

REFERENCE TITLE: tribal drinking water fund; appropriation

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# HB 2888

Introduced by  
Representative Tsosie

## AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 45-120; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
WATER RESOURCES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 45, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 45-120, to read:

4 ~~45-120.~~ Tribal drinking water access and infrastructure fund;  
5 exemption

6 A. THE TRIBAL DRINKING WATER ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND IS  
7 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
8 ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND  
9 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF  
10 APPROPRIATIONS.

11 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE MONIES IN THE FUND TO AWARD GRANTS TO  
12 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES AND TO AUTHORITIES DESIGNATED BY  
13 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES. GRANT MONIES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS  
14 SUBSECTION MAY BE USED FOR EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

15 1. PLANNING, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTING AND PROCURING EMERGENCY  
16 WATER ACCESS.

17 2. FUNDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS,  
18 INCLUDING WATER HAULING POINTS, WELLS, TREATMENT FACILITIES AND PIPELINE  
19 CONNECTIONS.

20 Sec. 2. Appropriation; tribal drinking water access and  
21 infrastructure fund; exemption

22 A. The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the water  
23 conservation grant fund established by section 49-1331, Arizona Revised  
24 Statutes, in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the tribal drinking water access and  
25 infrastructure fund established by section 45-120, Arizona Revised  
26 Statutes, as added by this act.

27 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
28 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
29 to lapsing of appropriations.