.** Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Chair Emm
*“I would like to begin our Nevada Department of Native American Affairs (DNAA) meeting by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral homelands of the Numu, and the Newe who have lived in the Great Basin since time began. Please join me in expressing our deepest respect and gratitude to all five of our major Indigenous groups; the Mojave, the Northern Paiute, the Shoshone, the Southern Paiute, and the Washoe--not just the original caretakers of the land we now call Nevada--but for their enduring stewardship and protection of our shared lands and waterways. Today, the DNAA reaffirms its commitment to improve the quality of life for our 28 Tribal Nations, Bands, Colonies, and the *72,000-plus Urban Indians who choose to make Nevada their current home.”*
- IV.** Initial Public Comments
- V.** Approval of Meeting Minutes from quarterly meeting: March 17, 2026, and April 22, 2026 (For Discussion and Possible Action)
- VI.** Commissioners – Oral Reports
(For Discussion)
Agriculture and Natural Resources – Chair Emm
Economic Development – Commissioner Andrea Martinez
Education – Dr. Arlie Stops
Health and Human Services – Dr. Art Martinez
Sovereignty, Civic Engagement, Remediation and Inequities – Commissioner Tiger
- VII.** Executive Director’s Report – Stacey Montooth (For Discussion)
- VIII.** Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum Director’s Report – Dr. Joshua Bonde
(For Discussion)
- IX.** Powwow Report – Stacey Montooth for Sarina Nez
(For Discussion)
- X.** American Rescue Program Act Subgrants Report – Management Analyst Janet Davis
(For Discussion)
- XI.** Final Public Comment
- XII.** Adjournment – Chair Emm

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Commissioners Meeting Summary

April 22, 2026

Time	Location	Format
10:01 AM to 10:33 AM	Virtual meeting (Zoom recording/transcript)	Online meeting

Attendance

Commissioners	DNAA Staff	Other Participants / Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Staci K. Emm• Vice Chair Tammi Tiger• Dr. Art Martinez• Andrea Martinez• Dr. Arlie Stops (joined after strategic plan vote)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stacey Montooth, Executive Director• Joshua Bonde, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum• Lori Light Cloud Arrive• Sarina Nez• Janet Davis (absent for medical appointment; report presented from spreadsheet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kimberly (greeted at opening; surname not confirmed in transcript)• John McCauley joined after adjournment for staff follow-up discussion on ARPA reporting

Executive Director Stacey Montooth — Leadership Highlights

- Verified quorum, assisted with roll call, and helped move the meeting quickly into business because the agenda had to be completed within one hour.
- Supported final approval of the Department’s inaugural Strategic Plan and clarified that the principal change before the Commission was the revised civic engagement section.
- Presented the latest ARPA subgrants status when Janet Davis could not attend, explaining that fourteen tribal projects were complete, eight enhancement projects were underway, and additional funding had been redirected from projects that did not comply with reporting or communication requirements.
- Explained why certain tribes had received advance ARPA payments rather than reimbursement-only treatment, noting that many tribal governments did not have the cash flow to spend large sums up front and wait for repayment.
- Outlined the Department’s recovery efforts for unsupported advances, including certified letters, coordination with the Attorney General’s Office, and continuing communication with tribal leadership and the Governor’s Finance Office.
- Emphasized the importance of moving unused ARPA funds to active projects that could still improve quality of life in tribal communities before federal deadlines expired.
- Announced the annual Governor’s Tribal Leaders Summit for May 21, 2026 in Las Vegas at the Stan Fulton Building at UNLV, and invited commissioners and tribal leaders to help shape the agenda, logistics, and overall event design.

Meeting Overview

The Nevada Department of Native American Affairs Commissioners meeting convened shortly after 10:00 a.m. with Chair Staci K. Emm presiding and Executive Director Stacey Montooth confirming a quorum. Following the invocation by Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez and Chair Emm's land acknowledgement, the meeting moved directly into business. No initial public comment was offered.

Although the recorded meeting lasted a little more than thirty minutes, the discussion was focused and action-oriented. The commissioners completed final approval of the Department's inaugural Strategic Plan, reviewed current American Rescue Plan Act subgrant status, discussed the practical effects of completed tribal projects, and received planning updates on the upcoming Governor's Tribal Leaders Summit in Las Vegas.

Strategic Plan Approval

Dr. Joshua Bonde introduced the most recent draft of the Department's inaugural Strategic Plan and explained that the principal change from the prior version was a revision to the civic engagement section. He noted that the change had been highlighted in the circulated draft to make it easier for commissioners to review.

Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez moved approval of both the modification and the final document, and Vice Chair Tammi Tiger seconded the motion. After brief clarification that the motion covered both the revision and the strategic plan as a whole, the Commission voted in favor without opposition or abstention. The action formally adopted the Strategic Plan and marked an important organizational milestone for the Department.

ARPA Subgrants Report and Discussion

Because Janet Davis was unable to attend due to a medical appointment, Executive Director Montooth presented the ARPA status update from the Department's latest spreadsheet. She reported that since the previous meeting, eight additional tribal projects had been completed, bringing the total number of completed subgrant projects to fourteen. She also stated that eight enhancement projects were underway.

Montooth explained that the Department was actively redirecting funds from five tribal projects that had been affected by non-compliance, non-reporting, or lack of communication. In response to questions from Chair Emm, she described how the Department had originally argued for limited advances to some tribal governments because a reimbursement-only model would have been impractical for many communities. She said some tribes had received approximately ten percent advances, but in several cases the Department still had not received required documentation or proof of purchase.

Montooth further explained that recovery efforts were being handled through certified letters and in coordination with the Attorney General's Office. When Chair Emm asked about timing and the possible effect on future funding practices, Montooth responded that tribes had first been given thirty days to respond and meet with the Department, and that follow-up certified letters had then been sent seeking return of the funds where no response was received. She emphasized that these difficulties were not unique to DNAA and had occurred in ARPA administration more broadly.

The discussion also highlighted successful outcomes. Chair Emm described attending the grand opening of the ball field at Walker River and said it was powerful to see children using a new facility funded in part through ARPA support. Commissioner Andrea Martinez added that Walker River had not been able to host a Little League game on the reservation in more than twenty years and that families now no longer had to travel as far

several times each week. Chair Emm urged staff to preserve these successes through impact stories, photos, written reports, or video so that the longer-term human value of the projects would not be lost as the funding period closed out.

Commissioner Contributions

Chair Staci K. Emm

- Convened the meeting, established quorum, invited public comment, and guided the Commission through each agenda item efficiently.
- Led the vote on the Strategic Plan and confirmed approval of the revised civic engagement language and the final document.
- Questioned the ARPA spreadsheet closely, especially the “revenue loss/advance funds outstanding” category and the timeline for response letters, showing concern about fiscal accountability and future funding consequences.
- Shared firsthand observations from the Walker River ball field opening and pushed for a permanent record of project impacts through story-based reporting, photos, and video.
- Asked practical questions about support for tribal leaders attending the Governor’s Tribal Leaders Summit and closed the meeting with the adjournment process.

Vice Chair Tammi Tiger

- Seconded the motion approving the Strategic Plan.
- Asked how the Department would handle situations where tribes may have spent some ARPA funds but failed to complete a project or submit required reporting.
- Raised the upcoming Tribal Leaders Summit during final public comment and helped shift the conversation toward event planning.
- Provided detailed input on the UNLV venue, potential participation by Native student organizations and university departments, hosted lunch opportunities, possible cultural components such as presentation of colors, and optional campus tours.
- Invited additional coordination so the summit could be designed as a high-quality, welcoming event for tribal leaders from across Nevada.

Commissioner Andrea Martinez

- Confirmed her presence for the record after joining the meeting shortly after roll call.
- Supported the discussion of ARPA outcomes by explaining the concrete value of the Walker River ball field project for children and families on the reservation.
- Endorsed Chair Emm’s idea of documenting project impacts and suggested presenting that work during the legislative session or tribal advocacy opportunities.
- Asked whether any agenda feedback had yet been received for the Tribal Leaders Summit and how commissioners should submit their ideas.
- Made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Commissioner Dr. Arlie Stops

- Joined the meeting after the Strategic Plan vote and recorded his presence for the record.

- Participated in the closing vote to adjourn.
- His late arrival was noted by Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez before the ARPA report began.

Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez

- Gave the invocation at the beginning of the meeting.
- Moved approval of the Strategic Plan revision and final document.
- Noted for the record when Dr. Arlie Stops entered the meeting.
- Seconded the motion to adjourn and voted in favor of adjournment.

Tribal Leaders Summit Planning

During final public comment, Executive Director Montooth announced the required annual Governor's Tribal Leaders Summit and said the Governor had been secured for Thursday, May 21, 2026, with a planned 10:00 a.m. start in Las Vegas at the Stan Fulton Building, part of the UNLV International Gaming Institute. She explained that notices had already gone out through Department distribution lists and the mail, and that tribal chairs had been asked to submit agenda ideas by May 4.

Chair Emm asked whether tribal leaders would receive travel support. Montooth responded that the Department was close to the end of the fiscal year but was exploring ways to assist, including transportation coordination and hotel arrangements. Vice Chair Tiger then outlined a possible summit flow that included the Governor's remarks, a State of Indian Nations presentation, lunch and networking, UNLV educational showcases, and optional campus tours. Montooth welcomed that outline and invited continued commissioner input on everything from agenda design to parking and photo opportunities.

Closing and Next Steps

The meeting concluded after final public comment and a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Andrea Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Art Martinez. The motion carried without opposition.

Overall, the April 22 meeting was narrower and more operational than the December meeting, but it still produced clear outcomes. The Commission completed formal approval of the Strategic Plan, received a more candid account of ARPA compliance and fund recovery work, and began shaping the next statewide leadership gathering. The discussion also showed a strong interest in capturing the lasting community effects of tribal projects rather than allowing the ARPA story to end only as a spreadsheet exercise.

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Governor Lombardo, esteemed Tribal Leaders, honored elders, and distinguished guests, thank you for being here today. Pesa U from this Paiute to all those who allow me to stand on the ancestral homelands of the Newe.

Today, I am humbled and honored to share a few of the critical milestones the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs with our partners, have reached. **WE have reached.** With a good heart, know that these achievements stand as humble testament to our ongoing collaboration, mutual respect, and shared commitment with elders, youth groups, elected leaders, colleges and universities, by relatives, and our allies, to a prosperous future for all our Tribal communities. Every Native thriving is our mantra.

Please, allow me to explain or in some instances, *remind* you, that the Nevada Indian Commission officially transitioned to the State of Nevada Department of Native American Affairs (DNAA) on July 1, 2024. This change elevated our agency to its own entity within state government, for which we branded and relaunched our website that fall. This tremendous opportunity afforded to us by Governor Lombardo's signature and the 82nd session of the Nevada Legislature, has led to the appointments of five of Indian Country's most hard working, thoughtful and Native professionals: Our commission Chair, Staci Emm, our Vice-Chair Tammi Tiger, Commissioner Andrea Martinez, and Doctors Art Martinez and Arlie Stops. Couple these visionaries with 8 staff members, 7 who have a lived American Indian experience, and our commitment to improve the quality of life for the first people of this land continues to galvanize.

In fact, may ask you to examine our numbers? Please know that 5 people worked for our agency in 2019.

We went down to 3 staffers in 2022, due to the pandemic and job transfers

TODAY, our stand-alone agency has 9 employees and will reach 11 persons before July 1 this year.

As I continue to outline our next milestone, please forgive me in advance, I do not mean to

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be boisterous or arrogant, but our ARPA – Subgrants to Tribes Program is the first time Nevada has provided direct funds to our Tribal Governments.

To date, that has been nearly \$15 million dollars from the State to Tribes.

In this authentic act of international cooperation, respecting each Tribal government's sovereignty to determine its priorities, those of you at the table have built life changing food pantries, you purchased people movers, snowplows and needed new vehicles, including some for law enforcement; you refurbished ball fields and immediately invited the neighboring town's children to join your youth leagues. You made community enhancements like neighborhood tree removal, paving roads, and lighting for sidewalks. You organized land cleanups in public areas and on abandoned properties, renovated gym wellness and education centers; you provided utility assistance; improved internet services, broadband infrastructure, and one government set up and provided 4 modular homes for their people.

Moreover, with expanded projects, the children of the Sho-Pai Nation are realizing the construction of the Owyhee Combined School while Tribal citizens in Hungry Valley look forward to a brand-new subdivision.

My beautiful, amazing grandmother, sent to Indian boarding school at 4 and who lived to be 97-years-yong, always told me, "get your education, Stacey Lynn. They can take our land, cut our hair, steal our language, but they can never take our mind."

Last academic semester, **708** Native learners took advantage of the (NSHE), the Nevada System of Higher Education Native American Fee Waiver. Please note, just five years ago--- during its first year of implementation, **140** of our people used the fee waiver. In fact, right here, at the world class UNLV, the number of Native American students using the fee waiver is up **10**-fold.

Remember, our fee waiver program applies to citizens and descendants of federally recognized Tribes and is available across seven participating NSHE institutions. NSHE

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publishes and annual report on student data, plus our good friends at the Guinn Center recently release: “Understanding Student Experiences with Nevada’s Native American Fee Waiver,” which was authored by our relative Jamikka Thomas, Dine citizen and the **Tribal** Academy Program Coordinator at UNR.

Many of you might be mentally fatigued as all over Turtle Island, two weeks ago, our communities marked the 9th Annual National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day. With leadership from Native American legislative experts and the support of Governor Lombardo, who spent over a quarter of a century in law enforcement, daily--our State addresses this critical, human rights crisis. The State of Nevada Investigation Division within the Department of Public Safety maintains an MMIP website, which outlines active cases. This information is linked to the DNAA website, too. With gratitude, I share that our Tribal Liaison, David Blackeye, is in the room today and as always stands ready to assist our Tribal communities bring their loved ones home.

Additionally, and most recently, the Tribal Health Authority Council (established by Senate Bill 312 in 2025) will be a pivotal organization designed to empower Nevada's federally recognized Tribes, Bands and Colonies by giving them a direct voice in healthcare policy and decision-making. Its primary purpose is to strengthen tribal healthcare systems, address severe health disparities, and ensure services are culturally appropriate and accessible to remote tribal communities. As announced two days ago, our agency has hired Kaitlyne Romero, a 2025 graduate of the University of Nevada (who used the Native fee waiver), to coordinate the Tribal Health Authority Council. We are committed to getting this group together in the next 37 days.

Astutely, the DNAA’s 5 Commissioners and our staff have been anxious to document the improvement happening in our State. Last month, with clear, measurable goals, steps, and outcomes, our agency adopted its inaugural strategic plan. Key highlights of our plan, which is viewable on our website, include:

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Stronger Nation-to-Nation Relations; Our strategic plan calls for enhancing formal government-to-government consultation protocols and communications between Nevada's state agencies and our federally recognized Tribal Nations.

Our plan emphasizes **Cultural Preservation & Education** by prioritizing the preservation of Native languages and traditions, integrating Tribal perspectives into public curricula...you'll learn more about that with Fredina Drye-Romero later today, and expanding educational support for American Indian students.

Of course, **economic and workforce development** are crucial for our reservations. Creating pathways for economic growth, expanding entrepreneurship, and addressing resource gaps in Native American employment to uplift Tribal and Urban Indian communities is a priority.

As already noted, expanding access to **state health and public safety services** also is included in our strategic plan.

Because of the innovation, creation, and execution by my predecessor, Sherry Rupert, please know that the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum has broken its own attendance record—to date, we have received nearly 4,000 guests, **3,925 to be exact**, with six weeks left in fiscal year, plus our scheduled powwow which brings thousands of guest to campus will add to those numbers. We are anticipating an increase of 25% in visitorship.

Also please note, our Gift Shop and donation revenue for the same time span is \$31,638, while last year's total was \$28,636. Moreover, the Museum planned and executed monthly public programs, including lectures, book signings, and art and cooking classes.

All told, we have hosted 74 groups of 5 or more guests.

Finally, perhaps the activity most associated with our agency, our annual Stewart Father's Day Powwow in Carson City is next month. Our three-day cultural gathering, which celebrates our heritage, is reflective of the dynamic, spiritual lifestyles of our ancestors. This includes the 20,320 children who were sent, had no other choice, or picked to go to the former Indian Boarding School.

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As likely, there are people in the room who have yet to enjoy our powwow, I want to note, the best aspects---the food, the art, the free admission, and most important, the historical significance of the location. On a property which just one-generation ago was the site of forced, often violent assimilation, every drum beat, every visitor, every giggle by a child reclaims this sacred land for its original caretakers.

On behalf of our staff of 9, soon-to-be 12 plus our Commissioners, consider yourself personally invited to join us during the Grand Entry of your choice on June 19th , 20th or 21st.

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Budget Status Report - Obligations

Fiscal Year: 2026
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND **Department: 140 DEPT NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**
Unit: 2600 INDIAN COMMISSION **Activity: 2600 HR-INDIAN COMMISSION**

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Expenditures	4,034,985.58		
Total Encumbrances	.00		
Total Pre-encumbrances	.00		
Total Obligations	4,034,985.58	8,898,240.00	4,863,254.42

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
<u>00</u>	INDIAN COMMISSION	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
<u>01</u>	PERSONNEL SERVICES	385,821.98	.00	.00	385,821.98	817,966.00	432,144.02
<u>02</u>	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	2,780.32	.00	.00	2,780.32	5,087.00	2,306.68
<u>03</u>	IN STATE TRAVEL	17,594.57	.00	.00	17,594.57	25,638.00	8,043.43
<u>04</u>	OPERATING	69,297.97	.00	.00	69,297.97	72,417.00	3,119.03
<u>15</u>	GRANTS TO TRIBES PRGM SUBGRANT	3,140,960.10	.00	.00	3,140,960.10	7,390,849.00	4,249,888.90
<u>16</u>	GRANTS TO TRIBES ADMIN	205,745.84	.00	.00	205,745.84	338,630.00	132,884.16
<u>23</u>	RESILIENT NEVADA	2,381.10	.00	.00	2,381.10	19,087.00	16,705.90
<u>26</u>	INFORMATION SERVICES	29,110.95	.00	.00	29,110.95	31,956.00	2,845.05
<u>35</u>	EDUCATION SUMMIT	45,300.50	.00	.00	45,300.50	59,612.00	14,311.50
<u>82</u>	DHRM COST ALLOCATION	132,975.00	.00	.00	132,975.00	132,975.00	.00
<u>88</u>	STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN	3,017.25	.00	.00	3,017.25	4,023.00	1,005.75

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Fiscal Year: 2026

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND

Department: 140 DEPT NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Unit: 2601 STWT INDN SCHOOL LIVING LEGACY

Activity: 2601 HR-STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL LEGA

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Expenditures	464,956.06		
Total Encumbrances	.00		
Total Pre-encumbrances	.00		
Total Obligations	464,956.06	596,201.00	131,244.94

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
<u>01</u>	PERSONNEL	358,778.06	.00	.00	358,778.06	381,828.00	23,049.94
<u>02</u>	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	3,905.40	.00	.00	3,905.40	6,164.00	2,258.60
<u>03</u>	IN STATE TRAVEL	2,423.03	.00	.00	2,423.03	6,749.00	4,325.97
<u>04</u>	OPERATING	83,825.10	.00	.00	83,825.10	151,819.00	67,993.90
<u>08</u>	EXHIBITS	1,719.24	.00	.00	1,719.24	2,231.00	511.76
<u>09</u>	COLLECTIONS	1,527.10	.00	.00	1,527.10	12,655.00	11,127.90
<u>10</u>	EDUCATION	.00	.00	.00	.00	18,388.00	18,388.00
<u>26</u>	INFORMATION SERVICES	5,574.13	.00	.00	5,574.13	9,163.00	3,588.87
<u>82</u>	DEPARTMENT OF ADMIN COST ALLOC	7,204.00	.00	.00	7,204.00	7,204.00	.00

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Fiscal Year: 2026

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND **Department:** 140 DEPT NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS
Unit: 2602 TRIBAL HEALTH AUTH COUNCIL **Activity:** 2602 HR-TRIBAL HEALTH AUTH COUNCIL

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Expenditures	236.23		
Total Encumbrances	.00		
Total Pre-encumbrances	.00		
Total Obligations	236.23	29,106.00	28,869.77

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
03	IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,585.00	2,585.00
04	OPERATING	236.23	.00	.00	236.23	22,620.00	22,383.77
05	EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,030.00	2,030.00
26	INFORMATION SERVICES	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,871.00	1,871.00

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Fiscal Year: 2026

Fund: 606 HUMAN RESOURCES GIFT SR FUND Department: 140 DEPT NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS
Unit: 3286 INDIAN COMMISSION GIFT ACCT Activity: 3286 HR-INDIAN COMMISSION GIFT ACCT

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
Total Expenditures	14,483.70		
Total Encumbrances	.00		
Total Pre-encumbrances	.00		
Total Obligations	14,483.70	66,104.00	51,620.30

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
<u>04</u>	OPERATING	714.94	.00	.00	714.94	29,727.00	29,012.06
<u>69</u>	STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL CULT CTR	13,768.76	.00	.00	13,768.76	36,377.00	22,608.24

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NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS MILESTONES:

- Staff Expansion / Stand-Alone Agency
- Tribal Health Authority Council
- MMIP Website
- ARPA Projects
- Fee Waiver
- Strategic Plan
- Cultural Center
- Powwow Promotion



Staff Expansion / Leadership Stand-Alone Agency

2019 = 5

2022 = 3

2025 = 8

TODAY = 9

July 2026 = **11**



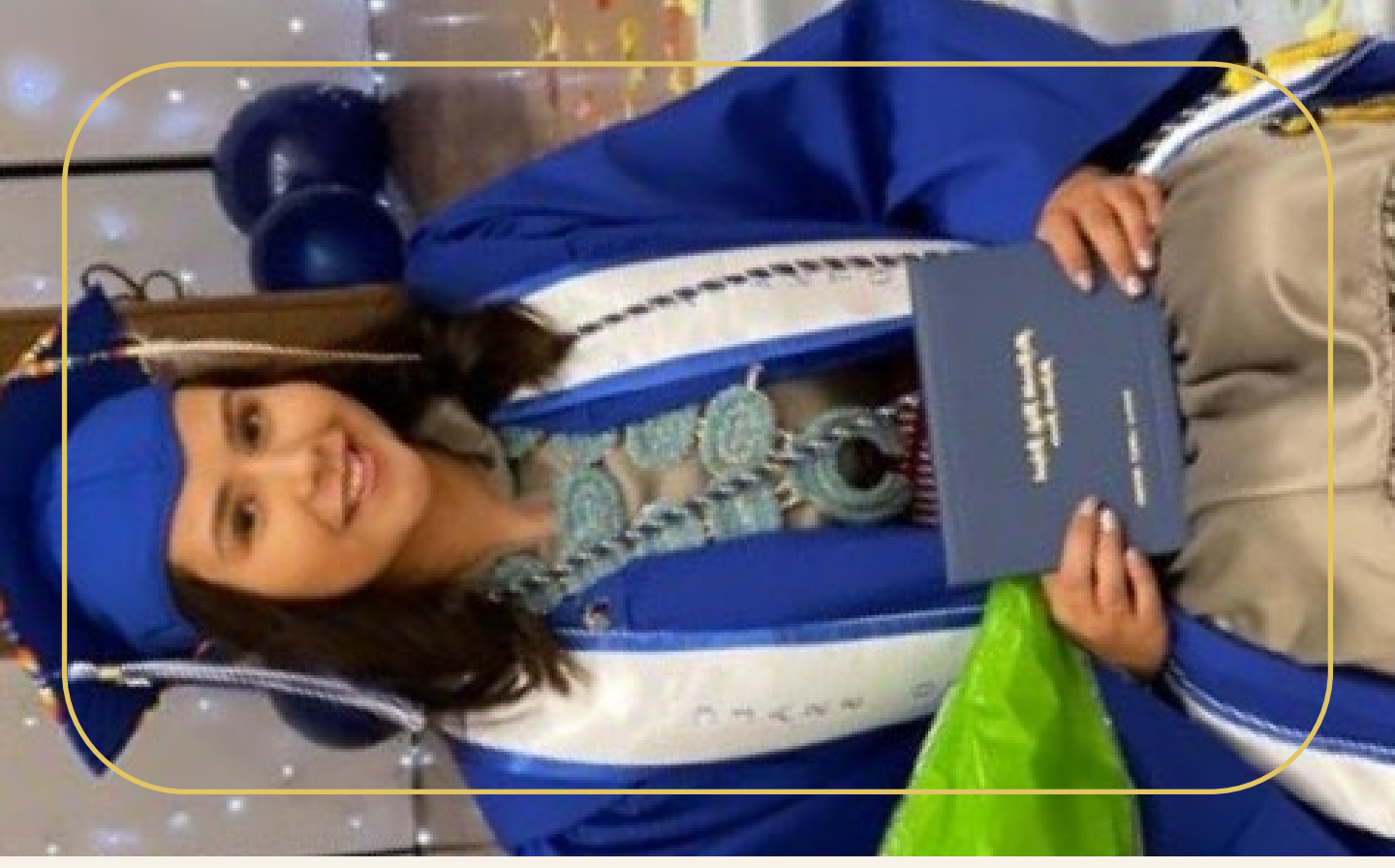
\$20 Million ARPA - Tribes Sub-Grant Program

\$714,000 for Tribal Governments

Nevada System of Higher Education
NATIVE FEE WAIVER

2021 = 140

2025 = 708





MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Investigation Division = id.nv.gov/mmip/home/



TRIBAL HEALTH AUTHORITY COUNCIL



Inaugural **STRATEGIC PLAN**

- **Stronger Nation-to-Nation Relations**
- **Cultural Preservation & Education**
- **Economic & Workforce Development**
- **Health & Public Safety**





Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

Opened to Public

Jan. 2020

Recorded Visitors
3,099

2025

May 2026

4,023 - Visitors in 2025



JUNE 19-21, 2026

5500 SNYDER AVE, CARSON CITY, NEVADA

STEWART FATHER'S DAY

POWOW

GRAND ENTRY

Friday, June 19 - 6:30pm

Saturday, June 20 - 1pm & 6:30pm

Sunday, June 21 - Noon

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- * William F. Harrah College of Hospitality
- *Dr. Constance J. Brooks, Vice President, and Office of Government & Community Engagement
- *Kyle K. Ethelbah, EdD, MPH, Associate Vice President for Institutional Engagement & Experience, UNLV Office of the President
- *Danielle Finn, Assistant Professor-in-Residence and Director of the Indian Nations Gaming & Governance Program
- *Barbara Roth, Ph.D, Professor & Chair Department of Anthropology
- *Indigenous Voices of Nevada



Report to the Nevada Indian Commission

June 18, 2026

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum:

Museum Director Joshua Bonde Ph.D.

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

Visitors

- FY26 (7/1/25-Present)- 3576
- YTD 2026- 1867
- How did you hear about us?
 - 34% Word of Mouth
 - 26% Internet/Social Media
 - 6% Visit Carson City (Tourism Authority)
- Connection to Stewart?
 - 83% No Affiliation (increase of 6%)
 - 10% Descendents of former students
 - 2.5% Former students
 - 2.5% Descendents of employees
- Tribal Affiliation?
 - Numu most identified
 - Newe next
 - Washoe third
 - 1 party of Nuwuvi
 - Other tribes of note: Pueblo, Cherokee, and Navajo

Collections Stewardship

- Currently, the SISCCM has 21 volunteers.
- Completed six research requests which included two requests for information on Stewart students who served in WWII and information on Stewart's first graduating class in 1901.
- Completed seven requests for photos of Stewart which included a request for photos for publication to highlight the 60th anniversary of the 1966 SIS Basketball Championship Team, photos of the school throughout its 90-year history for publication, and a photo request from Carson City to hang a photo of Stewart in their board room alongside other historic images of the area.

- Received donations to the collections and archives from six individuals. Items included two paintings - one by contemporary artist Karma Henry and one painted by a SIS student in 1980, a book on wood working from the SIS vocational shops, a bill of sale showing materials purchased to build the first school building in 1890, and three baskets.
- The SISCCM will host the 2026 Stewart Indian School Reunion on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 10am-2pm during the Stewart Father's Day Powwow. In addition to serving breakfast, a barbeque potluck has been added and there will be Stewart photos and yearbooks on display. Also, tables will be set up to highlight the Class of 1966, Stewart students and faculty who served in the military, and a remembrance table for those who have passed away.

Education and Interpretation

- Numerous school and public groups have toured the Museum in the last fiscal quarter
- Book signing for Lorraine Martinez-Cook "Autumns Grace"
- No public programs have been held this past quarter

Great Basin Native Artists Gallery

- From Jan-mid-June 2026 The Gallery is hosting- Basketry: Resilience, Beauty and Ingenuity in the Great Basin, Curated by Melanie Smokey
 - This show has been extended into July
- Melissa will be curating the next show in summer time

Communication and Marketing

- Majority of Cultural Center marketing is via social media
- Facebook: 5,087 Followers, up 931 over FY26 increase of 22.5%
- Instagram: 417 Followers, up 94 over FY26 increase of 29%
- LinkedIn: 192 up 21 since last Commission meeting
- The Cultural Center now has a Yelp page. Please check it out and leave a review
- Led by Volunteer Michelle Ballard the Museum is joining Bloomberg Connects



- An app which digitally hosts our exhibition and campus tour information to make it more accessible
- Over 20 languages
- No cost to the Museum
- Launching this month

Store Sales

- Store sales and donations FY26 \$34,717
- Sales from FY26, ~1/3 come from the new credit card reader, by comparison YTD sales are 2/3 credit card reader. The addition of this unit has greatly improved sales!
- We now carry Native Nevada stuffed animals
- We entered into a partnership with a local book vendor and now offer books, fiction and non-fiction, on all aspects of Native American culture and history for sale

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- Working on application to become a Smithsonian Affiliate Institution
- Beginning writing on Museum Strategic Plan
 - Focus on complimenting DNAA Strategic Plan
 - Growth of the Museum
 - Rebranding with focus on Culture
 - Expanding Educational Footprint
- Gave two presentations since last Commission Meeting
 - OLLI at the Museum of Art: ~70 attendees
 - Nevada Mining Association Native American Affairs Committee: ~25 companies represented
- Submitted Capital Improvement Project Proposals to Public Works
 - Old Bakery- New Collections Facility
 - Old Gym
 - Entrance Monument
 - New Gym Renovations
 - Football Field
 - Auditorium
- Overseen existing CIP Projects
 - QUAD lighting is planned with construction to begin this fall
 - Will provide power and lighting for powwow and other special events
 - Pre-construction planning for Old Gym
 - Final development/engineering plans presented 6/11 and awaiting SHPO approval
 - The Old Gym Project is now “shovel ready!”
- Partnerships
 - With “Dust and Wonder Trail” we are installing a 48” tall railroad spike monument on campus
 - The spike has a short historical write up on top and the word Brave translated into Washoe, Shoshone, and Northern Paiute on the sides
 - This will be part of a large regional tourism push to get visitors to tour sites between Virginia City, Carson City, and Carson Valley
 - With Visit Carson City, Brewery Arts Center, and Nevada Arts Council we are putting a mural on the campus water tower to commemorate America 250
 - Mural will be done by renowned Pyramid Lake Citizen Gregg Deal
 - Honoring Native veterans and the legacy of the school

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Stewart Father's Day Powwow Report

Friday June 19-Sunday June 21, 2026

<u>Host Drums</u>	River Camp – Northern Drum Southern Express – Southern Drum
<u>Master of Ceremonies</u>	Tommy Philips Jr.
<u>Arena Director</u>	Art Martinez
<u>Head Judge</u>	Ivan Julianto
<u>Tabulator</u>	Jennifer Ackerly
<u>Sound</u>	Sweetwater Sound – Ray Stands
<u>Medical Services</u>	Washoe Tribe of NV & CA
<u>Arts/Info Booths</u>	41
<u>Food Booths</u>	10

Friday June 19 Deliveries

United Rentals- Portable Restrooms
Rental Guys - Generator/Spider box
Western Nevada Supply – 2 20x20 blue tents

Saturday June 20 Specials

'26 Graduates: Dance your style
Owl Dance

Sunday June 21 Special

Men's Traditional

**Spectator/Dance shade set-up begins at 3 pm

Friday June 12

Room reservations have been made for staff at Hardman House Hotel, 917 N Carson Street.
Cakes for Father's Day ordered

Monday June 15

Street banner to be posted in downtown CC.
Water donation picked up in Sparks

Wednesday June 17

5:30 am interview KOLO 8

Thursday June 18

11:30 am radio interview KNVC

Saturday June 20

PBS will be at powwow, recording for Wild Nevada series.

Donations:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Carson Indian Colony
Carson City Boxing Club
Nevada Gold Mines
Granite Construction Supply
American Indigenous Tourism
Nevada Museum of Art
Silver State Government Relations
Lisa Shinkevich
Barbara Hughes

NV Department of Buildings & Grounds:

Phil Nemanic & staff
Provide mule for trash collection
Assist with parking

NV Department of Corrections:

Bert Heyman & staff
Campus Set-up
Trash collection through weekend



TRIBE	CFE's REQUESTED	Total EXP reported	Budget Balance	Payments
Carson Colony Community Council - Enhancement	844,299	714,000	130,299	714,000
Confederated Tribes of Goshute	573,098	143,801	429,297	143,801
Dresslerville Community Council - Enhancement	849,210	714,000	135,210	714,000
Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe - Enhancement	1,446,797	714,000	732,797	714,000
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	714,000	584,977	129,023	580,215
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe - Enhancement	844,794	712,700	132,094	712,700
Ft. McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe	714,000	115,824	598,176	107,100
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	565,000	380,299	184,701	380,299
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony - Enhancement	1,133,260	714,000	419,260	714,000
Stewart Community Council - Enhancement	874,453	710,332	160,453	713,982
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	713,259	499,577	213,682	475,574
<i>Timbisha Shoshone Tribe</i>	<i>714,000</i>	<i>680,000</i>	<i>34,000</i>	<i>621,154</i>
Walker River Paiute Tribe	714,000	605,960	108,040	714,000
Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California - Enhancement	775,341	720,297	55,044	679,549
Winnemucca Indian Colony - Enhancement	1,418,486	595,701	822,785	714,000
Ely Shoshone Tribe - COMPLETE	714,000	714,000	-	714,000
Lovelock Paiute Tribe - COMPLETE	714,000	689,175	-	689,175
Moapa Band of Paiutes - COMPLETE	539,188	532,898	-	532,898
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - COMPLETE	714,000	707,998	6,002	708,149
South Fork Band Council - COMPLETE	178,500	178,500	-	178,500
Woodfords Community Council - COMPLETE	714,000	714,000	-	714,000
Yerington Paiute Tribe - COMPLETE	714,000	691,938	-	691,938
Yomba Shoshone Tribe - DEOBLIGATED	-	-	-	433,541
Battle Mountain Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	4,200	4,200	-	107,100
Battle Mountain Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	-	-	-	178,500
Elko Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	637,665	637,665	-	637,665
Elko Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	62,674	62,674	-	178,500
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe - DEOBLIGATED	-	-	-	107,100
South Fork Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	180,316	180,316	-	180,316
Wells Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	-	-	-	107,100
Wells Band Council - DEOBLIGATED	-	-	-	178,500
TOTAL	18,066,540	13,718,833	4,290,862	15,035,357

Revenue Loss: Advanced funds outstanding	1,223,468
Sub-grants approved budget	19,290,008

Less: (De-obligate)	(53,176.58)
Sub-grants approved after de-obligate	19,236,831

De-obligate	
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	(24,824.88)
Moapa Band of Paiutes	(6,290.15)
Yerington Paiute Tribe	(22,061.55)
	(53,176.58)

% Expended	
85%	
25%	**can re-route funding to South Fork?
84%	
49%	
82%	
84%	
16%	**pending closing docs final request 6/5 deadline, 180,779.65 if can provide updated vehicle purchase documents
67%	**expecting project completion and final costs June 2026, then closeout
63%	
81%	
70%	**re-evalute full completion of project and projections, will know June 2026
95%	**final reimbursement June, then closeout
85%	
93%	
42%	**enhancement project delays, right-of-way issues to be resolved May 2026 whereby EXP projected to begin, will know more once Ma
100%	
97%	
99%	
99%	
100%	
100%	
97%	
N/A	
100%	
N/A	
100%	
100%	
N/A	
100%	**South Fork legitimate adminsitration re-established after legal battles, discuss potential new allocation of funds from additional def
N/A	
N/A	

**RFR deadline 6/5 for May activity **Reports rcvd as of 6/2
Duckwater Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Redirect funds

Pending Clawback	Approved Allocation	Advance Given
Battle Mountain	714,000	107,100
Battle Mountain	178,500	178,500
Elko	714,000	637,665
Elko	178,500	178,500
Fort Mojave	714,000	107,100
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	714,000	689,175
Moapa Band of Paiutes	539,188	532,898
South Fork	714,000	180,316
South Fork	178,500	178,500
Wells Band Council	714,000	107,100
Wells Band Council	178,500	178,500
Yomba Shoshone Tribe	714,000	433,541
Yerington Paiute Tribe	714,000	691,938
Totals	6,965,188	4,200,834

Total De-obligated from tribes **3,987,821 B**

Available for redirect	2,764,354	A
Loss: Revenue	1,223,467	
Total	3,987,821	B

Redirected to CAT16 Admin	235,237
Redirected to CAT15 Enhancements	2,475,940
ACR de-obligate	53,177
Total	2,764,354

Enhancements

Enhancement Proposals	Initial Proposal	Budget +/-
Carson Colony Community Council	209,925.00	-
Dresslerville	272,836.99	(54,998.99)
Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe	1,759,827.00	(579,215.00)
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	1,827,619.82	(1,614,802.57)
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	1,270,664.00	(595,192.53)
Stewart Community Council	549,006.05	(290,500.00)
Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California	158,180.39	(59,354.64)
Winnemucca Indian Colony	1,500,000.00	(365,000.00)
Confederated Tribes of Goshute - Not approved	250,000.00	(250,000.00)
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe - Not approved	334,943.00	(334,943.00)
Walker River Paiute Tribe - Not approved	330,085.58	(330,085.58)
Totals	8,463,088	(4,474,092)

Initial proposals received and reviewed to ensure items presented were enhancements to original scope
 Any items deemed to be new or extraordinary were removed and reduced tribes initial proposal amount

Approved EXP	Advance Balance	Revenue Loss	De-Obligate
4,200	102,900	102,900	709,800
-	178,500	178,500	178,500
637,665	-	-	76,335
62,674	115,826	115,826	115,826
-	107,100	107,100	714,000
689,175	-	-	24,825
532,898	-	-	6,290
180,316	-	-	533,684
178,500	-	-	-
-	107,100	107,100	714,000
-	178,500	178,500	178,500
-	433,541	433,541	714,000
691,938	-	-	22,062
2,977,367	1,223,467	1,223,467	3,987,821

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Approved proposals	% of total	Approved Proposal	Final offer to Tribes
209,925.00	5%	130,299	130,299
217,838.00	5%	135,210	135,210
1,180,612.00	30%	732,797	732,797
212,817.25	5%	132,094	132,094
675,471.47	17%	419,260	419,260
258,506.05	6%	160,453	160,453
98,825.75	2%	61,340	61,341
1,135,000.00	28%	704,486	704,486
-	0%	-	-
-	0%	-	-
-	0%	-	-
3,988,996	100%	2,475,941	2,475,940

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t leading to an approved proposal amount.

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Important Dates 2026 ✨

June

- DNAA Commissioners Meeting, DNAA Conference Room, 5366 Snyder Ave, Carson City, **June 18**
- Stewart Father's Day Powwow, Stewart Indian School Campus Carson City, **June 19-21**
- Stewart Indian School Reunion, Stewart Indian School Gym, 9-2pm, **June 20**

July

- 4th of July Powwow, Owyhee, **July 3-5**
- Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 137th Birthday Celebration, 111 North Road McDermitt NV, Tribal Administration Bld., **July 18th**
- Ely Shoshone Powwow, **July 24-26**
- Tribal Students Program Discover Your Path, 4-H Camp Stateline, **July 27-31**

August

- Remembrance Run 2026, **August 14-16**
- NV Emergency Management Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS), Las Vegas, **Aug 18-19**

September

- Numaga Indian Days Powwow & Hand Games, Hungry Valley, **Sept 4-6**
- Sacred Visions Powwow, Wadsworth, **Sept 11-13**
- Resilience: Voices of Basket Weaving in the Great Basin, Reno Tahoe International Art Show at the Reno-Sparks Conventional Center, **Sept 12** 12:30pm, **Sept 13** 4pm, **Sept 14** 12:30pm
- 2026 Shoshone Reunion, Wendover NV/UT, hosted by Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, **Sept 13-17**
- NV Emergency Management Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS), Las Vegas, **Sept 15-16**
- 2026 General Election, Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE) opens, **Sept 18**
- Pinenut Festival, Schurz, **Sept 19-20**
- 2nd Annual Opioid Summit & 1st Annual Youth Summit (details TBA)

October

- Ruby Valley Treaty Conference, Elko & Ruby Valley, **Oct 2-4**

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- National Tribal Infrastructure Coordination Conference (NTICC), Reno NV, **Oct 5-8**
- NV Emergency Management Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS), Elko, **Oct 6-7**
- 34th Annual Snow Mountain Powwow, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, **Oct 9-11**
- 4th Annual Tribal Leadership & Management Conference, South Point Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, **Oct 14-15**
- 2026 General Election, Early Voting starts, **Oct 17-30**
- 2026 General Election, Early Voting ends, **Oct 30**
- Nevada Day Powwow, Carson City, **Oct 30-Nov 1**

November

- 2026 General Election, **Nov 3**
- Moapa River Powwow, **Nov 6-7**

Tribal Election Dates 2026					
Ely Shoshone Tribe Jan 24	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Oct 3	Washoe Tribe of NV&CA, Oct 10	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Nov 1	Fort McDermitt Nov 8	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Dec 27
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe Dec 19					
Tribal Election Dates 2027					
Te-Moak Bands 2 nd week of Oct					