

# PARTNERS IN THE MONTANA COMEBACK



**2021 STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS REPORT**  
Governor Greg Gianforte

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I'm pleased to present to you the 2021 State-Tribal Relations Report, "Partners in the Montana Comeback."

A symbol of the strong collaboration between the State of Montana and our Tribal Partners, this report highlights our joint efforts to foster growth, preserve traditions, and create greater opportunity in Indian Country.

The past year has presented the eight Tribal Nations in Montana and the entire state with real, serious challenges. Through it all, we've seen the resiliency of tribal communities in Montana.

Working together, we have advanced our shared priorities – boosting economic development, improving infrastructure, conserving our environment, and preserving and showcasing Native culture. Critically, we have also made progress to combat the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons.

As we lead the Montana comeback together, we will continue meeting with Tribal governments and peoples and collaborating to promote the sustained, long-term prosperity of Indian Country.

It's an honor to serve as your governor. My door is always open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

Greg Gianforte  
Governor

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Governor Greg Gianforte proudly presents the first State-Tribal Relations Report of his administration. The report, which covers accomplishments in Montana for the state fiscal year 2021, provides information about the successful efforts borne from strong collaboration between the State of Montana and Tribal Partners.

This annual report has been presented to Montana's tribal governments since 2003, as mandated by Montana Code Annotated § 2-15-143.

The report contains five sections and four appendices:

**Section I, Legislative Resources and Accomplishments** – provides information on legislative resources and describes the successes of the 2021 Legislative Session for Native communities.

**Section II, Economic Development and Infrastructure** – showcases programs and active measures to boost economic development and improve infrastructure in Indian Country, including supporting Native small business owners, entrepreneurs, and agricultural producers.

**Section III, Education and Culture** – describes successful efforts to improve educational opportunities available to Native students, promote tribal contributions to Montana history, and preserve and showcase Native cultures.

**Section IV, Natural Resources and Wildlife** – details collaborative initiatives between the State of Montana and the eight Tribal Nations in Montana to conserve our environment, promote better stewardship of our forests, and responsibly develop our natural resources.

**Section V, Safe and Healthy Communities** – outlines efforts to promote safe and healthy communities, including responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing health care resources, combating the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, and protecting against fraud.

**Appendix A** – provides contact information for the eight Tribal Nations in Montana.

**Appendix B** – details gubernatorial appointments of American Indians serving Montana on state boards, councils, and committees.

**Appendix C** – provides a list of key Governor's Office staff and Cabinet members.

**Appendix D** – showcases more than 500 agreements, negotiations, and collaborative efforts that occurred during state fiscal year 2021 between the state and the eight Tribal governments in Montana.

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# TRIBAL NATIONS OF MONTANA



## **BLACKFEET RESERVATION**

Home of the Blackfeet Nation headquartered in Browning, Montana

## **CROW RESERVATION**

Home of the Crow Nation headquartered in Crow Agency, Montana

## **FLATHEAD RESERVATION**

Home of the Confederated Salish, Pend d'Oreille & Kootenai Tribes headquartered in Pablo, Montana

## **FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION**

Home of the Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Tribes headquartered in Fort Belknap Agency, Montana

## **FORT PECK RESERVATION**

Home of the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes headquartered in Poplar, Montana

## **LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Headquartered in Great Falls, Montana

## **NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION**

Home of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe headquartered in Lame Deer, Montana

## **ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION**

Home of the Chippewa & Cree Tribes headquartered in Rocky Boy Agency, Montana

# RESOURCES AND LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Montana's Indian Country has continually proven its resilience and strength. Governor Gianforte has long been a champion for our Tribal Nations. The governor honors sovereignty while also ensuring Tribal Nations have resources for critical priorities, including economic development and growth, education, and healthy communities.

During the 67th Regular Session of the Montana Legislature, which convened in January 2021, the governor partnered with members of the Legislature, including members of the Montana American Indian Caucus, to preserve the culture of our Native communities, protect the vulnerable, increase educational opportunities, and improve infrastructure.

One of the key measures to expand opportunities was House Bill 632, which appropriates \$2.1 billion in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) toward economic recovery, workforce development, business innovation, broadband infrastructure, water and sewer improvements, health and human services, education, and more. Since tribal governments are included as "local governments" in the legislation, tribes are eligible for funding where local governments are eligible.



*Governor Gianforte gifted the signature pen to Cheryl Horn after signing into law bills addressing MMIP in our state. Members of the Montana American Indian Caucus, Director of Indian Affairs Misty Kuhl, and supporters of the bills were in attendance. Photo by Garrett Turner*

## OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Office of Indian Affairs has a clear mission: to collaborate with tribes and Native communities in Montana to promote economic, spiritual, social, and physical health and wellness.

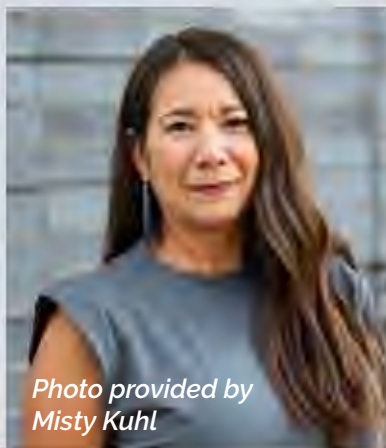
Misty Kuhl, an A'aniiih member of Fort Belknap Indian Community, leads the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. Born and raised in Montana, Director Kuhl is a cum laude graduate of Montana State University-Billings.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Office of Indian Affairs coordinated efforts with the Montana American Indian Caucus, the State-Tribal Relations Committee, legislators, and community stakeholders to advocate for issues important to Indian Country. These efforts led to successful retention of Montana's Indigenous Language Preservation Program, the preservation of two tribal leadership positions at DPHHS, and the passage of legislation to promote education and safety for Indian Country.

Dedicated to community outreach, Director Kuhl has traveled thousands of miles to partner with tribes on various projects and strengthen relationships. She looks forward to continuing the governor's commitment to being actively engaged in our tribal communities and a strong advocate for Indian Country.

*"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Montana and our Native nations. I love our state and our vibrant, resilient, and strong tribal communities. I'm committed to doing the best work I can in this important role. Our governor cares deeply about Native issues, and I appreciate the privilege of executing his vision."*

*– Misty Kuhl, Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs.*



*Photo provided by Misty Kuhl*

## STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Between legislative sessions, the State-Tribal Relations Committee (STRC) acts as the Legislature's liaison with tribal governments in Montana. Ten members, four from the Montana State Senate and six from the Montana House of Representatives, comprise the bipartisan committee, which meets with tribal leaders to hear their concerns and receive input on various topics of interest to the tribes and the state. The STRC typically visits two to four reservations per interim. This interim, the committee's goal is to visit each reservation. The committee encourages intergovernmental cooperation, conducts wide-ranging interim studies, and reports its activities, findings, and recommendations, including legislation, to the next Legislature.

The STRC recently elected new leadership: Rep. Tyson Running Wolf of Browning will serve as Chairman, and Sen. Jason Small of Busby will serve as Vice Chairman. You can access the Committee's full membership roster, meeting dates, and meeting materials at <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/strc/>.

*"We feel it's important to meet with tribes, listen to their concerns, try to address them, and provide them with a voice in the Legislature."*

*– Sen. Jason Small, Former STRC Chairman*

## MONTANA AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS

The Montana American Indian Caucus (MAIC) serves an essential role in state government, both representing Native American constituents and providing guidance to the Legislature and the Administration. A bipartisan group of Native American Representatives and Senators comprise the caucus. Throughout the 2020-2021 fiscal year, MAIC focused on addressing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis, protecting Indigenous rights in Montana, expanding economic and social opportunities for Indian Country, and broadening educational possibilities for Native American students.

# LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS

In Montana, Native Americans make up about 7 percent of the population, but they account for about 26 percent of missing persons. Between 2017 and 2019, nearly 80 percent of those reported missing were teenagers younger than 18 years of age. Native American women face a murder rate 10 times higher than the national average, and 84 percent experience some form of violence in their lifetime.

In a continued bipartisan effort to address the epidemic of people that go missing or are found murdered in Montana's Indian Country, Representative Sharon Stewart-Peregoy of Crow Agency and Senator Jason Small of Busby sponsored legislation critical to aid in this crisis.

*"The intent of this suite of bills is to ensure that gaps in the justice system and law enforcement system are filled so that our brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles are found and brought home"*

*– Representative Sharon Stewart-PeregoyA*

Representative Stewart-Peregoy's House Bill 35 establishes the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission at the Montana Department of Justice. Her House Bill 98 extends the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force and the Looping in Native Communities (LINC) grant program. Senator Small's Senate Bill 4 extends the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force.

*"The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis has tragically impacted far too many families in Montana, and let me be clear: it must end. The victims and their families deserve justice and these bills give us the tools we need to track data, raise awareness, and strengthen interagency collaboration to protect Montana's Indigenous persons."*

*– Governor Greg GianforteA*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Representative Llew Jones of Conrad sponsored House Bill 2, the General Appropriations Act. In this legislation, \$1.75 million was allocated in grant funds over the next biennium to the Indian Country Economic Development (ICED) program. This program provides small equity grants, business advisor host organization funds, and tribal government business planning resources. Funding is distributed to the eight Tribal Nations and to tribal member businesses.

Sponsored by Representative Frank Garner of Kalispell, House Bill 632 provides for the implementation and allocation of federal stimulus and COVID recovery funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. Under H.B. 632, tribal governments are considered "local governments" and are eligible to submit competitive grant applications for the \$250 million provided in ARPA for water and sewer infrastructure projects. Additionally, several ARPA funding streams through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are specifically open to the tribal governments.

House Bill 252, sponsored by Representative Jones, addresses the growing skilled labor shortage in Montana by creating the Montana Trades Education Credit (M-TEC). The bill provides \$1 million per year in 50% credits to businesses for their employees to learn a skilled trade. The funding level could support as many as 1,000 scholarships annually. The credits that may be claimed for qualifying training expenses by a business are capped annually at \$2,000 per employee and \$25,000 per employer/taxpayer. This opportunity is available to off-reservation businesses that employ Native employees.

Senator Jason Ellsworth of Hamilton sponsored Senate Bill 297, the ConnectMT Act, to establish broadband infrastructure deployment program. \$275 million in ARPA federal funds will be available to expand broadband infrastructure and connectivity access throughout Montana. The bill also provides for an additional \$175 million in local matching funds. The ConnectMT Act also defines frontier and underserved areas. According to the Federal Communications Commission, about 1 in 3 Montanans do not have access to broadband, which is three times the national average. Connectivity issues affect many members of Montana's Indian Country, and the ConnectMT Act will help address the lack of broadband infrastructure for tribes

***“Too many of our communities, particularly in rural Montana and on our reservations, don’t have access to reliable broadband. Greater access to broadband will increase opportunities for Montanans, whether in ag or high-tech or other Montana industries, but we need to get more cable in the ground. Back in May, we made a historic investment to close the digital divide and expand Montanans’ access to broadband.”***

*– Governor Greg GianforteA*

The governor's biennial budget allocated \$1.5 million to continue the Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP) program. Sponsored in 2013 by then-Senator and current Representative Jonathan Windy Boy of Box Elder, Senate Bill 342's purpose is to “preserve and protect Montana tribal languages for this and future generations.” As the population of Native language speakers in tribal communities dwindle, the continuation of funding for this program is critical to preserving Indigenous languages in Indian Country.

House Bill 671, sponsored by Representative David Bedey of Hamilton, moves the MILP program from the Montana Department of Commerce to the Office of Public Instruction. House Bill 671 also eliminates the termination dates of the MILP program. This legislation will help provide long-term continuity for the MILP program.

To help address the educational disparity in tribal communities, House Bill 2 provides \$1.675 million from the general fund to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to reimburse colleges for costs associated with non-tribal member students. An additional \$350,000 in general funds were allocated to HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) programs at tribal colleges to provide specific classes and training to individuals and students preparing to complete their high school equivalency diploma.

House Bill 2 also appropriated \$80,000 from the general fund for Native American and Cultural course development through the Montana Digital Academy. The intention is for these courses to be developed and implemented by cultural preservation specialists with the potential for partnerships with tribal colleges.

Recognizing Native Americans underrepresentation in the technology industry, House Bill 644, sponsored by Representative Jonathan Windy Boy, appropriates \$64,000 to provide scholarships to educators at reservation high schools to take an accelerated computer programming course

like the Joy and Beauty of Computing at Montana State University in Bozeman. The educators can then help support the development of computer programming courses at their reservation high schools, increase interest among Indian students to pursue computer programming and other technology-related careers, and enhance technology-related economic development in Indian Country. H.B. 644 offers teachers up to \$2,000 in scholarships for professional development in technology-related fields. These scholarships are available to teachers employed at reservation high schools or high schools that serve Little Shell students.

Since Montana's Indian reservations face a shortage of teachers, Representative Tyson Running Wolf's House Bill 403 creates a "Grow Your Own" teacher grant program that appropriates \$1 million to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to develop teacher pipelines aimed at serving rural and reservation school districts. As Montana's rural schools struggle to recruit and retain teachers, including in Indian Country, this legislation will help provide qualified, Indigenous teachers for Native communities.

With Native American high school students less likely to graduate from high school compared to their non-Native peers, Senate Bill 18, sponsored by Senator Dan Salomon of Ronan, allows students who experienced education disruption to earn their high school diploma if they meet the minimum credit requirement established by the administrative rules of the Board of Public Education. Education disruption includes homelessness, involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice system, a medical or mental health crisis, or another event considered a qualifying educational disruption by the trustees of the district. S.B. 18 will reduce the pressure on many Indian students to meet a district's graduation requirements should the district's requirements exceed those of the Board of Public Education.

As Montana and our Tribal Nations face a drug crisis that devastate our families and communities, Representative Mike Hopkins of Missoula sponsored House Bill 701. The new law authorizes Governor Gianforte's Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund, keeping the governor's commitment to bringing more resources to combat the drug epidemic. With \$500,000 in grants for tribes, the HEART Fund will provide new supports to address substance abuse in Indian Country. Community-based non-governmental organizations and nonprofit groups that serve Indian Country will also be eligible to receive funds.

House Bill 309, sponsored by Representative Joe Read of Ronan, allows for tribal and local government cooperation regarding abandoned vehicles. H.B. 309 gives a tribal law enforcement agency the right to take any vehicle considered to be abandoned into custody if the tribal government has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Montana Highway Patrol, the sheriff of a county, or the city police. This bill gives the tribal law enforcement agency the same authority as local law enforcement once those conditions are met.

In an effort to increase safety on highways on Montana's reservations, Senator Jason Small sponsored Senate Bill 3, which allows for additional motor carrier enforcement on highways within boundaries of a reservation whose tribal government has entered into an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation. This bill calls for a state-tribal cooperative approach to enforcing motor carrier safety standards in Indian Country.

Senator Janet Ellis of Helena sponsored Senate Bill 14 to make qualified tribal government entities eligible to receive grants for costs of operating or implementing a 9-1-1 system. Eligible costs include emergency telecommunication systems plans; project feasibility studies or project plans; the implementation, operation, and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, equipment, devices, and data;

and purchasing service that supports 9-1-1 systems. This bill will potentially help emergency response times in tribal communities.

Senate Joint Resolution 26, introduced by Senator Diane Sands of Missoula, calls for a joint resolution requesting an interim study of the adequacy of the Montana Women's Prison facility and its programs. This effort intends to address the adequacy of physical facilities, the overrepresentation of Native American inmates, programming for educational opportunities equal to those at the men's facilities, and the lack of geriatric facilities to accommodate the growing population of aging inmates. Even though Native Americans represent approximately 7 percent Montana's population, Native Americans represent approximately 18 percent of the total population served by the Montana Department of Corrections.

## MAKING & RECOGNIZING HISTORY

House Bill 34, sponsored by Representative Frank Smith of Poplar, updates Montana statutes to reflect the federal recognition of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians, which was achieved in 2019 after the tribe fought for the recognition for over 70 years.

Senate Bill 96 establishes the Helen Clarke Memorial Highway on U.S. Highway 2 from the limits of East Glacier to the limits of Browning. Sponsored by Senator Susan Webber of Browning, this bill honors Helen Clarke, born in 1846 to a Scottish-American father and a Blackfeet mother. Helen Clarke was elected in 1882 as Lewis and Clark County Superintendent of Schools, one of the first two women and the only person of Indian descent to hold elective office in Montana Territory. She held the position for three terms and went on to a career in various positions before her death in 1923. The State of Montana honors Clarke for her work in improving the quality of life and equality of opportunity in her time.

Sacagawea, who spoke both Shoshone and Hidatsa, traveled for over 16 months with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, delivering a child en route



*Signing ceremony for SB 96 held at the State Capitol: (left to right/front row) Representative Rynalea Whiteman Pena, Governor Greg Gianforte, and Senator Susan Webber; (left to right/back row) Representative Jonathan Windy Boy and Representative Donavon Hawk. Photo by Garrett Turner*

and acting as an interpreter in crucial negotiations between members of the expedition and Indian tribes. Senate Joint Resolution 5, introduced by Senator Susan Webber, urges the National Park Service to include Sacagawea on Lewis and Clark Trail designation signs.

## LIVESTOCK

Sponsored by Senator Bruce Gillespie of Ethridge, Senate Bill 26 clarifies that livestock producers on tribal lands are eligible for livestock loss mitigation. Prior to this legislation, producers on tribal lands were ineligible for livestock loss mitigation payments if there was no Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) in place between the tribal government and the state. S.B. 26 suspends the requirement of an MOU for loss payments. The addition of tribal lands to the statute effectively means that anyone who suffers a qualifying loss, regardless of where in the state it happens, is eligible for payment without any unnecessary strings attached.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The last year has brought real, serious economic challenges to Indian Country, but through it all, our tribal communities have demonstrated their resilience. In the face of pandemic closures and disruptions, Native business owners invested grant dollars toward increasing capacity and developing their business. Farmers and ranchers in Indian Country pivoted their operations to meet evolving challenges and market demands.

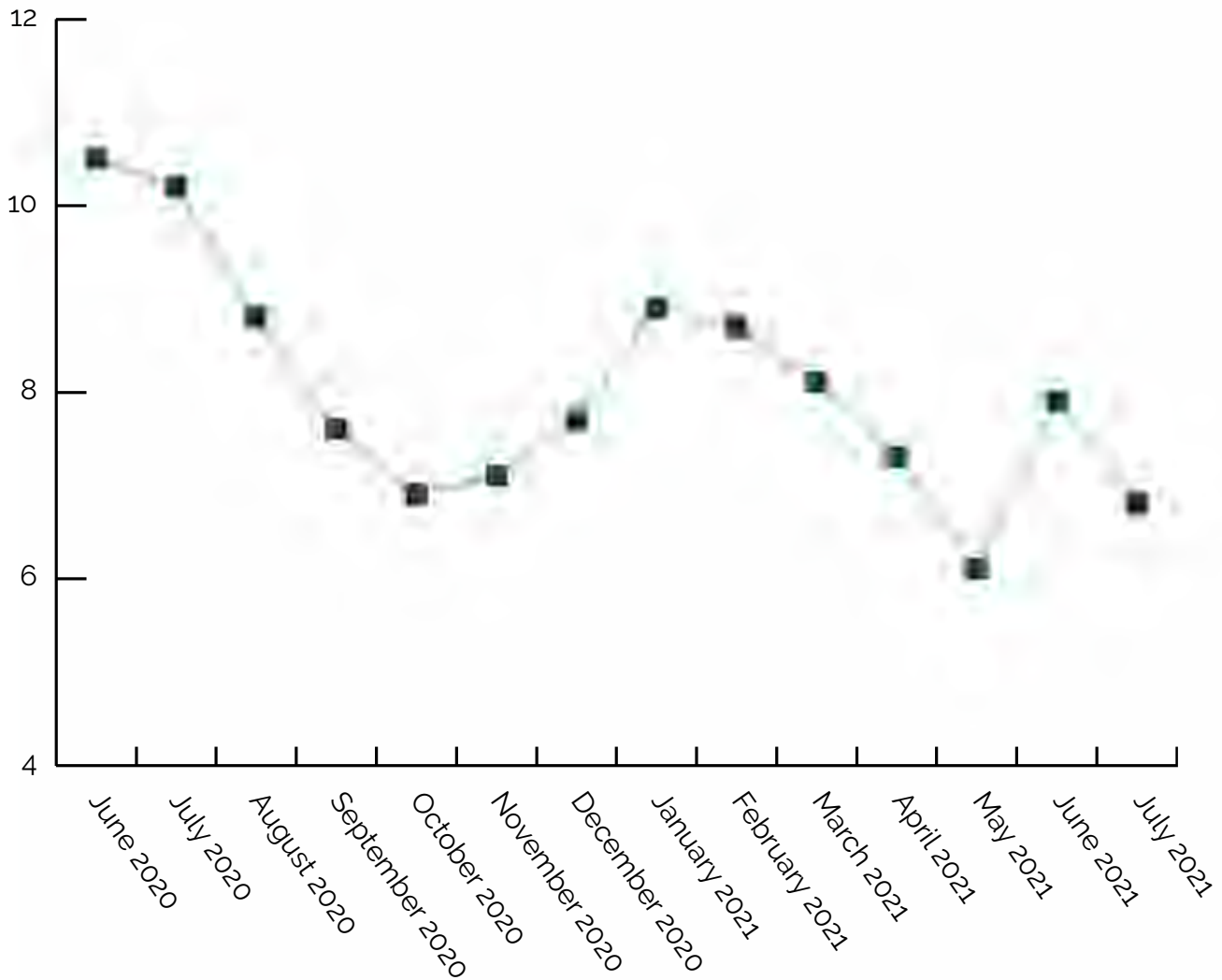
As the state emerges from the pandemic and more Americans recognize Montana as a top destination for travel, Governor Gianforte is committed to working with tribal partners to promote to the state's visitors the unique experiences that only Indian Country can provide.

More importantly, the state is making targeted investments to boost economic development and improve infrastructure, helping create greater opportunities for our tribal communities to prosper.

Our state's eight Tribal Nations are critical components of Montana's comeback, and Governor Gianforte looks forward to collaborating with tribal governments and peoples to increase prosperity.

## ECONOMIC RECOVERY

### Unemployment Rate Across Reservations in Montana, 6/20-7/21



The COVID-19 pandemic threatened the economic and job security of Montanans in every corner of our state. As a result of the severe economic impact of the pandemic, too many Montanans found themselves out of work and without a paycheck, through no fault of their own. Too many businesses were forced to close their doors. Recognizing both the health and economic impact of the pandemic, Governor Gianforte entered office in January 2021 committed to combating the virus and its economic fallout.

As a result of Governor Gianforte's efforts to get Montana's economy going again and get Montana open for business, Montanans throughout our state, including in our Native communities, have been getting back to work. In fact, the June 2020 unemployment rate of 10.5% across reservations had fallen to 6.8% in July 2021.

# OFFICE OF INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) is committed to enhancing and sustaining a healthy economy so Montana businesses, communities, and people can prosper. In addition to economic development programs available statewide, several programs are tailored to serve Native entrepreneurs and tribal communities by developing and enhancing business opportunities, increasing access to capital, and creating jobs. The Office of Indian Country Economic Development (OICED) oversees these programs and serves as the primary economic development liaison with Native business owners and other tribal partners in our state. The OICED's contributions to economic development ventures during the state fiscal year 2021 period are featured below.

MARIA VALANDRA brings 24 years of experience in the banking industry and community development. Currently, she manages the Montana Department of Commerce's Office of Indian Country Economic Development (OICED) where she oversees a variety of technical assistance and grant programs focused on strengthening the economy and building strong tribal communities in Montana. Valandra previously worked with Native community development financial institutions. She also worked at a regional bank headquartered in Billings, Montana, where she held various positions, including senior vice president, chief synergy officer, senior vice president of talent management and organization development, and vice president of community development. Her past board service

is extensive, including co-founding the Montana Indian Business Alliance and the Montana Financial Education Coalition. Valandra holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Montana State University in Bozeman. She is a member of the Nekaneet Band of the Cree First Nation of Saskatchewan.

*"I've been in Indian entrepreneurship and tribal economic development for over 20 years, and, over time, I've seen the growth of Native-owned businesses located in Montana's Indian Country. There was a time when all the businesses were owned by non-Natives in tribal communities, but thanks to the work over the years of OICED, Native CDFI's, MIBA and the SBDC's across the state, we are seeing more and more Native-owned businesses starting and expanding. It is very exciting to talk to Native entrepreneurs across the state and witness their drive and determination, which is a huge testimony of the resilience of our Indian people. I am humbled and proud that my team and I get*

*to be a part of such important work across our great State of Montana!"*

*- Maria Valandra, Office of A Indian Country Economic Development manager, Montana Department of A CommerceA*



Photo by Teresa Adams

# SMALL BUSINESS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS ADVISORS

The Native American Business Advisors (NABA) grant program supports the economic development activities of Native organizations that offer a wide variety of services to small businesses in Montana. The program awarded \$20,000 to each of the eight NABA centers and offered regular virtual webinars to continue building upon NABA's expertise in business startup, marketing, utilization of business resources, capacity building, as well as grants and commercial loan applications. NABA centers have made a significant impact in tribal communities. In the last year, they have served 634 individuals, including financial literacy training for 259 participants, loan application assistance for 193 applicants, and robust technical assistance for 224 Native entrepreneurs applying for Montana Department of Commerce Indian Equity Fund (IEF) Small Business Grant program, which produced the highest number of IEF applicants in any given year.



*Sharon Small of Partners for Community Development, a NABA organization, assists Native entrepreneur Brandyn Limberhand, owner of Dr. "B" Illz Phone Repair, with paperwork. Photo by Tommy Robinson*

**The Office of Indian Country Economic Development awarded \$20,000 to each of the following Native American Business Advisors (NABA) organizations serving tribal communities:**

The Bear Paw Development Corporation (Chippewa Cree)

Nakoda Aaniih Credit Agency CDFI (Fort Belknap)

Great Northern Development Corporation (Fort Peck),

NACDC Financial Services (Blackfeet)

Little Shell Tribal Enterprises, LLC (Little Shell Chippewa Tribe)

People's Partners for Community Development (Northern Cheyenne)

Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation (Crow)

Tribal Economic Development Department (Confederated Salish & Kootenai)



*Turcotte Food Bus, a Montana Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant recipient, is a popular food service business in the Fort Peck Reservation area. Photo by Luke Robinson*

*"We are so grateful for the opportunity that this program has given us. This has been a dream of ours to scale our business to the point where we needed a large production laser, but it was always down the road. So this program has expedited our timeline and made this dream come true. We'd like to thank everyone including the review committee, everyone in OICED, and special thanks to Mark Sansaver with GNDC who helped with the process, stepped in, and held hands and helped overcome fears."*

*–Byrdie Larsen, owner of RedByrd Designs in Glasgow and Montana Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant recipientA*



*Byrdie Larsen, owner of RedByrd Designs in Glasgow and member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, purchased a large industrial laser cutter to expand her business opportunities using Montana Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant funds. Photo by Luke Robinson*



*Titus Takes The Gun, owner of Metal Solutions and member of the Crow Nation, received a Montana Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant to purchase equipment, licenses, and a website for his construction business. Photo by Luke Robinson*

## INDIAN EQUITY FUND

The Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant (IEF) program assists start-up or expanding Native-owned businesses with a variety of business activities, such as the purchase of new equipment or the development of a new product line.

Applicants may receive up to \$14,000 with a required 100 percent match. A total of \$350,000 in grant funding was awarded to 34 Native American-owned businesses in the last year. These businesses specialize in construction, repairs, food service, tourism, tours, and outdoors activities, as well as local shop owners and Native American artists.

For example, Josh Sioux (Northern Cheyenne), who operates Sioux Welding in Lame Deer, invested IEF funds to purchase a larger welder for his business. Byrdie Larsen (Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Ft. Peck), owner of RedByrd Designs in Glasgow, purchased a large industrial laser cutter to expand business opportunities. And Buck Turcotte (Fort Peck), who runs Turcotte Food Bus, used funds to upgrade his bus, invest in additional restaurant equipment, advertise, and obtain business licenses to operate beyond the Fort Peck Reservation boundaries. In the last year, IEF grants supported a total of 61 jobs and have allowed businesses to leverage an additional \$435,452 through other investments and commercial loans.

## TRIBAL BUSINESS PLANNING GRANT

The Tribal Business Planning Grant (TBPG) assists tribal governments and organizations in developing and deploying comprehensive business planning strategies and activities to research, launch, and grow tribal enterprises in their community. As tribes identify opportunities to strengthen their local economy, these grants provide the ability to gather the necessary information to establish businesses, which in turn will generate revenue and create more jobs within the management of tribal government. Each tribe may receive up to \$30,000 annually for planning efforts.

Tribes spend these dollars in ways that work best for their local community. For instance, the Blackfeet Tribe is using the funds to conduct a feasibility study for a new bottled water company that would create more jobs in the local community. On the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the Chippewa Cree Tribe is investing in a feasibility study and market analysis for a small-scale meat processing facility that would serve local farmers and ranchers. The Little Shell Chippewa Tribe received TBPG funds to develop the business and operation plans for three businesses ventures under Little Shell Tribal Enterprises, LLC.

From 2016 to 2021, the TBPG program awarded 46 grants totaling \$1,295,000, which leveraged \$1,596,715 in matching funds from tribal governments and tribal partners.

## STATE TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The State Tribal Economic Development Commission (STEDC) was established in the Native American Economic Development Act of 1999. The STEDC is tasked with conducting a comprehensive assessment of the economic needs and priorities for each of the eight Tribal Nations in Montana and providing recommendations for accelerating economic development. The STEDC works in conjunction with other public and private organizations to promote business development and expansion, increase access to capital, support community development initiatives, and boost manufacturing, tourism, and agriculture. The Commission is composed of eleven members appointed by the governor, ensuring representation for each tribe and state officials. The STEDC recommendations have helped shape the current programming available through the Office of Indian Country Economic Development.

# TOURISM AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Montana's extraordinary landscape and outdoor recreation experiences are second to none, attracting millions of visitors each year. The Department of Commerce is investing substantial resources to promote Montana's breathtaking experiences and relaxing hospitality as one of our country's vacation destinations of choice. As more and more visitors come to Montana to enjoy our Main Street businesses, restaurants, hotels, and more, critical tourism revenue will support Indian Country's hospitality industry and Native artist entrepreneurs around the state.

According to research commissioned by the department, 82 percent of leisure travelers expressed interest in exploring sites and experiences related to Native American culture and history. That's why OICED is implementing various initiatives to boost tribal tourism, featured below.

## TRIBAL TOURISM BUSINESSES

OICED recently launched the Tribal Tourism Digital Business Development Grant, a pilot program which will enhance the online presence of existing tribal tourism businesses in Montana.

The program offered up to \$6,250 in grant funds for Native American-owned, tourism-related small businesses to invest in website development or improvements, enhanced professional content, and engaging virtual experiences. A total of \$86,500 was awarded to 14 Native entrepreneurs running a variety of business ventures, including gift shops, food service, guided tours, and outdoors/recreational activities. Operations like De Boo's Ranch Adventures (Blackfeet), Native Country Tourism in Ashland (Northern Cheyenne), and Bishop Guide Service (Fort Belknap) capitalized on these funds to develop stronger marketing assets, better promote their businesses, and sell directly to customers online.



*Medicine Rocks State Park. Photo by Andy Austin*

Several Montana Indian Equity Fund (MIEF) program grants also support Native-owned tourism and recreation businesses, allowing them to invest in new equipment and improving customer service. Diamond Hanging 7 Guest Ranch in Pryor (Crow) remodeled existing cabins and guest facilities; the Rosebud Tipi Campground in Busby (Northern Cheyenne) installed new tipis, RV hookups, and an outdoor shower space ; and the Flathead Raft Company in Polson (Confederated Salish and Kootenai) purchased new outdoor gear and equipment to offer more recreational opportunities.

## PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS

To promote tribal tourism opportunities here in Montana, the Tribal Tourism Program is partnering with the Smithsonian, the Blackfeet Manpower One-Stop Center, and producers to produce two high-quality advertisements featuring the Blackfeet Tribe. The videos will help tell the story of the Blackfeet Tribe, featuring Blackfeet tribal campgrounds, the history of Blackfeet territory, and the evolution of dancing and drumming styles.

OICED is also building a partnership between Montana State Parks, the Crow Nation, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to enhance first-voice interpretation of Native American-themed state parks in Montana. This pilot project will generate videos for the Chief Plenty Coups, Pictograph Cave, Medicine Rock, and Rosebud Battlefield state parks that provide the Native perspective regarding these sites.



Chief Plenty Coups State Park. Photo by Andy Austin

## MONTANA TOURISM WEBSITE

The State of Montana's official tourism website receives more than 2 million visitors per year, and the webpage promotes Indian Country showcases Montana's eight tribes, local points of interest, demographic and cultural information, and contact information for guides and tours available in Indian Country. To more effectively promote trips to Indian Country, the Tribal Tourism Program recently worked with web developers to increase the page's visibility and generate more web-traffic. The website now includes guidance on how to be a respectful visitor in Indian Country, as well as an up-to-date list of tribal events featuring powwows and celebrations in Indian Country.

View Montana's tourism website at [www.VisitMT.com](http://www.VisitMT.com).

## NATIVE ARTS AND CULTURAL BUSINESSES

In June 2020, the Montana Arts Council launched three grant programs to support the Native arts and cultural businesses through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Montana CARES Individuals grant — maximum award \$2,500 — and the Montana CARES Recovery grant — maximum award \$1,000 — were designed to help professional artists offset some of the economic losses induced by the pandemic. The livelihoods of many Native American artists rely on live performances and revenue from sales at fairs and powwows were hit particularly hard by event cancellations and restrictions. In response, a total of \$166,000 in Montana CARES Individuals and Recovery grants were awarded to 68 American Indian professional artists from around the state, including musicians, dancers, painters, and makers of traditional Native art such as beading, weaving, and instrument making.

# FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

## FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Agriculture is Montana's number one industry. Our farmers and ranchers, many of whom live and work on Indian reservations, produce the best ag products, and they work hard to feed the world.

The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) is working to find ways to add value to our commodities here in Montana and preserve the Montana brand through our supply chains so that Montana producers can capture more of the value they create. That's why MDA is investing in increasing meat processing capacity to create more opportunities for all of our livestock producers throughout the state.

MDA oversees over 30 programs tailored to supporting the ag community. This next section describes state agricultural grants and loans programs that strived to increase community resilience, strengthen food systems, and sustain the agriculture economy in Indian Country in state fiscal year 2021.

## AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

The MDA Agricultural Finance Program has been particularly beneficial to Indian Country, managing a revolving loan fund to assist producers in acquiring assets for their agricultural operations. A total of 12 loans amounting to \$345,600 were awarded to tribal members on four Indian reservations, including the Blackfeet, Flathead, Crow, and Fort Belknap reservations. These loans assisted with livestock purchases and FFA and 4-H projects to prepare the next generation of farmers and ranchers in tribal communities for success in the future.

## ADAPTABILITY AND MEAT PROCESSING

Over the last year, the disruptive impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Montana's agricultural systems prompted agricultural producers and businesses to pivot their operations to meet evolving market demands. Montana's allotment of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds helped agricultural enterprises respond to COVID-19 challenges and continue their operations.

A total of \$664,000 in CARES Act grants administered by MDA through the Montana Agriculture Adaptability Program (MTAAP) and the Montana Meat Processing Infrastructure Grant (MMIPG) programs were awarded to six tribal agricultural enterprises and Native-owned businesses. Once dispersed, these funds helped increase Montana's processing capability in Indian Country.

The People's Partner For Community Development, a Native-owned company, received \$150,000 from the MMIPG program to develop a small state-inspected processing facility and mobile harvest unit in partnership with the Northern Cheyenne Development Corporation. This grant



*The construction is near completion on H and D Meat Processing's new facility funded in part with the Department of Agriculture's Montana Meat Processing Infrastructure Grant program. Photo by Marty Earnheart*

supported the creation of a local grass-fed beef food chain that provides reasonably priced beef to the Northern Cheyenne Nation, while relying on tribal and other local ranchers within a 50 miles radius of Lame Deer.

In addition, two meat processing companies on the Flathead Reservation received MMIPG grants. H and D Meat Processing used a \$150,000 grant to build a new, larger meat processing shop, which doubled their processing capacity and allowed them to meet increased local demands.

Round Butte Custom Cuts was awarded \$136,477 for a new Mobile Slaughter Trailer and the expan-

sion of existing cooler and freezer areas at their facility. The new mobile service models have facilitated more direct service to tribal members, elders, and other community members who were previously unable to transport animals to a processing facility.

Capitalizing on CARES Act funds, the meat processing investments went a long way in expanding services, creating jobs, increasing production capacity to accommodate local producers amidst rising demand, and providing agriculture producers the immediate support they needed to get through the pandemic while setting them up for success in the future.

# REVENUE INFLUX

## TAX SHARING

Tax sharing agreements promote cooperation between the state and sovereign tribal governments to prevent dual taxation while ensuring critical state, local, and tribal tax collection.

The Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) distribute the tribal share of the tax on a quarterly basis, based on the alcohol, tobacco and fuel tax collected during the prior quarter.

In state fiscal year 2021, Montana tribes received over \$4.95 million from DOR through tobacco and alcohol tax sharing agreements, which supports over 45,000 enrolled tribal members. The Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Crow, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne Tribes received over \$4 million in tobacco tax money in state fiscal year 2021. Five alcohol tax revenue sharing agreements generating approximately \$862,000 in tribal distributions are in effect with the Blackfeet, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Fort Belknap, and the Fort Peck Tribes, in addition to a new alcohol tax sharing agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe, which began January 1, 2021.

The Montana Department of Transportation has similar tax-sharing agreements in effect with the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Crow, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne tribes for the motor fuel tax. In the last state fiscal year, these agreements generated a \$5,899,138 for tribal governments.

## TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE

The MDT Maintenance Division performs safety and pavement preservation work on Montana Indian reservations. This work consists of striping, chip seals, crack seals, and overlay projects. These projects occurring on Indian reservations are subject to Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) fees under existing state-tribal memorandums of understanding in place for each Indian reservation. The tribal governments may use TERO fees to support their tribal TERO office activities or other reservation priorities.

The total revenues distributed to tribal governments through tax sharing agreements and TERO fees in state fiscal year 2021 are shown in the table below.

**State-Tribal Revenue Sharing and TERO Agreements – State Fiscal Year 2021**

Reservation	Alcohol	Motor Fuel	Tobacco	TERO
Blackfeet	\$303,928	\$1,227,840	\$976,066	\$839,995
Crow	N/A	\$1,333,466	\$1,060,570	\$221,836
Flathead	\$171,301	\$691,751	*Quota MCA 16-11-155	\$214,832
Fort Belknap	\$130,974	\$529,123	\$420,624	\$121,115
Fort Peck	\$198,644	\$921,949	\$732,899	\$69,372
Northern Cheyenne	N/A	\$610,050	\$489,769	\$59,469
Rocky Boy's	\$57,512	\$510,207	\$408,157	\$0

*\*Instead of tax revenues, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes receive tax-free cigarettes pursuant to quotas set by statutes, MCA § 16-11-155.A*

# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Governor Gianforte is committed to building and maintaining reliable infrastructure to support long-term economic development around the state, including in Indian Country. A reliable transportation network is vital to Montana's economy due to the large size and rural nature of our state. Innovations and maintenance efforts are being implemented each year on bridges, roads, and highways to provide a safe transportation infrastructure and allow these trade routes to continue boosting our economy.

## BRIDGE PRESERVATION

MDT oversees bridge condition and safety inspections and data recording processes in our state to comply with the Federal National Bridge Inspection Standards and requirements. Bridge inspections are conducted to assess the condition of these infrastructure assets for deterioration due to time, weather, and the everyday toll of traffic, and to ensure they are safe for the public to cross.

In state fiscal year 2021, MDT contracted with private engineering firms to conduct inspections on five bridges located on the Crow Reservation, which were completed in August and October 2020. The work involved underwater inspections by divers to assess the condition of submerged bridge components and gather essential data to inform bridge preservation and replacement decisions.

Bridge repairs were completed on the Blackfeet Reservation,

and a bridge crossing replacement and road reconstruction was completed on the Fort Peck Reservation.

## ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR

The State of Montana has joined a national effort to establish a network of Alternative Fuel Corridors for alternative fueling and electric vehicle charging infrastructure along designated highway systems. In 2020, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the first section of Montana's Alternative Fuel Corridors encompassing I-90 and portions of I-15 and U.S. Highway 93. In the spring of 2021, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposal to expand the corridors to cover the northern and eastern parts of the state was also approved, which added



State of Montana's Alternative Fuel corridors map. Courtesy of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality



*New Enel X JuicePump 50kW electric vehicle charging station in Polson, MT. Photo by Hannah Scanlon, MTB Management, Inc.*

I-94, U.S. Highway 2, and the remaining portions of I-15 and U.S. Highway 93. The FHWA's approval makes federal funding available to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations at locations along the corridors.

With several tribal communities having been identified for potential charging station locations, Montana's plan will benefit Indian Country, including St. Ignatius, Polson, and Arlee on the Flathead Reservation; Crow Agency on the Crow Reservation; Wolf Point and Brockton on the Fort Peck Reservation; Harlem on the Fort Belknap Reservation; and East Glacier Park and Browning on or near the Blackfeet Reservation.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Using the State of Montana's Volkswagen Settlement funds, DEQ created new funding opportunities for businesses and government entities to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations.

The "Fast Charge Your Ride" program mainly focuses on locations that provide quick access along the highway to ensure electric vehicle drivers can travel across the state without running out of fuel. The program will help support our tourism industry and greater economic development by prioritizing charging station locations near local amenities.

For example, MTB Management, Inc. received \$29,868 for a Direct Current Fast-Charging station which became operational last spring at an existing restaurant in Polson, located near number of other amenities and stores on the Flathead Reservation. Another fast-charging station will be installed in Hardin along I-90, which will help travelers get to the Crow Reservation.

# EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Education is the pathway to a brighter and more prosperous future throughout Montana and in Indian Country. When our students are empowered and have access to the best education possible, they will be better prepared to succeed and thrive.

An integral part of education in Montana is the long history of rich contributions of the eight Tribal Nations in Montana. Working with our tribal partners, the state will continue to empower and support tribes in protecting their cultural integrity.

# TRIBAL CONSULTATION

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) established the Tribal Relations and Resiliency Unit (TRRU) as part of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In the fall of 2020, OPI and tribal leaders met to discuss the role of the new TRRU and the federal policy on meaningful tribal consultation through ESSA. During the 2020-2021 school year, meetings involving OPI, Montana school districts, and tribal leaders were held virtually to build partnerships, increase collaboration, share resources, and incorporate the tribal perspective in matters affecting Native youth. Every Montana student will benefit as they learn about the unique cultural heritage and histories of tribes in Montana.

# INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL

## INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL GRANTS

The Office of Public Instruction's (OPI) Indian Education for All (IEFA) Unit ensures that public schools across Montana have the tools, resources, and guidance necessary to integrate IEFA into their classroom curricula and school activities. The IEFA Unit supports schools by developing resources and publications within the framework of the Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians.

In the last year, the IEFA Unit created a new online course titled, "Seamless Integration of IEFA in Mathematics" to assist IEFA integration into the classroom. The IEFA Unit also assisted in revising content standards of various subject areas to ensure seamless integration of IEFA elements. In

November 2020, the Board of Public Education approved the content standards for five content standards areas. OPI's Content Standards and Instruction team developed Teacher Learning Hub courses for professional development aligned to IEFA for which educators can receive licensure renewal credits.

In state fiscal year 2021, the IEFA Unit awarded \$89,362 in professional development and capacity building grants to four schools located in Billings, Turner, Amsterdam, and Helena Flats outside of Kalispell, and four professional learning providers, including the Western Montana Professional Learning Cooperative (WMPLC), School Services of Montana (SSOM), North Central Educational Services Region (MNCESR), and Montana State University (MSU) Billings.

## IEFA TRAININGS

Due to the pandemic, IEFA educator trainings for the Essential Understandings were offered via two webinar series, which were attended by over 150 educators from around the state. The 14th annual IEFA Best Practices Conference was also held virtually, drawing over 100 participants. The conference theme, "Honoring Indigenous Persistence and Resiliency," was especially fitting given the COVID challenges and loss in Indian Country.

Six outstanding educators received the 2021 Teresa Veltkamp Advocacy Award for Excellence in Indian Education for their outstanding integration efforts and for being an inspiration for others, including: Miranda Murray, Great Falls Public School, IEFA Instructional Coach; Chris Pavlovich, Livingston School District, 5th Grade Teacher; Calli Rusche-Nicholson, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Specialist- Literacy Coach; Jacie Jeffers, Billings Public School, Indian Education Instructional Coach K6-12; Bill Stockton, Arlee High



*Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., IEFA Best Practices Conference keynote speaker and member of the Blackfeet Tribe.*

School Science Teacher; and Amy R. Williams, Polson School District #23, Special Education Teacher/Indian Education Coordinator.

***"IEFA gives all of our students the opportunity to grow in their sense of identity and I am continually touched to see how students of all background respond to material that can help them grow their understanding not only of history and contemporary issues, but their sense of self."***



*— Miranda Murray, IEFA Instructional Coach at Great Falls Public School and one of six recipients of the 2021 Teresa Veltkamp Advocacy Award for Excellence in Indian Education.*

*Photo by Jordann Lankford Forster*

## MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (MACIE)

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education was established by the Board of Public Education and OPI to function in an advisory capacity for the education of American Indian students in Montana. The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education is a strong voice for collaborative efforts among tribal, state, and federal organizations, institutions, groups, and agencies for the express purpose of promoting high-quality and equitable educational opportunities for all American Indian students in Montana. This includes, but is not limited to, culture, language, and Indian Education for All.

# EMPOWERING YOUTH

## RESILIENCE IN SOMETHING ELSE (RISE)

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) created a peer-support opportunity for youth to connect virtually, foster relationships, share ideas, and support each other during the pandemic. After a successful start, the initiative evolved into weekly virtual meetings where peers discussed how to use technology to strengthen their educational experience. Participants named the group "Resilience In Something Else" (RISE) and developed committees focused on their personal affinities and skills combined with virtual innovation, including music, gaming and applications, leadership, and Indigenous worldview — all based on careers and possibilities through such avenues. The RISE Virtual Youth Conference was the grand finale for the group's first year which created a place for state and tribal leaders to share their wisdom and knowledge with the young Montanans.

*"Youth are the centerpiece of our work, and we need them to help us move into the future. They deliver the energy and understanding needed to provide an innovative educational experience when we give them an opportunity and execute through action, not just words. We will maintain our RISE leaders going into the next year and beyond as advisors and teams continue to develop and peer support becomes the norm."*

— Donnie Wetzel, Jr., program manager,  
OPI Department of Teaching and Learning

## MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

In 1999, the Montana National Guard established the Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) on the campus of the University of Montana Western. The MYCA is a preventive program designed to improve life outcomes for youth who have either dropped out of school or are not satisfactorily progressing, unemployed, or under employed. It is the only program of its kind to provide graduates with a personal mentor for one year to help our youth transition into adulthood.

MYCA empowers participants, called "cadets," to embrace responsibility, achievement, and positive behavior. The program instills self-confidence, fosters ambition, and increases opportunities through skills training, service to the community, and leadership development. During the 2020-2021 school year, 28 Native American cadets participated in the program.

## SYSTEMS OF CARE TRIBAL WRAPAROUND PROJECT

Funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the OPI Systems of Care Tribal Wraparound Project enhances local resources through collaborative partnerships to better serve youth and families in American Indian communities. They ensure that mental health and substance abuse supports are family-driven, youth-guided, and fit within the cultural framework of the individual youth and their family.

# STEM EDUCATION

## STARBASE

STARBASE Montana goes above and beyond in preparing young Montanans for lasting success in the 21st Century.

The Montana STARBASE program offers a positive, proven approach that generates excitement and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for students. This rigorous program challenges students to think like scientists, engineers, and innovators through hands-on experiments and solve real world problems and design challenges.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, STARBASE adapted its programming to allow students to participate in STEM activities from the safety of their homes. Activity kits were mailed to participating 5th grade students, along with teaching videos to guide their home experiments. The STARBASE home projects involved aquaneering, flight, solar ovens, paper, and UV beads, Bristlebots activities, and explorations in nanotechnology that provided real-world applications of math and science.

## COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2021 Montana Legislature passed one of Governor Gianforte's priority bills, House Bill 644, which was sponsored by Representative Jonathan Windy Boy, to establish tribal computer programming scholarships. OPI was appropriated funds to send educators from each tribe in Montana to receive training in computer science education from one of Montana's post-secondary institutions with the goal of making computer science courses available to more Native youth in school.

## MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT AMERICORPS STEM MENTORING

The Governor's Office of Community Service stationed 48 AmeriCorps members in the Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) AmeriCorps program of the University of Montana. The MTCC program assists graduating high school students in entering postsecondary education.

Through academic mentoring and science education, students learn problem-solving skills, become better prepared to go to college, and are empowered to confidently enter a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) college classroom or career. In the last year, MTCC AmeriCorps members mentored Native students in high school and tribal colleges on the Blackfeet, Crow, Flathead, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne reservations.

Due to COVID-19, AmeriCorps members adapted their services to assist students remotely and provide additional resources in virtual learning. The MTCC AmeriCorps Leader at Salish Kootenai College served their Upward Bound program by distributing laptops to 30 students and mentoring high school students online.

*"Through my mentoring, I am seeing more students become interested in science. I have been creating new opportunities so these students will be successful . . . I am connecting Traditional Ecological Knowledge to the STEM field for Native College Students, making it easier for students to be successful."*

*—Dominique Nault, MTCC AmeriCorps LeaderA and Chippewa Cree tribal member serving at Blackfeet Community CollegeA*

## HONORING EARL J. BARLOW

Governor Greg Gianforte proclaimed June 2 as “Earl J. Barlow Day” in recognition of Barlow’s lifetime dedication toward enhancing Indian education and Native Americans’ rights as well as providing an endless source of knowledge and wisdom to future generations. Barlow was born on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana in 1927. After graduating from Browning High School in 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was later honorably discharged. In 1948, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and later completed a Master of Education degree from the University of Montana. He began his career in education in Hot Springs, Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation, and thereafter became a leader at many different posts, including as superintendent of various school districts and as Director of the Office of Indian Education at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

*“The bond between Tribal Nations and the State of Montana is stronger because of Earl J. Barlow’s work to promote civil rights and education for all Native Americans.”*

— Governor Greg GianforteA



*Earl J. Barlow with his nephew, John Bird.  
Photo by John Bird*

# CAREER READINESS

## JOBS FOR MONTANA GRADUATES

Jobs for Montana’s Graduates (JMG) is a program funded by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) with the main purpose of preparing middle and high school students to successfully enter the workforce. JMG actively promotes our students’ success by connecting them with local employers and teaching them workplace professional skills, leadership skills, and career readi-

ness. Through nurturing their growth, JMG assists in empowering and mobilizing students to stay in school, graduate and be career ready. JMG serves 50 schools across Montana, including ten high school and six middle school programs on Indian reservations, and one College Success program at Fort Peck Community College. The Job Service in Sidney also partnered with JMG at Fort Peck Community College through virtual workshops, career awareness, and job search assistance.

## MONTANA CAREER LAB

The DLI Montana Career Lab serves as a comprehensive source for career planning for K-12 students, college students, adults, and senior citizens. The Montana Career Lab worked with OPI and the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) to create a preliminary support system for K-12 students in reservation communities who did not complete their education or career training and are looking to do so.

The Montana Career Lab and MCIS developed career program materials for younger students, including the ABC Career Exploration Book for Native Americans and Careers Build a Community Exploration Book.

Another positive collaboration, which involved schools in Harlem near the Fort Belknap Reservation, focused on developing career and education goals for students facing homelessness, which led to a student receiving a full-ride scholarship to a private university.

## EXPANDING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

A four-year college degree isn't the right path for every young person. There are many jobs where specialized skills are required. We need plumbers, carpenters, electricians, machinists, and pipefitters just as much as college grads. These are essential professions. We're encouraging and empowering interested students to pursue those careers, ensuring they have access to education opportunities for them.

The Montana Registered Apprenticeship program works with sponsors to develop defined, yet flexible, training programs for students to allow them

to receive hand-on training and learn trades in a real-world workplace setting. Apprenticeship programs are sponsored by employers, employer associations, and labor management groups that can hire and train apprentices under federal and industry standards. As of June 2021, there were 89 Native American students participating in the program.

A partnership between Little Big Horn College (LBHC) and MSU-Northern (MSUN) resulted in nine students completing the equivalent of the Year 1 level of electrical or plumbing apprenticeship coursework and moving onto Year 2 in the coming academic year. Other efforts with MSUN are underway to offer a one-year Building Maintenance Certificate, building pathways to skilled trades training that will ultimately support tribal housing rehabilitation projects and new construction housing projects on the Crow Reservation.

Complementing the Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program, the Montana Legislature passed and Governor Gianforte signed into law the Montana Trades Education Credit (M-TEC) with House Bill 252, sponsored by Representative Llew Jones of Conrad. A signature element of Governor Gianforte's Montana Comeback Plan, M-TEC expands trades education in Montana by providing \$1 million per year in 50-percent credits to businesses for their employees to learn a trade. M-TEC will support as many as 1,000 scholarships annually. Under the program, employers and employees can decide on training that is best for the business and the employee.

# HIGHER EDUCATION

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

The University of Montana Western (UMW) Early Childhood Education Program is participating in a five-year Tribal Head Start Partnership Grant project. As a subgrantee of the larger grant project, UMW received \$860,000 for the 2020-2025 grant period. UMW is partnering with four tribal colleges and universities to carry out the grant activities, including Stone Child College, Aaniih Nakoda Col-

lege, Blackfeet Community College, and Fort Peck Community College.

The project supports 21 Native American students seeking B.S. degrees in early childhood education through an innovative, culturally responsive online program. Participating students are completing courses using a cohort model with the assistance of a mentor. The project has exceeded the targeted enrollment number for the grant, which is a significant accomplishment given the challenges of recruiting during the pandemic.



2021 graduation ceremony. Photo by the UMW Marketing Department

## NATIVE AMERICAN ENRICHMENT CENTER PROGRAM

The Native American Enrichment Center (NAEC) at Great Falls College works to increase Native students' access, retention, persistence, and graduation completion rates. The College implements culturally responsive, high-impact practices that assist traditionally underrepresented student populations in pursuing higher education. NAEC offers leadership, mentoring, community service engagement, workshops, and scholarship opportunities, which foster academic success, self-advocacy, cultural identity, personal growth, and responsibility for Native students.

The students' personal stories demonstrate the importance NAEC for their success. A mother from the Blackfeet Reservation commuted to Great Falls to attend the surgical technology program to expand her skillset and bring those skills back home to benefit her community.



*Brandon Tushka at the GFCMSU Commencement ceremony held May 8, 2021. Photo by Katherine Meier*

On May 8, 2021, nine graduates received an eagle feather beaded by faculty and staff during the Native American Eagle Feather Ceremony prior to commencement.

## NATIVE AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

MSU Billings' Native American Achievement Center (NAAC) and Native American Studies Program recruit and retain Native American students and serve as an advocate and outreach platform to tribal communities on reservations and in urban areas. Thousands of tribal individuals living in the Billings urban area are included in this mission.

Over the past year, NAAC has hosted a variety of activities and events on campus and on several Montana Indian reservations, including open houses and various outreach activities for students and their families. The center also partnered with local Native American agencies, like the Native American Development Corporation and the Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center, to conduct COVID-19 testing, new Native student orientation sessions, and other activities.

## CARING FOR OUR OWN

In the academic year, the Caring for Our Own program (CO-OP) at Montana State University (MSU) boasted 56 enrolled AI/AN undergraduates and six doctoral students – the largest enrollment numbers in the program's history.

The CO-OP model includes financial, academic, and social support for participating students. Financial support for scholarships and stipends come from the Indian Health Service, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and many generous private donors who have established scholarships through the MSU Alumni Foundation. The program also earmarks certain funds for emergencies to assist students with unexpected needs that arise, such as cars breaking down, daycare services, housing deposits, or unexpected medical bills.

## AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT SERVICES

The University of Montana's American Indian Student Services (AISS) mission is to help American Indian and Indigenous students have a positive experience while attending the University of Montana by providing a place to belong away from home. AISS assists UM students with their transition. Services and programming have been established through collaborative partnerships with various University of Montana and Missoula community entities. The AISS office is hosting the All Nations Health Center's activity coordinator and health specialist to assist with Indian Health Service needs. AISS also coordinates with Montana Urban Indian Alliance to assist students with rent and book expenses, and collaborated with the Native American Studies Department to produce their second virtual graduation video for the graduated class of 2021.

## MONTANA NATIVE NEWS HONORS PROJECT

The Montana Native News Honors Project is an annual news publication reported, written, photographed, edited, and designed by students in the University of Montana School of Journalism. Students enrolled in the capstone class, under the guidance of professors Jason Begay and Jeremy Lurgio, and conducted research with tribal members during the spring semester. Students traveled to the reservations for multi-day reporting trips where they gathered anecdotal information, data reporting, photography, and videography. The students then produced eight in-depth news packages that are published and distributed throughout the state and online.

In the last year, the students focused on how tribes spent more than \$200 million allotted from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. For the first time, the project partnered with the Missoulian, which contributed half of the overall travel costs and a portion of the printing costs. The 2021 edition, titled "Vital Relief: Montana tribes' \$200 million CARES Act path to alleviating the pandemic" was published in all Lee Enterprise newspapers in Montana on May 30, 2021. The project is also published online at: <https://nativenewsjour.umont.edu>.

## MSU TRIBAL EXTENSION OFFICE

The MSU Tribal Extension Office located on the Flathead Indian Reservation provides a bridge between the university and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. This single agent office is funded by a grant for Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Programs (FRTEP) to open the door for youth and adult educational opportunities.

Due to COVID-19, this four-year grant, with a total budget of \$389,000, was extended for a fifth year. The grant has increased educational opportunities in the areas of agriculture production and management, noxious weeds, plant and soil diagnostic services, gardening, food preservation, youth and adult mental health courses, community development, and positive youth development through 4-H programs. Local partnerships with tribal government, businesses, and community members drive the program's success. Currently, under the FRTEP umbrella, seven additional grants projects are being implemented with tribal partners.

# NATIVE LANGUAGES

## MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP) program strives to protect American Indian cultural integrity by recognizing that languages spoken, written, or in the form of sign language are vital to the identity of each Tribal Nation and their people. In fiscal year 2021, the Department of Commerce awarded a \$712,500 in MILP grants to the eight tribal governments in Montana to support language revitalization efforts. The strategies involve the development and publication of teaching materials, literature and other resources to be used in language classes and other educational opportunities. They also support memorializing tribal storytelling and songs through recordings for language integration through cultural learning. Modern technologies have allowed tribes to create new ways of learning Native languages, using online applications, digital dictionaries, CDs and DVDs, or simply posting language booklets and recordings online.

In this grant cycle Chief Dull Knife College on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is establishing models for educators to develop lesson plans, curriculum, and language acquisition training. The Fort Belknap Language Preservation Program is developing five Aaniiih and Nakota language highway signs for integration of their Native languages into the community. The Fort Peck Language and Culture Department is working to expand the tribe's Ethnobotany Guide on medicinal plants. Effective July 1, 2021, the MILP program has been transferred to the Montana Office of Public Instruction and integrated into the Indian Education Division.

*“On the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, the Montana Indian Language Program (MILP) has brought together language and culture specialists from five Reservation districts. The MILP has provided opportunities for camaraderie for specialists who are passionate in their pursuit of teaching their own language and culture.”*

*— Dr. Richard Littlebear, president of Chief Dull Knife College, Northern Cheyenne Tribe*



*Military service offered women opportunities that they could not find on their Indian reservation. Pictured here are Minnie Spotted Wolf, Blackfeet (far left), Celia Mix, Powatami (center), and Viola Eastman, Chippewa (far right), who served in the Marine Corps Women's Reserves during World War II. Photo courtesy of Montana Historical Society/1943 National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.*

# TRIBAL CULTURES AND HISTORY



*Tribal Flag Plaza. Photo by Steve Faherty and Kledia Colenso*

## TRIBAL FLAG PLAZA

The Montana Tribal Flag Plaza was erected on the State Capitol campus in 2020 in recognition of the Tribal Nations' contributions to our state — today and throughout history.

The plaza flies the flag of each Tribal Nation next to the U.S. and Montana flags. These flags are a symbol of respect and understanding between the State of Montana and the eight tribal governments in our state, including the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Crow, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Assiniboine and Gros Ventre, Assiniboine and Sioux, Little Shell Chippewa, and Northern Cheyenne tribes.

The project was financed with \$723,728 through a combination of funds collected from the Governor's Office, the Long-Range Building Program, and the Department of Administration's Architectural and Engineering Division.

## MONTANA HERITAGE CENTER

The Montana Historical Society (MHS) began construction of the facility expanding the Montana Heritage Center. The new design and cultural interpretation for the new facility involved extensive consultation with advisors from all tribes, a process facilitated by Redstone Consulting owned by Major Robinson of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in

Montana. Each tribe in Montana has a voice in the project, helping facilitate various aspects of the center's activities, such as MHS exhibits and educational programs.

## TRIBAL STAKEHOLDER'S GROUP

The Montana Historical Society (MHS) is creating a Tribal Stakeholders Group to offer guidance on the care and curation of Indian artifacts, photo digitization projects, and proposed outreach to Indian communities. Tribal representatives appointed to the group will provide cultural information on behalf of their respective tribe, as well as recommendations on how MHS can improve its communication, engagement, and collaboration with Tribal constituencies.

## WARRIOR SPIRIT PROJECT CONSORTIUM

The Montana Historical Society, in collaboration with the Library of Congress, National Indian Education Association (NIEA), and the Veterans Legacy Program at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is working on an the Warrior Spirit Project, seeking to honor Native American veterans across Indian Country.

The Warrior Spirit Project Consortium unites Native subject matter experts, curriculum writers, educators, and historians who are committed to telling the stories of Native American veterans. The project features a collection of oral histories, documents, and artifacts from Montana's Native American veterans to develop culturally relevant lessons and resources for educators and students. The project will also connect educators and students with the National Native American Veterans Memorial, either in person or virtually through an online database. The consortium will continue to collect and disperse resources for schools and students to use through January 2023.

# NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

Promoting better stewardship of our forests. Conserving our environment. Responsibly developing our natural resources. The result of each can be good-paying jobs in Indian Country and the protection of our natural landscapes.

The state looks forward to continuing its close collaboration with Montana's eight Tribal Nations to promote conservation, ensure proper and efficient management of wildlife, identify opportunities for responsible natural resource development, and preserve the beauty of our natural landscape for future generations.

# STATE-TRIBAL COLLABORATION

Montana's wildlife is part of what makes Montana special. State agencies and tribal governments work in strong collaboration to promote conservation and ensure proper, efficient management.

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Region 6 staff meets regularly with Fort Peck and Fort Belknap fish and wildlife staff. In committee meetings they work together on hunting and fishing regulations and share wildlife and fisheries survey data. Strong coordination and sharing biological data collection and fish and wildlife enforcement enhances results on joint projects, to the benefit of all Montanans. A good example of successful coordination is with monitoring chronic wasting disease (CWD). To help slow and prevent the spread of the disease in ungulates, FWP tests deer harvested across Montana, including on reservations, and coordinates these efforts with tribal managers.

In Region 4, FWP wildlife biologist Ryan Rauscher assisted the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Depart-

ment in managing a newly discovered case of CWD on the Blackfeet Reservation. Rauscher shared FWP's Chronic Wasting Disease Management Plan with the tribe and discussed how the plan could help improve management of CWD on the reservation.

Following the 2020 hunting season, Rauscher, along with FWP's Tribal Liaison and Diversity Coordinator, Kqyn Kuka, helped train Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife staff on removing and processing lymph nodes from deer and elk for disease sampling. FWP also provided the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife staff with 25 CWD sampling kits until the tribe was able to assemble its own. Rauscher also assisted Tribal Fish and Wildlife Director Buzz Cobell with CWD training. These efforts helped improve working relationships between the two management agencies and reduced the potential for the spread of the disease, both on the Blackfeet Reservation and into adjacent hunting districts.



*FWP and tribal staff partnered to offer a Chronic Wasting Disease training to Tribal Fish and Wildlife staff on the Blackfeet Reservation. Photo by Ryan Rauscher*



Photo provided by Kqyn Kuka

## MEET KQYN KUKA

Kqyn Kuka, the daughter of nationally renowned American Indian painter King Kuka, grew up in Great Falls. After earning her B.S. in environmental studies at Salish Kootenai College, Kuka earned a shot at becoming a Montana State game warden. By chance, FWP stationed her in a district that includes her father's childhood stomping grounds on the southern border of the Blackfeet Reservation. After spending her career in Region Four as a Game Warden and then as a Warden Sergeant, Kuka took a position with FWP as the Tribal Liaison and Diversity Coordinator.

With a strong passion for conservation, Kuka navigates the cultural differences between Indian and non-Indian people. Kuka's experience as a

game warden has helped her gain a unique skillset. Working with landowners, sportsmen, and members of the public on highly challenging issues has made her effective in relationship building. In her current role as FWP's Tribal Liaison, she is tasked with building, maintaining, and improving relationships with our tribal neighbors to effectively co-manage Montana's natural resources.

*"I have lived, worked, and leisured in Indian Country my entire life. I am fortunate to make a living doing something I find stimulating and inspiring. While at work, I put extra focus on improving and enjoying my relationships with all Montanans. In my new role as FWP Tribal Liaison, I am able to make a difference, alongside my FWP colleagues, by working together to build strong relationships with tribes in our state. The opportunity to have the tribes' voices heard at the same table as state officials is both meaningful and historic for all the parties involved. This work has further opened my mind and heart to collaboratively manage our natural resources. As we face challenges, I will continue to be an advocate and an ally and will help spread the knowledge of Indian people in Montana."*

—Kqyn Kuka, FWP Tribal Relations Manager

## FWP-BLACKFEET MEETING AND RESERVATION TOUR

In June 2021, FWP Director Hank Warsech met with the Blackfeet Tribal Council and the director of the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department on the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning. Director Warsech and FWP pilot Joe Rahn gave the Blackfeet Tribal Council a helicopter tour of the reservation that borders Glacier National Park, including a pass over the spiritually significant Chief Mountain.



*Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director Hank Warsech and his staff were joined by Blackfeet Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department staff for a helicopter tour of the Blackfeet Reservation.  
Photo by Zachary Zipfel*

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

Consultation and coordination with Native American tribes in Montana is an important part of the environmental engineering process for projects on current and historic tribal lands. Tribal coordination is consistent during environmental planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) infrastructure.

In September 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented the new "Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule" which requires strict additional steps and extends the review period for obtaining individual 401 certifications from tribal governments and the EPA. As necessary, MDT staff seeks tribal permits for potential impacts to aquatic resources as well as 401 Water Quality Certifications from the EPA or tribal governments for applicable projects on all sovereign Indian lands in Montana.

MDT and tribal staff remain in regular communication to discuss and advance various projects throughout the state. For example, the MDT Archaeologist successfully coordinated with the Blackfeet Tribe regarding the US 89 - Hudson Bay Divide project to minimize impacts to significant tribal resources. Continued consultations are also occurring with the Chippewa Cree Tribe for the future development of a Section 106 programmatic consultation agreement. MDT's Wetland Unit continues to coordinate with the Blackfeet and CSKT tribes on potential wetland mitigation crediting to ensure MDT project delivery on tribal lands.

MDT entered into Memorandums of Agreements (MOA) with certain tribes for mitigation of adverse impacts to cultural sites and monitoring of earth moving activities adjacent to cultural sites. Under such MOA, MDT cultural resource staff has been working with the Nez Perce Tribe and CSKT on ethnographic studies for the US 93 South - Conner-South, US 2 - Bad Rock Canyon, and Yellowstone Airport projects.

# FORESTRY

## THREE SISTERS FOOD FOREST PROJECT

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) program worked with Montana State University Extension on the Three Sisters food forest project. Historically, corn, squash, and beans have been grown together symbiotically in a group known as the Three Sisters. Corn creates food and provides vertical structure for the beans to climb. The beans in return produce food and fix nitrogen. Finally, the squash produces food, while covering the soil, which limits water loss and deters unwanted vertebrates with its thick vines and leaves.

Hillary Maxwell, of the Fort Belknap Extension office, proposed developing seven-layered food forests inspired by the Three Sisters concept. Apple trees, elderberries, and grapes are the featured plants used alongside mint, beebalm, rhubarb, and echinacea, finalizing the seven layers. Since June, ten of these food forests, selected and planted specifically for climate suitability, cultural significance and to connect food sustenance efforts, have been planted throughout the Fort Belknap Indian Community. The fruit and plants will be used by local residents for canning and general consumption. The DNRC urban forestry program is devoting resources, including funding and personnel, toward this effort. Local gardeners from both A'aniiih and Nakoda tribes will manage and maintain these food forests.

## WYOLA URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

The urban and community forestry project underway in Wyola on the Crow Reservation has huge potential to support and grow the economy by creating opportunities for at-risk youth to learn trades like, milling, carpentry, wood products,

equipment training, and more. A working team established within the Wyola community oversees the tree removal and replacement project and plans for future tree plantings along a newly formed walking path through town to provide shade, fruit production, and future wood use. Work on the walking path aims to improve the area and appeal of town, meet several needs of the local volunteers, and assist the community through the contracted work of tree removals. Not only will this program create long-term benefits for the community by developing the workforce and increasing access to important services, but it will also help create greater opportunity and more jobs.

## MONTANA FOREST ACTION PLAN

The 2020 Montana Forest Action Plan (MFAP) was approved and now serves as Montana's authoritative approach to cross-boundary, landscape scale forest restoration and management across the state. The introduction to the MFAP was developed in close partnership by the Core Team and the Séliš-Qlispé Culture Committee, as was the "Indigenous Peoples and Forests" section in the Assessment of Forest Conditions. The MFAP includes a number of goals and strategies designed to promote collaboration between Tribal Nations, the state, and federal agencies and to accomplish shared management objectives.

DNRC convened the Montana Forest Action Committee (MFAC) to guide the implementation of the Forest Action Plan. Jim Durglo, a representative of both the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) and the Intertribal Timber Council, serves on this committee.

DNRC released a request for proposal to fund projects that are addressing critical forest health

and wildfire risk issues across the state. One of the projects selected to receive funding was the Fort Belknap – Bear Gulch Temporary Road project, which received \$32,000 in MFAP grant funds. This project will allow the Fort Belknap Reservation to complete a road allowing access to a timber sale point, making timber available to the tribe's sawmill, which is under construction. This project supports tribal forestry goals of improving forest health, reducing wildfire risk, developing the forest products industry, and creating more job opportunities.

## FIRE PROTECTION

The DNRC Fire Protection Bureau has a long-term cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the CSKT. Under this agreement, DNRC provides \$226,925 for the BIA Flathead Agency to protect 128,206 acres on the Flathead Reservation, encompassing 29,836 acres of state forest and lands and 98,370 acres of private lands. DNRC also has a Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement in effect with other federal agencies involved with wildland fire management activities within Montana, including the BIA Portland, Oregon Area Office and the BIA Billings, Montana Area Office.

## EARTH DAY

The UCF partnered with the Environmental Program for Blackfeet Community College (BCC) Earth Day in April 2021 — the first gathering since the area was closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 300 tree seedlings were given to the community, and 12 larger trees were planted on campus. DNRC also awarded the BCC with an Urban Forestry Innovation Grant for fiscal year 2021-2022, which will be used to establish an interpretive educational tree planting effort on campus grounds. Working with BCC, DNRC is helping students plant more trees and incorporate further tree planting efforts into future educational and interpretive projects.

The UCF program partnered with the Blackfeet Environmental Office to help Browning, Montana,

become the first recognized Tribal Tree Community with the Arbor Day Foundation. Further, UCF State Coordinator Jamie Kirby is participating in the national council through the Arbor Day Foundation, which is working to create more inclusive standards in the Tree City USA program for more communities to qualify, specifically tribal communities.

The program also took on the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) centennial challenge by committing to supply at least 100 trees throughout tribal communities, with projects on the Fort Belknap, Blackfeet, and Flathead reservations. The program surpassed this goal and supplied over 400 trees. The program is also providing continued business and technical support for interpretive, educational area design for more trees and culturally significant and native plants.



*Instructors with the horticulture program and a college intern planting trees on the BCC campus. Photo by Jamie Kirby*



*Volunteers, interns, college students, BCC staff, and DNRC staff after successful tree planting and activities at Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Photo courtesy of DNRC and a BCC participant*

# WILDLIFE

The MDT, the CSKT Tribal Natural Resource Staff, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Lake County, and local residents are working together to minimize grizzly bear and other wildlife mortalities on US 93. The project will connect wildlife with existing crossing structures along the People's Way corridor with fencing to encourage animals to use the crossings and keep them off the highway.

When this segment of US 93 was reconstructed in the early 2000s, wildlife crossing structures were constructed at eight strategic locations to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions north and south of St. Ignatius. Short segments of wildlife or wing fencing were included at five crossings to guide wildlife to the crossing structures. The current fencing project will complete the three remaining crossing sites by adding new fencing, wildlife jump-outs, and approach treatments.

Project design elements are intended primarily to reduce the likelihood of vehicle collisions with grizzly bears, but will benefit other animals including white-tailed deer, black bears, and mule deer. Since 2010, one-third of all documented grizzly bear highway fatalities in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem have occurred on US 93 from St. Ignatius to Ronan. The project is located along US 93 (N 5) in the St. Ignatius area beginning approximately two miles south of St. Ignatius and ending approximately two miles north of St. Ignatius, spanning nearly 5 miles. The project is approximately 30 percent through the design phase and projected to cost \$1.5-2 million.



*Bear using the tunnel providing safe passage under the highway.  
Photo courtesy of CSKT, MDT, and WTI-MSU*



*Fencing and tunnel guiding wildlife passage under Highway 93 on the Flathead Reservation. Photo by the Montana Department of Transportation*

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS AND BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS AMERICORPS

The Governor's Office of Community Service (GOCS) is the grantor to Montana Conservation Corps (MCC), a 357-member AmeriCorps program that develops citizens into leaders as they serve on environmental stewardship projects, and Big Sky Watershed Corps, a 36-member AmeriCorps program serving Montana's rural communities.

The MCC Individual Placement programs assist communities in making a measurable difference in local conservation efforts while strengthening the experience of young professionals. Throughout the reporting period, six AmeriCorps members served with the Blackfeet Nation in Browning and Montana State University Native Land Project in Bozeman. MCC AmeriCorps members serving with the Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) program (January-November) and Conservation Fellow program (May-October) have collaborated with Indigenous partners to: research and document conservation planning and development; implement feasibility studies of agriculture and livestock policies; determine and utilize preferred and tested local methods for land conservation and holistic management practices; and implement and evaluate effective water resource management best practices.

## SMART SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Arlee High School and Polson Middle School, both on the Flathead Reservation, were selected as 2020-2021 SMART (Saving Money and Resources Today) Schools award recipients by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

SMART Schools is a competitive program to which schools submit project proposals to implement resource conservation, resource efficiency, and environmental best practices. SMART Schools offers students and teachers from tribal communities the opportunity to continue developing their science and math skills and learning how to use energy resources more efficiently. The program also encourages students to incorporate their cultural traditions and beliefs into their projects.

Both school districts submitted their project proposals in January, implemented their projects over subsequent months, and were announced as winners on May 10, 2021. Each school was awarded \$2,000 to implement future energy and resource saving projects.

## Arlee High School

Students at Arlee High School implemented renewable energy and “living” classroom projects providing hands-on learning experiences in agriculture. One of the research projects found that energy efficiency updates to the high school would save money for the school district and improve indoor air quality in the classrooms. As a result, Arlee High School recently replaced their boiler with a more efficient system. The students also learned how to repurpose discarded computer packaging by creating seed pods to grow vegetation, which they successfully accomplished through the spring. The students also developed plans for solar panel installation on their bus barn for the school to reduce energy costs.

## Polson Middle School

The projects at Polson Middle School involved energy efficiency, sustainable agriculture, upcycling, and an initiative that created a new aquaponics system and plant walls to the classroom. The students performed energy audits identifying the cost benefit of upgraded lighting and created an energy use plan for the school. Another project focused on repurposing the packaging from the 1,200 computers purchased for distance learning into vegetation boxes for classroom agriculture projects. The students also established a plan to build a hoop house and install mulching and a solar-powered water pump to get water from a canal during optimal watering times, ultimately saving water resources and money for the district.

# WATER RESOURCES

## IRRIGATION

Along the Milk River, within the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) in Blaine County, the Fort Belknap Irrigation Project (FBIP) serves approximately 9,000 acres and consists of a series of canals and laterals operated and managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The pump station which provides water to Three Mile Reservoir is a vital component in the overall irrigation system and has been identified by the FBIC as a structure of critical concern. Approximately 6,400 acres have been negatively impacted due to the recent failure of the pump station, leading to insufficient water volume in the Three Mile Reservoir and resulting in crop damage and environmental impacts to the riparian area. The project will replace the existing pump and building structure to restore pumping capabilities at the Three Mile Creek pump station.

The Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program aims to advance the conservation, development, and beneficial use of renewable resources and invest in renewable resource projects. The RRGL program has partnered with the Fort Belknap Tribes for the \$131,185 project.

The implemented project will ensure sufficient water distribution to the reservoir and downstream 6,400 acres. As a result, the project is expected to increase crop and cattle production revenue by \$1.57 million each year. The proposed pump is estimated to increase pumping efficiency from 75 to 84 percent and save 5,500 kWh of electricity each year.

## CHIPPEWA CREE WATER COMPACT

In coordination with the Chippewa Cree Tribe, the DNRC Compact Implementation Program has jointly funded three USGS stream gauges related to compact implementation.

Additionally, the DNRC Compact Implementation Program, in coordination with the Tongue River Water Users and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, jointly fund a USGS stream gauge near the reservation boundary and related to compact implementation.

The gauges will provide real-time stream flow data that will directly benefit state-based water users and the tribal water resources department.

## FORT BELKNAP WATER COMPACT

Montana ratified the Fort Belknap-Montana Compact in 2001, which has not yet been approved at the federal level. In May 2021, Senator Jon Tester introduced the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2021, which seeks to advance the compact for federal approval. DNRC staff are evaluating the federal legislation and look forward to participating in the federal process.

## BLACKFEET WATER COMPACT

The DNRC Compact Implementation Program, in coordination with the Blackfeet Nation, has jointly funded four USGS stream gauges related to compact implementation. These gauges will provide real-time stream flow data that will directly benefit

state-based water users and the tribal water resource department.

On June 18, 2021, the State of Montana disbursed \$14,645,487.31 to the Blackfeet Tribe in accordance with the Blackfeet Water Compact and an agreement entered into by the State and Blackfeet Tribe, referred to as the Birch Creek Agreement.

## FORT PECK WATER COMPACT

The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation filed a petition with the Fort Peck-Montana Water Compact Board in late 2019 due to a disagreement between DNRC and tribal government over interpretation of the Tribal Water Right. During this past fiscal year, DNRC and the Tribes continued to work together on the interpretation of the Tribes' water compact. DNRC and the Tribes entered into a settlement agreement memorializing the agreed-upon interpretation, which the Tribes filed with the Compact Board.

## CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES WATER COMPACT

The passage of the Montana Water Rights Protection Act in December 2020, included \$1.9 billion in settlement funding for the CSKT, along with the subsequent ratification of the Compact and the Unitary Administration and Management Ordinance (UMO) by the CSKT. Passage of this legislation catalyzed a planning effort by DNRC and the Tribes which focuses on implementation of the Compact and installation of the joint state-tribal water management board.

# SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

As COVID-19 infections increased across Montana last year, data show that Native Americans were at a higher risk of serious complications or death from the virus. In response to the data, Governor Gianforte updated the state's vaccine distribution plan during his first week in office to prioritize at-risk Montanans and our tribal communities after frontline healthcare workers.

As the COVID-19 pandemic brought new and serious challenges to Indian Country, it also exacerbated preexisting challenges in our tribal communities like suicidality, substance use disorders, and food insecurity. Working hand-in-hand with tribes and alongside partners, the state made investments, launched initiatives, and advanced legislation to promote the health and well-being of Indian Country.

# COVID-19 PREVENTION AND VACCINATION

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Public Health and Safety Division (PHSD) within DPHHS has provided ongoing support and technical assistance to the tribal health departments and the Urban Indian Health Centers (UIHCs) to address COVID-19. As federal coronavirus relief funding funneled to the states, PHSD issued disbursements to these organizations, along with supplemental public health emergency preparedness funding to each of the tribal health departments, to support their global COVID-19 preparedness, response, and mitigation activities.

On October 8, 2020, DPHHS conducted a consultation meeting with tribes and tribal partners to provide information and resources related to COVID-19 testing and vaccine distribution, in preparation for the availability of U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved COVID-19 vaccines. Tribes had the opportunity to select the distribution source for vaccines that would become available in December 2020. Three tribes, including the Blackfeet, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, and Little Shell, opted to receive their vaccine supplies from the state, while the remaining tribes selected Indian Health Service (IHS).

During this time period, representatives from the tribes, UIHCs, and the Billings Area IHS participated in the State's COVID-19 vaccination plan coordination team. Between December 2020 and February 2021, additional meetings were held with this group to support the implementation of vaccination activities in Montana.

To ensure tribal communities had access to the vaccine as early as possible, Governor Gianforte modified the state's vaccine distribution plan to put the most vulnerable Montanans, including Native Americans, first in line for the vaccine after frontline health care workers. These efforts led to high vaccination rates among American Indian persons in Montana.

The most recent surveillance report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that mortality due to COVID-19 is 2.2 and 3.8 times more likely to occur among AI/AN persons than among white persons. These findings reiterate the importance of mitigation strategies that tribal communities implemented to prevent COVID-19, as well as the governor's decision to prioritize AI/AN persons for receiving COVID-19 vaccinations.



*CSKT Tribal Health new mobile unit focused on increasing awareness, outreach, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Photo by CSKT Tribal Health*

# HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

## TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

DPHHS Tribal Health Improvement Program (T-HIP) is a partnership between the tribal, state, and federal governments created to better assist Medicaid-eligible and at-risk tribal members with health issues through a three-tiered program. Tier 1 focuses on improving care for those with chronic illnesses or are at risk of developing serious health conditions through intensive care coordination of individual members; Tiers 2 and 3 seek to address specific health focus areas that contribute to the aforementioned health disparities.

Tragically, the average life of an American Indian in Montana is about 20 years less than the rest of the state's population. To address this growing concern in Montana's tribal communities, T-HIP is partnering with the Blackfeet, Chippewa, CSKT, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck and Northern Cheyenne tribes to develop and implement preventive strategies and promote good health on reservations.

As of July 1, 2021, four of the six participating tribes are operating at Tier 2 and implementing successful outreach strategies and initiatives on Indian reservations. The Tribal Diabetes Prevention Programs, for example, provides classes for both children and adults on lifestyle modification and exercise, using yoga as a stress and anxiety reduction tool, to enhance physical health, and mental health, focus, memory, and self-esteem. Other T-HIP initiatives focus on expanding care coordination and disease management, substance use prevention, and culturally based health promotion programs and activities.

The following table provides a single month's data, displaying the number of members per tribe and total tribal members in the state who are benefiting from the T-HIP program.

Tribe	Number of Medicaid Eligible Participants
Blackfeet Tribe	540
Chippewa Cree Tribe	254
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	510
Fort Belknap Tribes	349
Fort Peck Tribes	1,167
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	240
<b>Total Members Attributed to T-HIP</b>	<b>3,060</b>

## ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The DPHHS Oral Health Program (OHP) and Montana State University College of Nursing (MSU-CON) have partnered to support American Indian initiatives that promote early childhood oral health activities with the support of a \$339,158 four-year grant.

To strengthen their statewide pediatric oral health messaging campaign for American Indian clinics, OHP and MSU-CON used part of this grant funding to produce a video of four Blackfeet families undergoing oral health treatments and measured its effectiveness with a pilot group.

OHP and MSU-CON also used a part of this grant funding to stand up a program during the 2020-2021 academic year for dental hygienists and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students to provide preventative oral health services to children attending the Northern Cheyenne Head Start program. The program was so successful that MSU-CON secured outside funding to expand the activity to the Blackfeet Nation in February 2021 and the Crow Nation in April 2021.

# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

## CRISIS INTERVENTION

In the Spring of 2021, Blackfeet Nation became the first tribal government to be awarded a County and Tribal Matching Grant (CTMG) — a DPHHS Addictive and Mental Disorders Division program that was expanded in recent years to include federally recognized tribal governments as eligible applicants. The CTMG \$110,576 will help the tribe establish an effective behavioral health crisis system on the Blackfeet Reservation. The funds will support the hiring of a new Crisis System Coordinator, the creation of a new Crisis Coalition and a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) community, and training/certification opportunities for first responders, behavioral health care providers, and other key stakeholders. The project will also use resource mapping and data analysis of the crisis system, and technical assistance support to guide the Crisis Coalition's efforts.

## ZERO SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Montana faces a tragic epidemic of suicide. Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) of DPHHS is partnering with tribal health facilities on the Blackfeet, Flathead, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck reservations, and three Urban Indian Health Centers in Butte, Billings and Missoula to implement the Zero Suicide SAMHSA grant program in tribal communities.

Each facility will receive between \$41,443 and \$118,327 annually during the five-year grant cycle ending in 2023. The program aims to establish safe suicide care policies, create a competent and caring workforce, ensure all patients at risk for suicide receive treatment, and provide continuous care after treatment.

The participating facilities are systematically screening their patients for suicide risk. To date, this grant program has facilitated or conducted trainings for over 600 participants. Other partners include the University of Montana Center for Children, Families and Workforce Development, which is tasked with evaluating the program's accomplishments and providing content for trainings. In addition, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Tamarack Grief Resource Center, University of North Dakota and Columbia University also aid in training efforts, and Native-Wellness Life provides training content and serves as media partner.

# SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Montana faces a drug crisis that is ripping apart our families and devastating our communities. The State of Montana's existing substance use prevention efforts are implemented through various grant programs in the DPHHS Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, many of which involve tribal partnerships in Montana.

In the 2021 Legislative Session, Governor Gianforte signed into law a bill authorizing a new program, the HEART Fund. The HEART Fund invests over \$25 million a year toward community-based substance abuse prevention and treatment programs to help more individuals get clean, sober, and healthy.

## PREVENTION PROGRAMS

To implement drug use prevention strategies targeted toward populations most impacted by substance abuse, the Partnership for Success (PFS) grant program has awarded \$56,030 over the last two years to each of the following five participating tribes: the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck. Grants are intended to prevent and reduce the occurrence of underage drinking among persons ages nine to 20, as well as marijuana and methamphetamine use by individuals ages nine and above, children entering the foster care system, transitional youth, and individuals supporting persons with substance use issues. An electronic referral program utilized by participating tribes also allows them to refer additional services offered through community partners.

Another program targeted at prevention, the Prevention Block Grant Funds program, aims to

reduce the rates of underage drinking, youth marijuana use, adult binge drinking, and other emerging patterns of substance misuse and abuse. The grants support efforts to identify and evaluate local substance use rates, increase the number of communities offering support, implement evidence-based prevention treatment programs for at-risk families, and increase the number of communities working with DUI Task Forces, local advisory councils and Best Beginnings in identifying resources and prevention goals.

The Partnership for Success and the Prevention Block Grant programs work hand-in-hand. For instance, on the Fort Peck Reservation funding from both programs were combined to hire a full-time employee to implement both programs.

## TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

In April 2021, AMDD launched the Treatment for Use of Stimulants (TRUST), a pilot program aiming to reduce overdoses and improve long-term recovery from methamphetamine use. The Chippewa Cree Tribe is participating in this program to address the methamphetamine crisis on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. Over the course of 12 to 24 months, the tribe will implement a regiment of physical exercise with individuals attempting to reduce or discontinue their drug use and provide incentives to promote retention in addictions treatment programs. In addition, a community reinforcement approach will be used in conjunction with contingency management and other clinical therapeutic interventions to support the clients' recovery and prevent relapse.

## CULTURAL TRAINING

The Montana Chemical Dependency Center (MCDC) in Butte provides intensive in-patient treatment that cares for the disease of addiction including withdrawal management for substance use disorders and treatment for co-occurring mental health disease. MCDC staff includes interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses, treatment technicians, addiction counselors, mental health therapists, care managers, and administrative staff.

On June 16, 2021, staff from the Chippewa Cree Tribe's White Sky Hope program provided a cultural training to MCDC personnel. Speakers Theron Small, Tina King and Chontay Mitchell gave an overview of sacred items and practices that Native people hold dearly.

During the last fiscal year, approximately 30 percent of the population served at MCDC has identified as Native American and 54 percent of those entering treatment have completed the program. Additionally, 89 percent have been covered with Medicaid funding.



*Theron Small of White Sky Hope, holds a braid of sweetgrass as he explains how it is used in a smudging ceremony. Photo by Lesa Evers*

# FOOD ON THE TABLE

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The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) manages several successful projects in tribal communities that promote healthy nutrition and assist in combatting hunger in our state.

## NO KID HUNGRY

The No Kid Hungry program collaborates with tribal communities and local organizations dedicated to ending child hunger in Montana. No Kid Hungry prioritizes feeding those in need of immediate help, while also working toward long-term solutions to food instability and child hunger.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, No Kid Hungry launched local initiatives to revitalize In-

digenuous food sovereignty, promote gardening and healthy nutrition, build local workforces, and strengthen local economies in alignment with tribal traditions and values.

For example, the Montana Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative (MIFSI) seed project at Montana State University focuses on education regarding food sovereignty processes, such as saving seeds, sharing indigenous seeds, webinars, and support for gardening. The non-profit organization Biiluuke Strong is also starting a new after-school program encouraging health food choices and providing evening meals and snacks to children in Crow Agency.

Further, the Intertribal Agriculture Council is connecting schools directly with Native producers in Montana as well as creating educa-

tional resources, including cooking demonstrations with Native chefs and The Family Dinner Project in a box concept to include more indigenous foods, recipes, cooking demos, and culturally appropriate conversation starters.

In 2021, Montana No Kid Hungry provided a total of \$960,750 to help end child hunger on our reservations, accounting for over half of statewide program funds.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Currently, six Indian Reservations receive commodity food through the DPHHS Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Using federal CARES Act funds, participating tribes are investing in new freezers and coolers for their warehouses or delivery vehicles to serve those who cannot leave their homes. They are also developing new food distributions systems, like the new drive-through built by the Fort Belknap FDPIR program for local residents to safely pick up their food boxes. On the Rocky Boy's Reservation, a new FDPIR warehouse is being built and the prior facility will be converted into a food bank and community center to serve the entire community. The FDPIR program employs approximately 30 people over the six participating Indian reservations and serves an average of 960 American Indian families.

## WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILD PROGRAM

During the federal fiscal year 2021, the DPHHS Women, Infant and Child Program (WIC) program disbursed \$788,817 through contracts with the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Crow, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne tribes to serve eligible families within their tribal communities. The program has helped serve 1,895 infants, children (1-4 years), and women who are either pregnant or post-partum, providing nutrition education and support, referrals for health and social resources, and a healthy supplemental food package. In addition,

approximately 1,146 tribal participants received services at sites located outside of their Indian reservation.

Since March of 2020, WIC has been operating with several waivers in place, allowing effective service delivery across the state during the COVID-19 pandemic. Notably, WIC was granted a physical presence and remote issuance waiver to allow for all services to take place over the phone, video or other creative means to meet the needs of our families while keeping staff and participants safe. All WIC clinics have been and continue to provide services remotely and are accessible to any eligible family. To promote access to healthy foods during the pandemic, the governor temporarily authorized WIC families to receive up to \$35 per eligible person in fruits and vegetables monthly, more than tripling the standard benefit.

## CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The DPHHS Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for nutritious meals served to participants in Head Start, child-care centers, and at-risk after-school programs on all seven Indian reservations in Montana.

State-tribal partnerships and collaboration across programs like CACFP, No-Kid Hungry and Tribal Women, Infant and Child (WIC) have helped the Rocky Boy School District provide families with formula and nutritious foods for their infants and children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to school closures during the pandemic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered nationwide waivers for CACFP allowing meal deliveries and pick up to ensure the program continuation and food security. From July 1, 2020, to June 7, 2021, a total of 87 jobs were created, 225,241 nutritious meals and snacks were served, and a total of \$497,350 of CACFP meal reimbursement was provided to tribal partners for these services. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) assists tribal providers with training, technical support, and programs' review to foster success.

# TRIBAL FOSTER YOUTH

Families are the basic fabric of society. Without strong families, kids are less likely to graduate from high school, more frequently live in poverty, and more often experience incarceration. Government can't fix this alone, but there are steps to take to make families stronger and children healthier.

Tragically this is an issue in every corner of the state, but Montana has a disproportionate number of Native American children in foster care. The role of the Qualified Expert Witness (QEW) in child welfare cases is crucial in advocating for these children. The DPHHS Child and Family Services Division has partnered with the Court Improvement Program and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) subcommittee to enhance recruitment, equip QEW with the expertise unique to each individual tribe in Montana, and ensure all tribes have QEW representation. The QEW trainings have been moved from Helena to Indian reservations or neighboring cities to make them more accessible. Both state and tribal child welfare staff attend these meetings to enhance their skills and collaborate to improve services for Native children and families in Montana.

Professional development opportunities are also offered to DPHHS staff members. On June 30, 2021, a training on ICWA was provided to Great Falls Child and Family Services Division Child Protection staff, which focused on the ICWA legal background, identification of an Indian child, ICWA jurisdiction, tribal transfers, a detailed review of practicing active efforts, application of placement preferences, and affidavit review.



*Brooke Barker-Taylor, Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Child Protection Unit, presents at the Qualified Expert Witness (QEW) Training on the role of the QEW and how to prepare for testimony in the courtroom. Photo by Lesa Evers*



*Little Shell Tribal Councilwoman Iris Killeagle provides QEW testimony during a mock training held in the Great Falls courtroom. Photo by Lesa Evers*

# SAFE COMMUNITIES

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis has tragically impacted far too many families in Montana. The victims and their families deserve justice, and this crisis must end.

In Montana, Native Americans make up about 7 percent of our population, but they account for about 26 percent of missing persons. Between 2017 and 2019, nearly 80 percent of those reported missing were teenagers younger than 18 years of age. Native American women face a murder rate 10 times higher than the national average, and 84 percent experience some form of violence in their lifetime.

To curb this tragic trend, the Montana Missing Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Task Force was created in 2019. The task force administers the Looping in Native Communities (LINC) Grant Program, which awarded \$25,000 to the Blackfeet Community College (BCC) to design and develop a new online reporting portal and to create an alert system for Native American families to report missing persons in Montana.

Through a series of MMIP listening sessions, four main themes were common among tribal communities in both urban and reservation areas, including the need to

1. Increase law enforcement resources to address missing person cases,
2. Establish effective standardized protocols when a person is reported missing,
3. Improve communication between law enforcement, families, and state agencies, and
4. Ensure accountability of system-based agencies.

The task force recommended strategies to the State-Tribal Relations Committee to improve the

response to missing Native Americans, and the American Indian Caucus partnered with Governor Gianforte to get them across the finish line.

First, Governor Gianforte signed Senate Bill 4 to extend the work of the MMIP Task Force to June 30, 2022, allowing them to continue to support efforts to identify the causes of the MMIP crisis and work to combat it.

Second, Governor Gianforte also signed House Bill 98, extending the MMIP Task Force and the LINC Grant Program to June 30, 2022.

Finally, Governor Gianforte signed House Bill 35 to ensure that gaps in the justice and law enforcement system are filled by establishing the Missing Indigenous Persons Review Commission at the Montana Department of Justice. The attorney general will appoint members of the commission, to include representatives from tribes, state government, nonprofits, and local, state, federal, and tribal law.

Taken together, these laws bring more resources to bear to end this crisis and equip the state with the tools needed to track data, raise awareness, and strengthen interagency collaboration to protect Montana's Indigenous persons.



*Attorney General Austin Knudsen with members of the Montana Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force. Left to Right: Attorney General Knudsen, Patt Iron Cloud Runs Through, Iris Killeagle, Jody LaMere, Dr. Paula Carter, Mark Pollock, Jared Cobell, Ellie Bundy, and Valerie Falls Down. Photo by Emilee Cantrell*

## ROAD SAFETY

The Safe On All Roads (SOAR) program, overseen by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), educates tribal communities on the dangers of impaired driving and the importance of seat belt use. In partnership with tribal communities, a local coordinator on each reservation identifies outreach opportunities and acts as a spokesperson to advocate for traffic safety.

In addition, law enforcement from Fort Belknap and other stakeholders on the Blackfeet, Rocky

Boy's, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne reservations recently formed the Northern Tribes DUI Task Force which focuses on reducing impaired and/or drug related traffic crashes through increased education and law enforcement.

MDT funds are provided to Tribal Law Enforcement agencies for high visibility enforcement activities through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). In the last fiscal year, MDT's State Highway Traffic Safety Program provided \$404,219 to support these efforts.



*Safe On All Roads (SOAR) Teen Buckle Up Campaign in tribal communities lunched from February 2021 to June 2021. Photo by Wendt Agency, MDT*

## CONSUMER PROTECTION AND JUSTICE

### INSURANCE SERVICES

The Montana State Auditor's office is a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and plays an active role on its American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee. This committee engages in an ongoing dialogue between NAIC members and American

Indian communities to foster information sharing and better understanding of consumer and insurance issues faced by American Indians. Regarding insurance services, CSI has provided technical assistance to the Crow Tribe for its application to establish a funeral insurance group for their tribal members.

## COMBATING FRAUD AND ABUSE

As a consumer protection agency, the Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) investigates and prosecutes bad actors who take advantage of consumers. Under Commissioner Troy Downing's leadership, the agency is increasing the availability of educational resources and training opportunities to raise consumer awareness and enhance prevention efforts with the general public and targeted groups, including Native Americans.



*Gov. Gianforte, Commissioner Downing, and CSI staff.  
Photo by CSI*

## JUSTICE FOR MONTANANS AMERICORPS PROJECT

The Governor's Office of Community Service is the grantor to Justice For Montanans (JFM), a 23-member AmeriCorps program of the Montana Legal Services Association that increases access to legal information and services for income-eligible Montanans. JFM works with seven public-private partner sites that implement outreach efforts in tribal communities, including the Self-Help Law Centers with the Supreme Court Help Program, the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services, the Office of Child and Family Ombudsman, Montana Fair Housing, YWCA Missoula, and the Legal Services Developer Program at DPHHS.

In the last year, JFM's AmeriCorps members have served 1,286 tribal members with consumer protection assistance against predatory lending practices, estate planning services, tenant rights' advocacy, support in establishing wills to ensure families are able to retain their trust lands, and legal assistance with civil cases in Tribal Courts.

On April 15, 2021, Department of Corrections (DOC) Director Brian Gootkin traveled to the Flathead Reservation with DOC tribal liaison Harlan Trombley and State Director of Indian Affairs Misty Kuhl to discuss alternatives to incarceration with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Defenders Office. The CSKT Tribal Defenders Office operates the Flathead Reservation Reentry Program, which serves as a model program in assisting tribal members who are transitioning back to the Flathead Reservation from a correctional facility. The program's holistic approach addresses key services such as driver's license restoration, cultural mentoring, mediation, Pro Se clinic, community outreach, and psychological support. The program employs strategies proven effective in reducing recidivism rates among chronic reoffenders suffering from substance abuse and mental illness. Director Gootkin pledged to prepare a plan that will work to reduce recidivism in the DOC system.



*The visiting Montana government officials at the CSKT Defenders Office included (from left) Montana Department of Corrections American Indian Liaison Harlan Trombley; Misty Kuhl, director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs; and Brian Gootkin, director of the Montana Department of Corrections.  
Photo by B.L. Azure of Char-Koosta News*

# APPENDIX A:

## TRIBAL NATIONS' MAIN CONTACTS

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# APPENDIX B:

## AMERICAN INDIANS SERVING MONTANA

Board	Name of Appointee	Tribal Affiliation
9-1-1 Advisory Council	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
Advisory Council on Aging, Governor's	Gerald Pease	Crow
	Roberta Big Back	Northern Cheyenne
Agriculture Development Council, Montana	George Kipp	Blackfeet
Architects and Landscape Architects, Board of	Steven Small	Northern Cheyenne
Arts Council, Montana	Corky Clairmont	Salish/Kootenai
	Angela Russell	Northern Cheyenne
	Sean Chandler	Gros Ventre
Burial Preservation Board	Skye Gilham	Blackfeet
	John Murray	Blackfeet
	Alvin Windy Boy Sr.	Chippewa Cree
	William Big Day	Crow
	Tom Escarcega	Fort Peck Tribes
	Richard Parenteau	Little Shell Chippewa
	Conrad Fisher	Northern Cheyenne
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Commission	Arlene Templer	Salish/Kootenai
Coal Board	Veronica Small-Eastman	Crow
Crime Control, Board of	Angela Russell	Northern Cheyenne
	Jared Cobell	Blackfeet
	Richard Kirn	Assiniboine Sioux
Criminal Justice Oversight	Andy Huff	Chippewa Cree
Dentistry, Board of	Aimee Ameline	Little Shell Chippewa

<b>Board</b>	<b>Name of Appointee</b>	<b>Tribal Affiliation</b>
Emergency Response Commission (SERC), State	Dale Nelson	Salish/Kootenai
Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Professional	Wallace Gladstone	Blackfeet
Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force	Carole Lankford	Salish/Kootenai
Flathead Basin Commission	Jasmine Courville-Brown	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
Historical Society Board of Trustees	Steve Lozar	Salish/Kootenai
Horseracing, Board of	Shawn Real Bird	Crow
Housing, Board of	Robert Gauthier	Salish/Kootenai
Interagency Coordinating Council for State Prevention Programs	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
	Leslie Caye	Salish/Kootenai
Invasive Species Council (ISC)	Gerald Cobell	Blackfeet
	Gail Whiteman	Crow
	Dennis Longknife	Assiniboine Gros Ventre
	Martin Charlo	Salish/Kootenai
	Charles Headdress	Fort Peck Tribes
	Brandon Gopher	Chippewa Cree
Land Information Advisory Council (LIAC)	Carl Healy	Fort Belknap Indian Community
Livestock Loss Board	Patricia Quisno	Gros Ventre (White Clay)
	Joseph Kipp	Blackfeet
Nursing, Board of (BON)	Sandy Sacry	Salish/Kootenai
Pardons and Parole, Board of	Kristina Lucero	Coastal Salish
Public Safety Communications System Advisory Council, Statewide	Joshua Turnsplenty	Crow
Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)	Jess Edwards	Blackfeet
Regents of Higher Education, Board of	Casey Lozar	Salish/Kootenai

Board	Name of Appointee	Tribal Affiliation
Rehabilitation Council, State (SRC)	Arlene Templer	Salish/Kootenai
	Marvin Weatherwax	Blackfeet
State-Tribal Economic Development (STED) Commission	Len Twoteeth	Salish/Kootenai
	Delina Cuts The Rope	Assiniboine Gros Ventre
	Carl Kipp	Blackfeet
	Cheryl Reevis	Blackfeet
	Shawn Real Bird	Crow
	Harold Male Bear Stone	Crow
	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
	Jestin Dupree	Fort Peck Tribes
	Kaci Walette	Fort Peck Tribes
	Gerald Gray	Little Shell Chippewa
	Clarence Sivertsen	Little Shell Chippewa
	Merlin Sioux	Northern Cheyenne
Tourism Advisory Council (TAC)	Lane Spotted Elk	Northern Cheyenne
	Alger Swingley	Blackfeet
Transportation Commission	Noel Sansaver	Assiniboine Sioux
Trauma Care Committee	Sara Bonanini	Blackfeet
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Council, Montana	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
Veterans' Affairs, Board of	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
	Marvin Weatherwax	Blackfeet
	Ryan Beston	Fort Peck Tribes
Youth Justice Council (YJC)	Minnetta Armstrong	Blackfeet
	Geri Small	Northern Cheyenne
	Chase Comes At Night	Blackfeet
	RaeGyn Trombley	Blackfeet
	George Real Bird	Northern Cheyenne

# APPENDIX C:

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# APPENDIX D: STATE-TRIBAL AGREEMENTS

Tribe	Agency Name	Activity Category	Agreement Name	Status	Contact	Phone
BLACKFEET	Administration	Supplies	Cooperative Purchasing Agreement	In Effect	Berka, Lauren	406-444-3308
	Agriculture	Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2020-556 SRG	Expired	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Business Development	Blackfeet Nation Bottled Water Company ICED	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Heart Butte Fuel/C-Store Feasibility Study ICED	Expired	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Education	Montana Indian Language Program Grant	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
	Corrections	Crime Control	Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998
	Environmental Quality	Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Fish & Wildlife Management	Collaborative Wildlife Survey and Research	In Effect	Kuka, Kqyn	406-750-3574
			Swift Fox Conservation Strategy	In Effect	Hanauska-Brown, Lauri	406-444-5209
	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Communication System Equipment MOU	In Effect	Feldman, Mike	406-490-9310
			CJIN Agreement with Law Enforcement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Child & Family Services	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Head Start	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Personnel Department	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Eliel, Joan	406-444-1907
	Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
	Job & Worker Training	BCC Montana Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741	
		State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674	

Tribe	Agency Name	Activity Category	Agreement Name	Status	Contact	Phone
BLACKFEET	Labor & Industry	Job & Worker Training	Working Friends One-Stop Workforce Employment Center	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
	Military Affairs	Homeland Security / DES	Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Bruno, Delila	406-324-4766
			Operation Stonegarden	Expired	Bruno, Delila	406-324-4766
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Forestry	Arbor Day Educational Video	Expired	Kirby, Jamie	406-542-4288
			Arbor Day Grant UCF-21-028-01	Expired	Kirby, Jamie	406-542-4288
			Scoping Notice of Timber Sales	In Effect	Germann, Sonya	406-542-4306
		Water	Birch Creek Water Use Deferral Agreement	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Reserved Water Rights Compact Implementation	Expired	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			St. Mary's Working Group	In Effect	Dailey, Mike	406-228-2561
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
	Public Health & Human Services	Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	Expired	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	Expired	Gibbs, Anna	406-655-7669
		Family Services	Foster Care Services - Blackfeet Nurturing Center	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			SEARCHS Inquiry Access Agreement	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services & Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033600003	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Tribal IV-D Tribal Child Support Training & Technical Assistance	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
		Nutrition	Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676
			Women, Infants and Children Contract 19075210250	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
			WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
		Prevention Services	Zero Suicide Program	In Effect	Boehm, Madeline	406-444-3743
		Public Health & Health Services	Community Based Prevention	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Eagle Shield Senior Citizens Home & Community Based Services	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-852-0322
			Emergency Preparedness	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Healthy Young Parent Program	Expired	Hamm, Maria	406-444-2834
			Home Visiting Program Contract	Expired	Gaub-Bruno, Kaci	406-444-0955

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BLACKFEET		Public Health & Health Services	Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Eligibility Determination 18022120050	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Task Order	In Effect	Matthews, Marie	406-444-4084
			Partnership for Success	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Passport to Health Provider Agreement	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Personal Assistance Program	In Effect	Holm, Abigail	406-444-4564
			State Opioid Response 20	Expired	Ware, Joclynn	406-444-9304
			State Opioid Response 21	In Effect	Ware, Joclynn	406-444-9304
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
	Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
			Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
	Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	East of Kiowa - East STPP 58-1(44)6	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Kiowa Junction - N & S STPP 58-1(46)10	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			St Mary's Rd-Spider Lake Rd MT 18(41)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			State Primary Route 58/US 89 - STPP58-1(53)14	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-2 Lighting-Wolf Point NH1-10(80)590	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Project Specific Agreement	Browning - Southwest (PE) National Highway Route 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Glacier County Snow Dence	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Glacier County Snow Fence	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hudson Bay Divide South - SP58/US 89 Reconstruction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hudson Bay Divide South (PE) Stae Primary 58	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hudson Bay Divide South Reconstruct the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Junciton US-89 - East Browning (PE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Kiowa Junction - N & S Reconstruction of the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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BLACKFEET	Transportation	Project Specific Agreement	N of Kyowa N - Reconstruction of roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 159 Badger Creek Installation of fencing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 159 Badger Creek South Fencing (CN & CE) PR3	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 159 Duck Lake Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 159 Duck Lane Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 159 SO Cut Bank Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 159 South of Cut Bank Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Two Medicine Bridge (PE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-8g Erosion Repairs - Two medicine	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CHIPPEWA CREE	Agriculture	Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Business Development	Meat Processing Facility Study	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Education	Montana Indian Language Program Grant	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
	Corrections	Crime Control	Family Resource Project	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998
			Juvenile Justice Program	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998
	Environmental Quality	Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
			Rural Water Systems Collaboration	In Effect	Steinmetz, Amy	406-444-4632
	Governor's Office	Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	CJIN Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Eliel, Joan	406-444-1907
	Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
		Job & Worker Training	Montana Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
			State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Water	Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
		Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013	

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CHIPPEWA CREE	Public Health & Human Services	Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Family Services	Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			State/Tribal IV-D Child Support Training & Assistance	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033660005	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Nutrition	Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250010	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			Head Start Child and Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676
			Women, Infants and Children Contract 19075210290	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
			WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
		Public Health & Health Services	Breast and Cervical Health MOU	In Effect	Wamsley, Mark	406-444-0063
			Community Based Prevention	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID 20	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID 21	In Effect	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Emergency Preparedness 18-07-6-11-044-0	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Health Center Medicaid Eligibility Determination	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Home Visiting Contract 20075411830	Expired	Gaub-Bruno, Kaci	406-444-0955
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Administrative Match	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Administrative Match Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Task Order	In Effect	Matthews, Marie	406-444-4084
			Partners for Success 20-332-74755-0	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Passport to Health Provider Agreement	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			RCBHCr Home and Community Based Services Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-852-0322
			RBHC Personal Care Assistance Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-852-0322
			Substance Use Disorders - White Sky Hope	In Effect	Higgins, Melissa	406-444-9344

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CHIPPEWA CREE	Public Health & Human Services	Public Health & Health Services	Substance Use Disorders 20-332-74905-0	Expired	Higgins, Melissa	406-444-9344
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
			Treatment for Use of Stimulants Pilot Program	In Effect	Perkins, Bobbi	406-444-6981
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
	Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
			Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
	Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CONFED- ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Administration	Forestry	Ecological Restoration Services	In Effect	Berka, Lauren	406-444-3308
	Agriculture	Environmental Health	Pesticides Containers Recycling MOU	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
		Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2020-557 SRG	Expired	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2020-558 SRG	Expired	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Business Development	Big Arm Store Property Feasibility Study	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Education	Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Kootenai	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Salish	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
	Corrections	Crime Control	Expand Capacity in Response to COVID	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998
			Tribal Defenders Holistic Defense/Prevent COVID Spread	In Effect	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998
	Environmental Quality	Cooperative Agreement	Clark Fork River Cleanup	In Effect	Chavez, Joel	406-444-6407
		Environmental Health	Clark Fork River Superfund Cleanup	In Effect	Chavez, Joel	406-444-6407
			Flathead Lake Water Quality Standards Consultation	In Effect	Steffens, Galen	406-444-2680
			Lake County Transfer Station License	In Effect	Thompson, Rick	406-444-5345
		Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Education	Missouri Headwaters & Madison Buffalo Jump State Parks	In Effect	LaBroad, Betsy	406-577-7892
		Fish & Wildlife Management	Annual Flathead Lake Honoring Day Collaboration	In Effect	Williams, James	406-751-4566
			Bear and Wolf Conflicts Program Agreement	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600
			Bird Hunting and Fishing Agreement	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Fish & Wildlife Management	Collaborative Wildlife Survey and Research	In Effect	Williams, James	406-751-4566	
			Enforcement Ex-Officio Warden Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561	
			Ex-Officio Partnership on Fish & Wildlife Co-management	In Effect	Williams, James	406-751-4566	
			Flathead Fisheries Survey	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600	
			Flathead Lake Co-management Plan / Fisheries	In Effect	Williams, James	406-751-4566	
			Hungry Horse Mitigation	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600	
			Montana Bison Management & Tribal Treaty Bison Hunt	In Effect	Delaray, Mark	406-751-4550	
			Wildlife Surveys on the Flathead Indian Reservation	In Effect	Brooks, Adam	406-444-3032	
			Wildlife, Fisheries, Water & Cultural Resource Management Coordination	In Effect	Williams, James	406-751-4566	
			Wolverine Metapopulation Monitoring & Connectivity	In Effect	Wakeling, Brian	406-444-0042	
		Land Management	Cultural Sites & Interpretation at Milltown State Park MOA	In Effect	Kujstodia, Michael	406-542-5533	
			Winter Storytelling Series Collaboration at Travelers' Rest State Park	In Effect	Flynn, Loren	406-273-4253	
		Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Buffalo Treaty Hunting Rights Negotiations	In Effect	Dockter, Rebecca	406-444-4047	
		Wildlife & Livestock Management	Wildlife Management Agreement	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600	
		Historical Society	Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
		Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Communication System Equipment MOU	In Effect	Feldman, Mike	406-490-9310
				CJIN Agreement with Tribal Police	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
				Cross Deputization Law Enforcement MOA/Traffic Offenses	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
				Fingerprint Program User Agreement Human Resources Dept.	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
				Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
				Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Hansen, Kristin	406-444-2026
				Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Eliel, Joan	406-444-1907
		Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
				Electrical Permitting and Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
			Job & Worker Training	Mission Valley One-Stop Consortium Agreement	In Effect	Krantz, Debra	406-883-7894
				Salish Kootenai College MT Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
				State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
		Natural Resources & Conservation	Forestry	Scoping Notice of Timber Sales	In Effect	Germann, Sonya	406-542-4306

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Natural Resources & Conservation	Forestry	Wildland Fire Protection Service Agreement	In Effect	Monzie, John	406-542-4220
		Water	Contracted Water From Hungry Horse Reservoir	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Water Management MOU WM-CSKT-159	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
		Water Quality	Removal of Tailings Along Revais Creek	Expired	Andreson Fohnagy, Heidi	406-444-6691
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Title IV-E Stipends and Training	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Foster Care Independence Program - Task Order	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Gibbs, Anna	406-655-7669
		Family Services	Case Referral Plan Memorandum of Understanding	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
			Child Support License	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
			Foster Care Services - Second Circle Lodge	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			State/Tribal IV-D Child Support Training & Assistance	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033620004	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Nutrition	Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676
			Women, Infants and Children Contract 19075210270	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
			WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
		Prevention Services	Zero Suicide Program	In Effect	Boehm, Madeline	406-444-3743
		Public Health & Health Services	Breast and Cervical Health MOU	In Effect	Wamsley, Mark	406-444-0063
			Community Based Prevention	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Emergency Preparedness	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Eligibility Determination	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Task Order	In Effect	Matthews, Marie	406-444-4084

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Public Health & Human Services	Public Health & Human Services	Partnership for Success	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Passport to Health Provider Agreement	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
	Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcohol Beverage Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
	Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	Lower Clark Fork River Basin -STPX24(58)9212	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lower Clark Fork River Basin -STPX24(59)9212	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Project Specific Agreement	2019 OJT Program	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			2020 OJT Program	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Construction of Multi-use Path - SE Pablo	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Dixon - Ravalli Resurfacing of the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Dixon - Ravalli State Primary Route 6/MT 200 Resurfacing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Dixon - West State Primary Route 6 Resurfacing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Elmo - West Resurface the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Elmo - West, Primary Route 36	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Evaro - Whispering Pines - Seal and cover	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Flathead River-1M E Perma	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs - N & S Resurface the Roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs - N & S Resurface the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs - N & S. Resurface the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lonepine North Seal and cover of roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			McClure Rd North of Arlee - Seal & cover	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			North of Polson - North Microsurfacing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Perma Canyon - North Resurfacing the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Perma Canyon - North Route 382 Resurfacing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Rollins N & S - Crack seal with a seal and cover	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Round Butte Rd Path - Ronan Sidewalks and path	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Transportation	Project Specific Agreement	SF 159 Lake Sasnders Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Eagle Pass Trail Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Eagle Pass Trail Safety Study	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 93 Evaro - Polson NH Route 5 Corridor Recon-struction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 93 North Wildlife Fencing(PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-93 Peterson Mitigation Site	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Whispering Pines - McClure Rd - Seal & cover	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			WS 3-Johnson Wetland Mitigation	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Weeds	PSA 2018 Weed Control	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CROW	Agriculture	Environmental Health	Pesticide Container Recycling MOU	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
		Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Business Development	Engineering Report for Trades Building ICED	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Education	MILP - Little Big Horn College Project	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
		Housing & Community Development	Apsaalooke HA Homes I	In Effect	Christensen, Amy	406-841-2800
		Facility Infrastructure Con-struction	Phase 3C Wastewater Improvements CDD TSEP	Expired	Lemon, Renee	406-841-2773
			Phase 3c WW Collection 17-0787 CDD CB	In Effect	Lemon, Renee	406-841-2773
	Environmental Quality	Cooperative Agreement	Crow Coal Collaboration	In Effect	Smith, Robert	406-444-4967
		Environmental Health	Hardin Landfill Expansion License	In Effect	Thompson, Rick	406-444-5345
		Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish,Wildlife & Parks	Education	Chief Plenty Coups State Park Day of Honor & Crow Language Camp	In Effect	Kind, Aaron	406-781-2289
			Makoshika State Park 2019-2020 Tribal Activity	In Effect	Stockwell, Hope	406-444-4585
			Rock Art Imagery Consultation	In Effect	Stockwell, Hope	406-444-4585
		Fish & Wildlife Manage-ment	Day of Honor Buffalo Donation MOU	In Effect	Kin, Aaron	406-731-2289
	Governor's Office	Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Justice	Law Enforcement - Coop-eration	Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483

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CROW	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Eliel, Joan	406-444-1907
	Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
		Human Services - Veterans	Veterans Outreach Program Collaboration	In Effect	Altmaier, Dan	406-655-6065
		Job & Worker Training	LBHC Montana Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
			State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
	Military Affairs	Homeland Security / DES	Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Bruno, Delila	406-324-4766
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Water	Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Wastewater Collection System Improvement Phase 3C	In Effect	Kulczyk, Ann	406-228-4129
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator License Collaboration Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
	Public Health & Human Services	Family Services	Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033610001	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Nutrition	Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676
			Women, Infants and Children Contract 19075210260	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
		Public Health & Health Services	County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Emergency Preparedness	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
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			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
	Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
	Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	2012 Scour Mitigation BH STWD(168)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Battlefield Rest Area IM 90-9(97)511	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			D5 Interstate Fencing IM STWD(240)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hardin-South STPS 313-1(16)1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CROW	Transportation	Project Specific Agreement	2012 Scour Mitigation	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			County Road 02200-W Crow Agency (RW) ST Hwy 02200	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Harden South Reconstruction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Hardin South (CE) Route 313	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Hardin South (IC) Secondary Route 313 Reconstruction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Hardin South (PE) Route 313	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			I-90 Culvert - Lodge Grass (PH1)-Inst of steel tube braces	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			I-90 Culvert - Lodge Grass (PH2) Culvert Replacement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			I-90 Culvert - Lodge Grass Repair/ Culvert Replacement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SF 16g Buildings District Safety Improvements (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SF 17g Lodge Grass Shoulder Widening Study	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SF 17g Lodge Grass Widen	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SF129 Billings HRZNTL CRV SIGN (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Study to Mitigate I-90 Flooding - Crow Agency	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SW of Lodge Grass - SW Resurface roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SW of Lodge Grass - SW Resurface roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SW of Lodge Grass Mill Plant - seal & cover roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
		Revenue Sharing		Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
	FORT BELKNAP	Agriculture	Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
Commerce		Business Development	Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775	
		Education	Montana Indian Language Program Grant	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754	
Corrections		Crime Control	PPE & Clean Facilities - FBIC Work Force Program	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998	
			Victim/Trauma Screen 18-V01-92361	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998	
Environmental Quality		Environmental Health	Zortman-Landusky Mine and Swift Gulch Drainage - Technical Working Group MOU	In Effect	Jepson, Wayne	406-444-0529	
		Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493	
Fish,Wildlife & Parks		Fish & Wildlife Management	Pearl Dace Minnow Sampling	Expired	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600	
			Tribal Hunting Collaborative Project	In Effect	Howell, Ron	406-228-3718	
Governor's Office		Gaming		Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111

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FORT BELKNAP	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	CJIN Agreement with Tribal Police	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Tribal Childcare Program	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Elie, Joan	406-444-1907
	Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
		Job & Worker Training	Fort Belknap College MT Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
			State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
	Livestock	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Livestock Criminal Investigation Collaboration	In Effect	Honeycutt, Mike	406-444-9321
	Military Affairs	Homeland Security / DES	Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Bruno, Delila	406-324-4766
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Remediation	Fort Belknap Old Agency Assessment & Cleanup Planning	In Effect	Andreson Fohnagy, Heidi	406-444-6691
		Water	St. Mary's Working Group	In Effect	Dailey, Mike	406-228-2561
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
	Public Health & Human Services	Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families MOE	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Family Services	Cooperation on CSED Services and Data Sharing MOA	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Tribal IV-D Tribal Child Support Training and Technical Assistance	In Effect	Pfeifer, K. Amy	406-444-3893
		Nutrition	Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250030	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			FDPIR Cares Act 20027190060	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			FDPIR Cares Act 21027190500	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			Head Start Child and Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676
			Women, Infants and Children Contract	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
			WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
		Prevention Services	Zero Suicide Program	In Effect	Boehm, Madeline	406-444-3743
		Public Health & Health Services	Community Based Prevention	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID 20	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635

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FORT BELKNAP	Public Health & Human Services	Public Health & Human Services	County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID 21	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Emergency Preparedness	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			FBHC Home & Community Based Services Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-852-0322
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Eligibility Determination	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1917
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Task Order	In Effect	Matthews, Marie	406-444-4084
			Partnership for Success	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Passport to Health Provider Agreement	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Personal Care Assistance Program	In Effect	Holm, Abigail	406-444-4564
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
	Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
			Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
	Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	SF129 Great Falls Horizontal CRV Signing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Project Specific Agreement	US-191 Slide N of DY Junction (RW) National Highway 61	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-191 Slide N of DY Junction Slope stabilization	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-191 Slide Noth of DY Junction - Slide correction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
FORT PECK	Agriculture	Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2020-559 SRG	Expired	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Business Development	Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
			Reservation Zoning & Development Ordinance	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
		Education	Montana Indian Language Program Grant	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
	Corrections	Crime Control	FPT Adult Corrections CCTV Upgrade	Expired	DeLaCruz, Criselda	406-444-1998
	Environmental Quality	Environmental Health	Wolf Point Landfill Siting License	In Effect	Thompson, Rick	406-444-5345
		Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493

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FORT PECK	Environmental Quality	Water	Rural Water Systems Collaboration	In Effect	Steinmetz, Amy	406-444-4632
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Fish & Wildlife Management	Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Dalbey, Steve	406-228-3706
			Quarantine Bison Feasibility Study Agreement	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600
			Swift Fox Conservation Strategy	In Effect	Hanauska-Brown, Lauri	406-444-5209
	Governor's Office	Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Cross-Deputization of Law Enforcement	In Effect	Hansen, Kristin	406-444-2026
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Foster Home Licensing	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Hansen, Kristin	406-444-2026
			Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Eliel, Joan	406-444-1907
	Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
	Labor & Industry	Job & Worker Training	FPCC Montana Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
			Job Service Office Wolf Point/Glasgow	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
			State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
			WoRC Program Rental Agreement	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
	Military Affairs	Homeland Security / DES	Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Bruno, Delila	406-324-4766
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Water	Dry Prairie Regional Water System Collaboration	Expired	Bostrom, Mark	406-444-9708
			Frazer Pump Automation RPG-20-0652	Expired	Kulczyk, Ann	406-228-4129
			Lift Ditch VFD Replacement IDG-20-0281	Expired	Kulczyk, Ann	406-228-4129
			Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
	Public Health & Human Services	Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Family Services	Foster Care Services - The Children's Lodge	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			MOA between DPHHS, CFSD, BIA and Fort Peck Tribes	In Effect	Barnosky, Eric	406-234-1385
			Title IV-E Case Management Services	Expired	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services & Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033640006	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Nutrition	Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267

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FORT PECK	Public Health & Human Services	Nutrition	FDPIR Cares Act	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267	
			Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676	
			Women, Infants and Children Contract	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923	
			WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923	
		Prevention Services	Zero Suicide Program	In Effect	Boehm, Madeline	406-444-3743	
		Public Health & Health Services	Community Based Prevention	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749	
			County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635	
			Emergency Preparedness	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611	
			Fort Peck HPDP Wellness Personal Assistance Program	In Effect	Holm, Abigail	406-444-4564	
			Fort Peck HPDP Wellness Waiver Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-852-0322	
			Home Visiting Program Contract 20075411730	Expired	Gaub-Bruno, Kaci	406-444-0955	
			Home Visiting Program Contract 20075411730	Expired	Gaub-Bruno, Kaci	406-444-0955	
			Home Visiting Support Services 16075010890	In Effect	Gaub-Bruno, Kaci	406-444-0955	
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813	
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940	
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813	
			Medicaid Task Order	In Effect	Matthews, Marie	406-444-4084	
			Partnership for Success	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023	
			Passport to Health Provider Agreement	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292	
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448	
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292	
		Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
				Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
		Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	Brockton-West NH 1-10(82)613 9405 Mill and overlay	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
				CORS Monument Construction - Wolf Point	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
				Nashua-East & West NH1-9(52)555 9028	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
				RR Xing-BIA Rte 1 - Wolf Point RRP 43(47)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
				Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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<b>FORT PECK</b>	Transportation	Project Specific Agreement	2019 OJT Program	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			2020 OJT Program	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Box Elder Creek Bridge Structure Replacement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Junction MT-25 - North Wolf Point (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Junction SEC 250 - North (RW) STPP32-1(30)17	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			MT-24 Slide Repair	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Nashua - East & West Resurfacing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Glendive (CE & CN) Multiple routes/counties	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Glendive horizontal curve signing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 - Poplar (CN & CE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 - Poplar (PE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 Poplar - Mill, pavement pulverization, overlay	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2-Poplar National Highway Rt 1 Reconstruction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2-Poplar (CN & CE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Vida - North & South Resurfacing the roadway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
	<b>LITTLE SHELL</b>	Commerce	Business Development	Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Job Creation	Expired	Robinson, Annmarie
			Hell Creek Recreation Area Lease & Operation	Expired	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Tribal Enterprises LLC Economic Development Plan	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
		Education	Montana Indian Language Program Grant	Expired	LeDeau, Billie	406-841-2754
Historical Society		Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
Office of Public Instruction		Education	Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
Public Health & Human Services		Public Health & Health Services	County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
<b>NORTHERN CHEYENNE</b>	Agriculture	Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2020-560 SRG	Expired	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund 2021 SRG	In Effect	Reimer, Jasmine	406-444-3140

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE	Commerce	Business Development	Native American Business Advisor Program Grant	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
			Northern Cheyenne Language Program	Expired	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
			Workforce Development Training Center	In Effect	Valandra, Maria	406-841-2061
		Construction / Maintenance	Transportation Sand/Salt Storage Facility	In Effect	Lemon, Renee	406-841-2773
		Facility Infrastructure Construction	Water/Wastewater Equipment Purchases	In Effect	Lemon, Renee	406-841-2773
	Environmental Quality	Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
		Water Quality	Tongue River Watershed TMDL-WAG	In Effect	Staten, Christina	406-444-2836
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Fish & Wildlife Management	Fish and Wildlife Enforcement MOU	In Effect	Schmitz, Brad	406-234-0913
		Historic Preservation	143rd Battle of the Rosebud Anniversary Collaboration	In Effect	Schell, Raymond	406-757-2298
	Governor's Office	Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Historical Society	Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Childcare Program	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Headstart Program	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Human Services	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Nat. Resources Dept.	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Tribal Health Programs	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
	Justice	Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Hansen, Kristin	406-444-2026
			Office of Victim Services MOU	In Effect	Eliel, Joan	406-444-1907
	Labor & Industry	Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2053
		Human Services - Veterans	Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Collaboration	In Effect	Altmaier, Dan	406-655-6065
		Job & Worker Training	Chief Dull Knife Montana Career Resource Network	In Effect	Painter, Janelle	406-444-2741
			State Workforce Innovation Board Statewide MOU	In Effect	Nelson, Jessica	406-444-1674
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Water	Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education	In Effect	Running Wolf, Lona	406-444-3013
	Public Health & Human Services	Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Family Services	Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE	Public Health & Human Services	Family Services	Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033650002	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Nutrition	Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program	In Effect	Palagi, Jamie	406-444-6676
			Women, Infants and Children Contract	In Effect	Girard, Kate	406-444-5923
		Public Health & Health Services	County and Tribal Matching Grant COVID	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			Emergency Preparedness	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation	In Effect	Davison, Nikki	406-447-4267
			Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Administrative Match Agreement	Expired	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Task Order	In Effect	Matthews, Marie	406-444-4084
			Passport to Health Provider Agreement	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			PREP Program	Expired	Hamm, Maria	406-444-2834
			Teen Pregnancy and STI Prevention	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			Tobacco Use Prevention Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2448
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Hart, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
	Revenue	Revenue Sharing	Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Nicholas	406-444-3339
	Transportation	Construction / Maintenance	Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Facility Construction / Maintenance	US 21 & MT-39 Roundabout Winter Maintenance	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Project Specific Agreement	Busby - East & West (PE) National Highway 37	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			East of Busby - East (PE) National Highway 3	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			East of Busby - East, (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lame Deer - West (CN & CE) National Hwy 37	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lame Deer - West (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Multi-use Path Construction Lame Deer	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Multi-use Path-Lame Deer CN & CE) Route 44684	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 169 Glendive South Safety Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Ashland Rabbittown Path Construction	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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