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Indian Affairs Council

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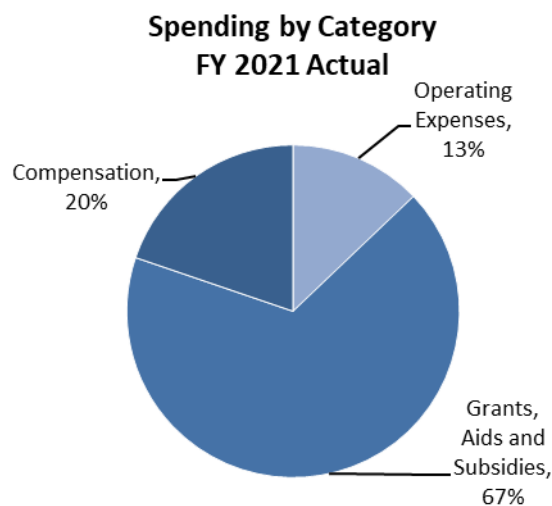
AT A GLANCE

- The Council serves the entire state including the eleven sovereign Tribal Nations in Minnesota.
- There are approximately 61,000 American Indians statewide.
- The Council has six full-time staff and two offices located in St. Paul and Bemidji.
- The 28-member board is comprised of elected Tribal Leaders, the Governor's Office, members of the State Legislature, and State Agency Commissioners.
- Six-member Urban Indian Advisory Board (UIAB) that advises the Council on issues specific to the urban American Indian communities in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Bemidji, and Duluth.

PURPOSE

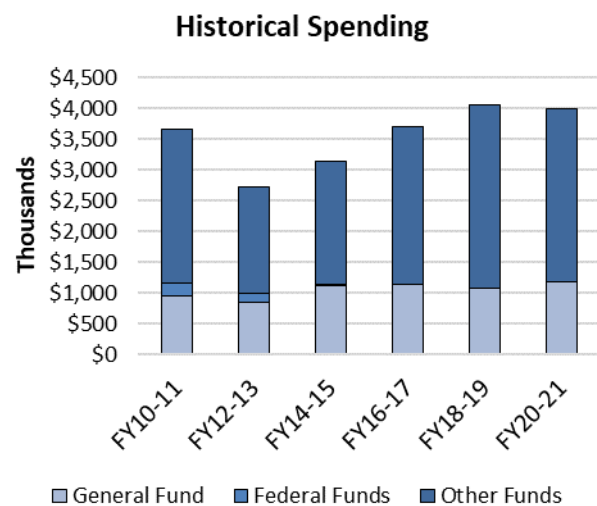
The mission of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) is to uphold the sovereignty of the eleven Tribal Nations in Minnesota, and to ensure the well-being of American Indian citizens throughout the state. Established in 1963, the MIAC serves as the primary liaison between sovereign Tribal Nations and state government. The Council advises and makes policy recommendations to the governor and legislature. The MIAC proposes the yearly agenda for the annual Governor Tribal Leader Summit where priority issues and plans are discussed for the upcoming year and legislative session. MIAC continues to fulfill duties under MS 307.08 and MS 138.00, through its Cultural Resource department. The Cultural Resource program works in collaboration with the Department of Administration's Office of the State Archaeologist to protect American Indian cemeteries, gravesites, and burial mounds statewide. Additionally, MIAC is a re-granter agency and administers a Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization program through the Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

BUDGET



Grants, Aids, and Subsidies are the appropriations from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for Language Revitalization and Cultural Resources.

Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Note: After FY14-15 MIAC has not received any federal funds

Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council has a total biennial budget of approximately \$6.6 million for the FY 2022-23 biennium. The biennial General Fund support is approximately \$1.7 million. Funding from the Arts & Cultural

Heritage Fund, consisting of grants to communities for Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization, is approximately \$4.9 million.

STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council uses the following strategies:

- Convene three-day executive and public board meetings quarterly which bring together elected tribal leaders from tribal nations that share geography with the State of Minnesota (MIAC Executive Board), state agency commissioners, state government elected and appointed officials, key agency program staff, and the public. Executive Board discussion and formal action through adoption of resolutions leads to increased collaboration and coordination with state agency leadership.
- Make policy recommendations to the governor, state legislature, and state agencies.
- Educate the public and local governments on issues important to American Indian tribes and people.
- Promote the revitalization and preservation of the Dakota and Ojibwe Languages through the Language Grants department supported by the Legacy Amendment.
- Regulate and oversee repatriation and respectful and culturally competent reburials of American Indian remains throughout the state. This requires collaboration with state agencies, the Army Corps of Engineers, state and local governments, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and elected tribal officials.
- Coordinate with state agency Tribal liaisons to ensure effective program implementation and compliance with MN State Law Sec. 10.65 Government to Government Relationship with Tribal Governments and Tribal Consultation.
- Partner with state agencies and tribal nations to plan and facilitate the Minnesota Tribal State Relations Training.
- Assist the Governor's Office Tribal-State Relations Team and state agencies tribal liaisons with a platform for discussion and information sharing between governments.
- Citizen and public outreach through participation on state, tribal, and community advisory boards, commissions, committees, and task forces.
- Educate the public and state agency employees through the use of the Why Treaties Matter Exhibit.
- Provide education and referrals to resources or other learning opportunities regarding tribal governments and people.

In 2022 MIAC extended an offer of employment for an additional Cultural Resource Staff to enhance recovery and reburial efforts in the state. The MIAC Cultural Resource department is expanding in order to provide better consultative services to reduce the number of inadvertent discoveries, and in turn, save the state potentially millions of dollars. The Cultural Resource department has been increasing communication to and building stronger relationships with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers which has been an invaluable partnership in our efforts to protect American Indian graves. Also, in 2022 MIAC hired a full time Language Grants Support Admin to assist with a growing portfolio of Dakota and Ojibwe Language Grants. MIAC is growing overall, illuminating the need for service expansion directly in correlation to the new MN Statutes Sec. 10.65 and an increase in tribal state relations.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Total grants awarded through Dakota and Ojibwe language revitalization grant program	17 11 22	17	FY16-17, FY18-19, FY20-21, FY 22
Quantity	Number of filled positions within the Cultural Resource Unit who are qualified with regulative authority and oversight of American Indian repatriation and reburials.	3 3 2 2	2	FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22
Quality	Number of Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization and Strategic Plan documents approved and adopted by the tribal nations in the State of MN	3 3 3 3	3	FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council's legal authority comes from MS 3.922 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=3.922>).

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	565	608	511	1,208	864	864	1,337	1,360
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue			314	11				
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	22	7	18	125	125		125	
2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage	1,444	1,354	1,446	3,321			2,300	2,300
Total	2,030	1,968	2,290	4,665	989	864	3,762	3,660
Biennial Change				2,956		(5,102)		467
Biennial % Change				74		(73)		7
Enacted Budget Change from Base								5,569
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								301

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24FY25		Enacted Budget FY24FY25	
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		317		344				
Direct Appropriation	853	846	855	864	864	864	1,337	1,360
Cancellations		556						
Balance Forward Out	288		344					
Expenditures	565	608	511	1,208	864	864	1,337	1,360
Biennial Change in Expenditures				547		9		978
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				47		1		57
Enacted Budget Change from Base								969
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								56

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In			325	11				
Receipts		325						
Balance Forward Out		325	11					
Expenditures			314	11				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				325		(325)		(325)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Receipts	22	7	18	125	125		125	
Expenditures	22	7	18	125	125		125	
Biennial Change in Expenditures				114		(18)		(18)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				394		(13)		(13)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage

Balance Forward In	158	371	1,065	1,321				
Direct Appropriation	1,665	1,885	2,000	2,000	0	0	2,300	2,300
Cancellations	9		299					
Balance Forward Out	371	902	1,320					

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
Expenditures	1,444	1,354	1,446	3,321			2,300	2,300
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,969		(4,767)		(167)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				70		(100)		(4)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								4,600
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Receipts	(25)	0	0					
Balance Forward Out	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	864	864	864	1,728
Forecast Base	864	864	864	1,728
Change Items				
Legislative and Policy Director Position		120	120	240
Maintain Current Service Levels		53	76	129
Support the Office of State Archaeologist and Implement Private Cemeteries Act Update		300	300	600
Total Enacted Budget	864	1,337	1,360	2,697
Fund: 2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage				
FY2023 Appropriations	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
Base Adjustments				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(2,000)	(2,000)	(4,000)
Forecast Base	2,000	0	0	0
Change Items				
Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grants and Programs		2,300	2,300	4,600
Total Enacted Budget	2,000	2,300	2,300	4,600
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	11			
Forecast Base	11			
Total Enacted Budget	11			
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	125	125		125
Forecast Base	125	125		125
Total Enacted Budget	125	125		125
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	125	125		125
Total Enacted Budget	125	125		125

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Legislative and Policy Director Position

This funding will allow the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) to hire a Legislative and Policy Director. This position will enable MIAC to better carry out its legislative duties and communication responsibilities to the tribal nations, urban Indian community, state government and other stakeholders.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	120	120	240	120	120	240
Expenditures	0	120	120	240	120	120	240

Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at MIAC.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	53	76	129	76	76	152
Expenditures	0	53	76	129	76	76	152

Support the Office of State Archaeologist and Implement Private Cemeteries Act Update

This funding will allow MIAC to Support the Office of State Archaeologist (OSA) and implement the Private Cemeteries Act (MS 307.08). Among other items, this support will include coordinating and carrying out condition assessments, developing memoranda of understanding (MOUs), updating fieldwork and cemetery sites manuals, conducting project reviews, examining OSA site files for accuracy, and updating OSA records.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	300	300	600	300	300	600
Expenditures	0	300	300	600	300	300	600

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grants and Programs

With this funding, MIAC will: provide grants to Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster education programs and services for Dakota and Ojibwe languages; provide grants to Dakota and Ojibwe language-immersion educational institutions; provide grants to preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language through support of projects and services and to support educational programs and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe language; coordinate a Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language working group; and carry out responsibilities under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund Cost (Savings)	0	2,300	2,300	4,600	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	2,300	2,300	4,600	0	0	0