

Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	3.0	3.0	3.0
Personal Services	20,600	28,000	28,000
Employee Related Expenditures	10,600	10,600	10,600
Professional and Outside Services	100	0	0
Travel - In State	1,700	1,500	1,500
Other Operating Expenditures	21,200	17,300	17,400
AGENCY TOTAL	54,200	57,400	57,500^{1/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	54,200	57,400	57,500
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	54,200	57,400	57,500
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	19,400	14,800	14,800
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	73,600	72,200	72,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The agency assists and supports tribal nations and communities and enhances government-to-government relations between the tribal nations in this state.

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$57,500 and 3 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$100 from the General Fund in FY 2017 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Other Issues

Additional Legislation

Agency Reorganization

Laws 2016, Chapter 150, as permanent law, repeals the 20-member Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (CIA), and establishes the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (Office), effective July 1, 2016. All unspent and unencumbered appropriated monies and other assets, liabilities and obligations of the CIA are transferred to the Office, effective July 1, 2016. The Office is continued for 8 years, until July 1, 2024.

Chapter 150 requires the Governor to appoint the Office director. The Office is to assist state agencies in

implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities. Chapter 150 requires each state agency to:

1. Develop and implement tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with the federally-recognized Tribal Nations of Arizona;
2. Seek input from appropriate elected or appointed tribal officials before undertaking any action or policy that will, or is reasonably believed to, have the potential to affect a tribal community or its members;
3. Integrate input generated from tribal consultation into the agency's decision-making processes to achieve mutually acceptable solutions;
4. Designate a state member to assume responsibility for the agency's implementation of the tribal consultation policies and to act as the principal point of contact for tribal affairs;
5. By October 1 of each year review the agency's tribal consultation policies and submit an electronic progress report with performance measures to the Office. Requires the Office to make the report available to tribal leaders and legislators.

Chapter 150 requires the Office to prepare a report that summarizes state agencies' annual progress reports and details their progress and challenges in implementing tribal consultation policies. Chapter 150 requires the Office to submit the report to the Legislature during a joint session held on Indian nations and tribes legislative

^{1/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency.

day (Legislative Day). Chapter 150 specifies Legislative Day as Wednesday of the first week (formerly it was Tuesday of the second week) of each Regular Legislative Session. Chapter 150 requires the Senate to host Legislative Day in odd-numbered years and the House of Representatives in even-numbered years. Chapter 150 requires the hosting chamber to hold a joint session of the Legislature.

Chapter 150 requires the Governor to meet with tribal leaders in a state-tribal summit to address issues of mutual concern, at least once a year.

Chapter 150 allows the Office to continue to: accept, receive and spend fees collected at the Arizona Indian Town Hall to defer expenses for the Town Hall; promote increased participation by American Indians in local and state affairs; and, initiate or assist programs on tribal land only on the request or with approval of the tribal nation.

In addition, Chapter 150 also allows the Office to:

1. Apply for, accept, receive and spend public and private gifts or grants of monies and property for the implementation of internal operations and forums for American Indian people to impart their knowledge on statewide issues;
2. Recommend and provide technical assistance on health care delivery systems for organizations serving American Indian people based on currently available state, federal and private monies;
3. Assist in evaluating, consolidating and coordinating activities relating to the education of American Indian students;
4. Serve as an informational clearinghouse and provide training on cross-cultural situations;
5. Receive annual notice from the Director of the State Museum on the discovery of American Indian human remains, funerary objects, sacred ceremonial objects or objects of cultural patrimony;
6. Work in conjunction with state agencies involved in economic development to design and initiate programs to stimulate economic growth of the American Indian population;
7. Establish an executive committee or other committees, as necessary.

Chapter 150 repeals the Indian Affairs Commission Publications Fund and transfers all unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the fund to the Office. Chapter 150 transfers the Arizona Indian Town Hall Fund from the CIA to the Office.