

# PARTNERS IN THE MONTANA COMEBACK



**2022 STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS REPORT**  
Governor Greg Gianforte

*Cover photo: Dancers performing during the University of Montana's 53rd annual Kyiyo Celebration on April 23, 2022. Credit: Tommy Martino, University of Montana*

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STATE OF MONTANA

GREG GIANFORTE  
GOVERNOR



KRISTEN JURAS  
LT. GOVERNOR

September 15, 2022

Dear Leaders of Tribal Nations in Montana,

Over the last fiscal year and since I was sworn into office as governor, it has been my pleasure and honor to work with you, advancing our shared goals together. We've sat down together at the State Capitol for tribal summits and, more importantly, in your community.

Today, I'm pleased to present to you the 2022 State-Tribal Relations Report, "Partners in the Montana Comeback."

We share a common goal: making Indian Country and all of Montana an even better place to live, work, raise a family, and do business. Over the last year, we've done that.

Together, we've implemented pro-jobs, pro-growth policies to help tribal communities and all of Montana prosper. Together, we've strengthened partnerships to create greater educational opportunity and conserve our environment. Together, we've preserved traditions and helped ensure those who came before us aren't forgotten but honored and remembered. And together, we've made our communities safer and healthier, and we've brought increased attention to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons.

While we've made great progress, there's still much we must do. I look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership as we lead the Montana Comeback and to visiting with you in your community.

It's an honor to serve as governor of Montana. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My door is always open to you.

Sincerely,

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

Greg Gianforte  
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Governor Greg Gianforte proudly presents the second State-Tribal Relations Report of his administration. The report, which covers accomplishments in Montana for the state fiscal year 2022, 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 four sections and four appendices:

**Section I, 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 II, 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 III, Natural Resources and Wildlife** – details collaborative initiatives between the State of Montana and the eight Tribal Nations in Montana to conserve our environment and manage our resources.

**Section IV, Safe and Healthy Communities** – outlines efforts to promote safe and healthy communities, including providing access to preventative health care resources, strengthening families, improving food security, combating the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, and advocating for and protecting consumers.

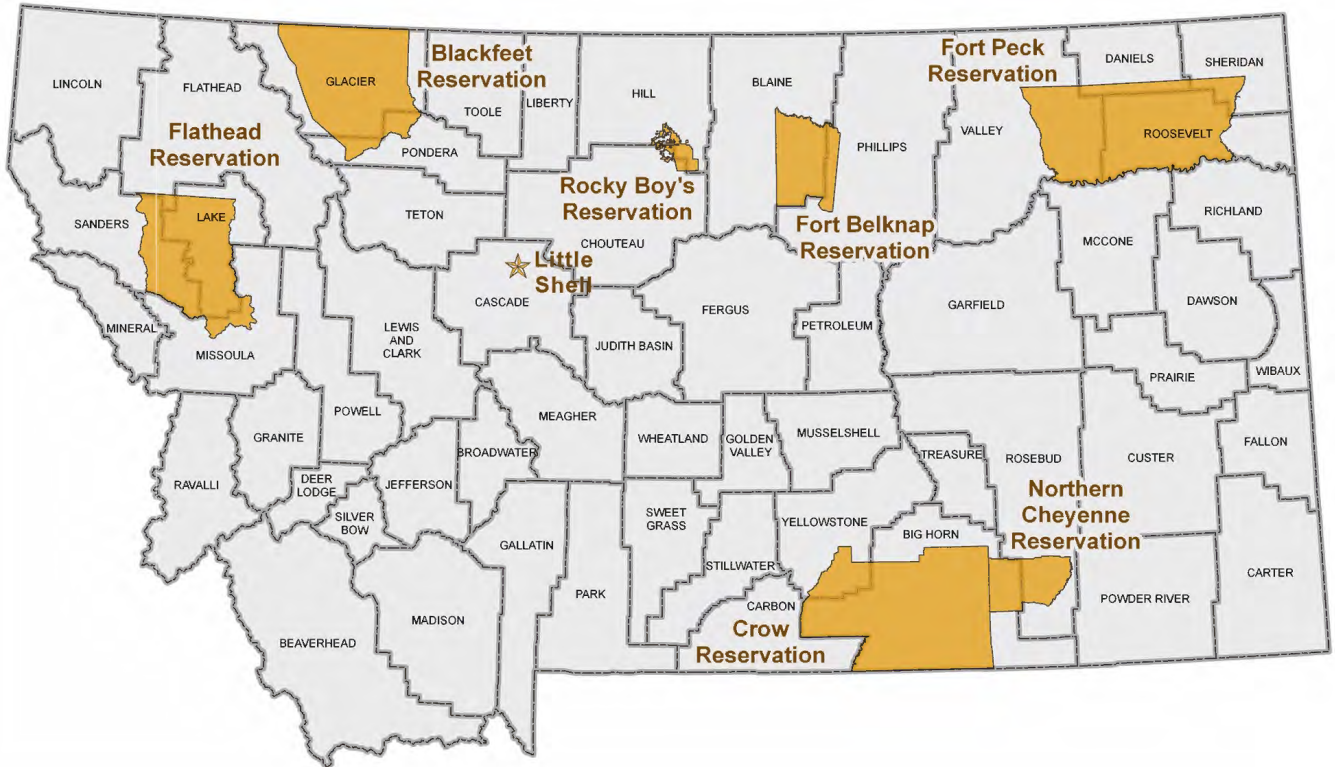
**Appendix A** – provides contact information for the eight Tribal Nations in Montana.

**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 nearly 500 agreements, negotiations, and collaborative efforts that occurred during state fiscal year 2022 between the state and the eight Tribal Nations in Montana.

# TRIBAL NATIONS OF MONTANA



## BLACKFEET RESERVATION

Home of the Blackfeet Nation headquartered in Browning, Montana

## FORT PECK RESERVATION

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

## CROW RESERVATION

Home of the Crow Nation headquartered in Crow Agency, Montana

## LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Headquartered in Great Falls, Montana

## FLATHEAD RESERVATION

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

## NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

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

## FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION

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

## ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION

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

# RESOURCES

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Governor's 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.

The Office of Indian Affairs coordinates efforts with the Montana American Indian Caucus, the State-Tribal Relations Committee, legislators, community stakeholders, and others to advocate for issues important to Indian Country.

Dedicated to community outreach, Director Kuhl has traveled thousands of miles each year 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.

## 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.

The committee encourages intergovernmental cooperation, conducts wide-ranging interim studies, and reports its activities, findings, and recommendations, including legislation, to the next Legislature.

Rep. Tyson Running Wolf of Browning serves as chairman, and Sen. Jason Small of Busby serves as vice chairman. Learn more about the committee at <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/strc/>.

## 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.

# GOVERNOR GIANFORTE STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

With a focus on making Montana an even better place to live, work, and raise a family, Governor Greg Gianforte in 2021 met with Montanans in each of the state's 56 counties and in each of the Indian reservations and headquarters. Traveling to visit tribal members in their communities and hosting tribal leaders in the State Capitol in his first 18 months in office, Governor Gianforte strengthened critical partnerships with tribal governments. These face-to-face meetings and in-person visits facilitate open discussions on shared priorities as well as challenges facing Indian Country and the state.



*Governor Gianforte hosts Fort Belknap Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Tribal leaders in the Capitol. Credit: Garrett Turner*

## HOSTING TRIBAL LEADERSHIP IN THE STATE CAPITOL

A priority as he leads the Montana Comeback, Governor Gianforte invites leadership from each tribe, including its chairman or president, members of its council, and other leadership, to the Montana State Capitol for a tribal summit. Governor Gianforte, Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, and tribal leaders share strategies on driving economic development, promoting health and wellness, and addressing substance use and addiction.



*Governor Gianforte and Lieutenant Governor Juras host Chippewa Cree Tribal leaders in the State Capitol (September 2021). Credit: Garrett Turner*

Following each summit, Governor Gianforte and First Lady Susan Gianforte invite the tribal leaders and state agency directors to their home to connect and share a meal. The results of these relationship-building opportunities include more direct, open lines of communication and a deeper, stronger partnership between state and tribal leaders.



*Governor Gianforte discusses economic development with Little Shell Chairman Gerald Gray. Credit: Garrett Turner*

Since September 2021, the governor and first lady have been honored to host tribal dignitaries of Crow Nation, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and Fort Belknap Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Tribes once, as well as tribal dignitaries from Blackfeet Nation and Little Shell Chippewa Tribe twice. The governor looks forward to hosting Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes and Northern Cheyenne Tribe leaders in the State Capitol and his home this fall.

## CONNECTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Governor Gianforte considers each visit to Indian Country an honor, proudly traveling to all of Montana's tribal headquarters or reservations in his first 18 months in office. Recent visits have prominently featured the return of the original flags that flew at the Tribal Flag Plaza at the State Capitol.



*Governor Gianforte presenting the first Northern Cheyenne flag flown at the Tribal Flag Plaza at the State Capitol to William Walksalong, senior advisor to the Northern Cheyenne President. Credit: Garrett Turner*

Unveiled at the Montana State Capitol in the fall of 2020, the Tribal Flag Plaza honors tribes in Montana and their many contributions to our state by displaying each tribal flag in front of the north entrance of the Capitol. As original flags were retired from the plaza and replaced with new flags last year, Governor Gianforte had the honor of returning the first tribal flags to fly at the plaza to each tribe in Montana.

*"Flying tribes' flags at Tribal Flag Plaza at the State Capitol is an ongoing symbol of our strong partnership with and deep appreciation for our tribal neighbors. It was appropriate and right to return the first flags to ever fly at the plaza back to tribes after being retired."  
– Governor Greg Gianforte.*



*Drummers from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes at a flag return ceremony (July 2021). Credit: Garrett Turner*

After hosting Blackfeet tribal leadership in the State Capitol this spring, the governor had the opportunity to visit the reservation and tour Siyeh Corporation, a federally registered and chartered corporation of the Blackfeet Tribe that is leading the development of broadband connectivity on the reservation. Consistent with the governor's goals to bridge the digital divide and expand broadband access throughout the state, Siyeh aims to provide greater broadband speeds and access to more homes.

That same day, the governor also toured one of Blackfeet Nation's prized economic enterprises, Glacier Family Foods in Browning. Stocking food and other products for families, the store also sells buffalo meat harvested by the tribe.



*Governor Gianforte greets an employee at Glacier Family Foods in Browning (May 2022). Credit: Garrett Turner*

The governor also visited Fort Peck Indian Reservation this spring, recognizing a standout student-athlete with the Spirit of Montana Award and touring the Thundering Buffalo Health and Wellness Center.

## Recognizing Jazmin Gorder for her Spirit of Montana

In April 2022, Governor Greg Gianforte recognized Jazmin Gorder, a two-time state wrestling champion and student council president at Poplar High School, with his Spirit of Montana Award. Gorder received the award for the outstanding example she has set for other young women on the Fort Peck Reservation and across the region.



*Governor and First Lady Susan Gianforte pictured with Jazmin Gorder after recognizing the student-athlete with a Spirit of Montana Award. Credit: Garrett Turner*

Fort Peck's Thundering Buffalo Health and Wellness Center is a \$23 million state-of-the-art facility employing approximately 70 people on the reservation. The facility features a swimming pool and sauna, a splash pool for children, an indoor track, and a six-basket basketball gym. It also includes a complete weight room and exercise area, locker rooms, a kitchen, and offices for medical personnel. Use of the facility is either free for qualifying members or very affordable.



*Gov. Gianforte tours the Thundering Buffalo Health and Wellness Center (April 2022). Credit: Garrett Turner*

Continuing an annual tradition, the governor and first lady last year were proud to attend the Crow Fair when it returned for the first time since 2019, visiting several camps with Chairman Frank White Clay. The Crow Fair, which has been held for over 100 years, is one of the largest powwows in the United States.



*Gov. Gianforte visits a camp with Crow Chairman Frank White Clay. Credit: Garrett Turner*

In total, Governor Gianforte visited all 56 counties and seven Indian reservations, along with the headquarters of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

## INVESTING IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

In his first 18 months in office, Governor Gianforte and tribal leaders have partnered to address the substance use epidemic in Indian Country. Together with the Department of Public Health and Human Services, the governor invested \$500,000 in substance abuse prevention and treatment programs for tribal communities through the HEART Fund. The HEART Fund, or Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment Fund, was the single largest new expenditure of the governor's first budget.

In addition to supporting nonprofits and non-governmental organizations that serve Montana's urban, rural, and tribal communities, the HEART Fund provides \$500,000 in grants directly to Tribal Nations each year for substance use disorder prevention; mental health promotion; mental health crisis, treatment, and recovery services; and tobacco prevention and cessation. In 2022, each Tribal Nation received \$62,500.

## TRANSITIONING THE OPERATION OF HELL CREEK TO THE LITTLE SHELL TRIBE

Beginning during the 2021 Legislative Session, the Governor's Office spearheaded a multi-agency effort to transition the operation of Hell Creek State Park to the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe. In March 2022, the tribe officially took over the park's operations.

This historic achievement has required the cooperation of several entities, including Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, local officials, and private interests. Hell Creek, which is situated on Fort Peck Reservoir north of Jordan, attracts nearly 30,000 visitors each year.

## IMPLEMENTING THE MONTANA WATER RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe's water compact was ratified in September 2021 with the signing of Governor Gianforte and United States Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland.

The Montana Water Rights Protection Act, which establishes the Confederated Salish and Kootenai's water rights, also authorizes \$1.9 billion to fund various water infrastructure, irrigation, and efficiency projects over the next several years.

As part of the Montana Water Rights Protection Act, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' Bison Range was restored to the tribes from the federal government. In the early 1900s, over 18,000 acres of tribal land that had at one time held one of North America's largest bison herds, were taken over by the federal government for management – without the consent of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

In May 2022, the tribes celebrated their Bison Range Restoration with games, a powwow, ceremonies, tours, and a screening of their tribally-produced film "In the Spirit of Ataticce," which depicts the history and significance of the range to the Salish and Kootenai people through stories told by elders. Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras was honored to celebrate with the tribe alongside U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and other dignitaries.

*"With the compact formally executed and with the Montana Water Rights Protection Act enacted into law, farmers, ranchers, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and all Montana water users will have the certainty they need about the use of one of our most precious resources, water. I am grateful for the leadership of Chairwoman Fyant, state legislators, and members of our federal delegation in Washington, D.C. for making the compact and the settlement a reality." – Governor Gianforte*

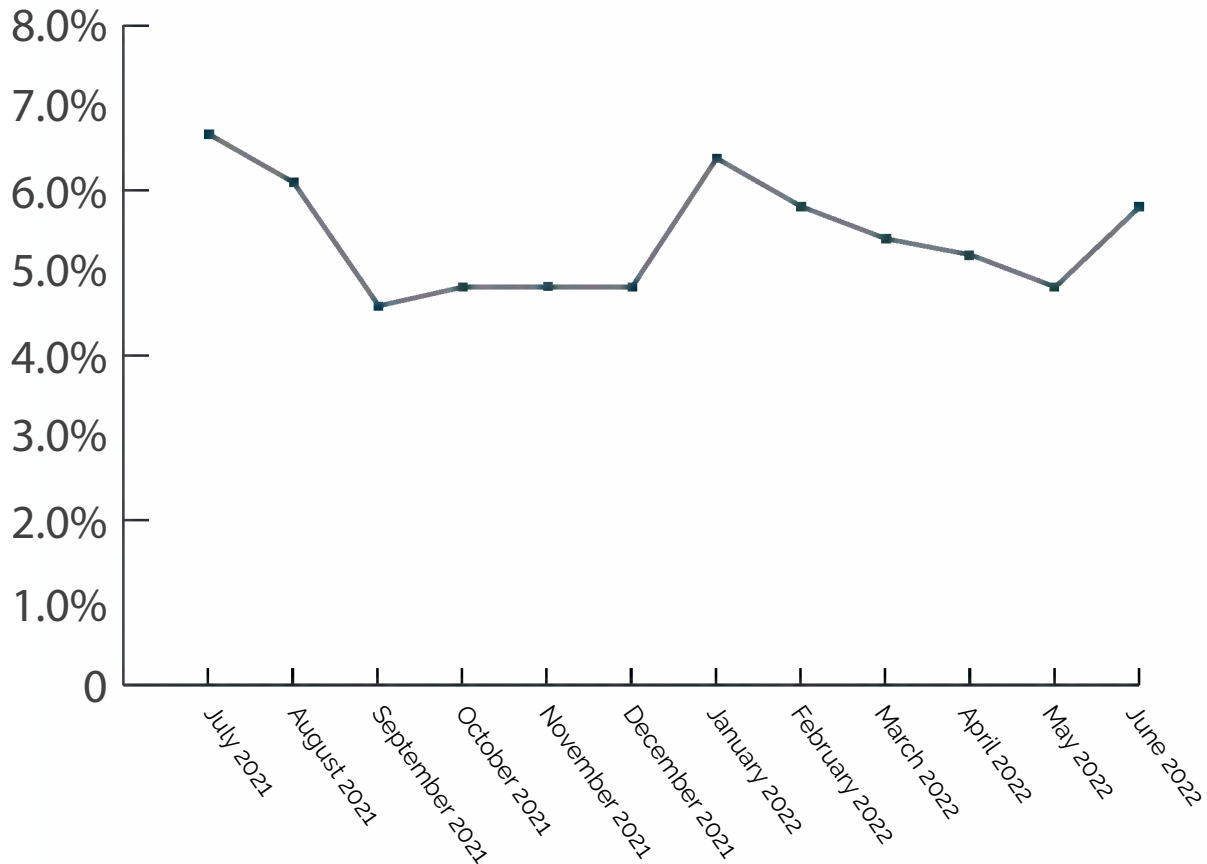
# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Following pandemic-related shutdowns and closures, Montana and Indian Country are open for business. As a result of Governor Gianforte's pro-jobs, pro-growth policies, every community in Montana experienced a historic economic recovery in the last year, including reservation communities. Our economy grew at a stronger rate in 2021 than in any year in more than 40 years. The state's unemployment rate hit its lowest level ever. And more Montanans are working than ever before.

The State of Montana will continue to work with Montanans in every community to make our state and Indian Country an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

## ECONOMIC RECOVERY

### Unemployment Rate Across Reservations in Montana, July 2021 to July 2022



*Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Seasonally-Unadjusted*

With the COVID-19 pandemic threatening the economic and job security of Montanans throughout our state, Governor Gianforte acted swiftly and deliberately to get our economy going again, get Montana open for business, and get Montanans back to work.

As a result of the governor's pro-jobs, pro-growth policies, Montana added 19,568 jobs in 2021, the most jobs added in one year ever measured. The state's economy grew at its fastest rate since 1980, growing nearly four times faster than the pre-pandemic average. Since February 2020, Montana experienced the fifth fastest total employment growth among states.

Every community in Montana continued its economic recovery in the last year, including reservation communities. In fact, the June 2020 unemployment rate of 10.5% across reservations fell to 6.7% in July 2021, dropping even further to 5.8% in June 2022. In the last twelve months, the unemployment rate throughout reservations hit 4.6% in September 2021, its lowest level on record.

# 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.

## SMALL BUSINESS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### MONTANA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Montana Small Business Development Center (MTSBDC) at the Montana Department of Commerce offers free one-to-one business counseling and low-cost training opportunities to Native entrepreneurs and small business owners across Montana. The network has 10 centers statewide that provide technical assistance for starting and managing a business, financial analysis, business planning, marketing, customer research, strategic planning, cyber security, loan packaging, and many other topics.

The MTSBDC network's counseling activity for Native entrepreneurs and business owners in the last year included: 73 total clients counseled, 175 jobs supported, 5 new business starts, 8 training events, 139 training Attendees, and 212 total entrepreneurs and small business owners counseled and trained.

### DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program's helps provide small, disadvantaged businesses a fair opportunity to compete for transportation contracts. In the last year, the DBE Program partnered with local economic development agencies to provide over 50 trainings to small businesses, including 10 trainings on reservations. Training topics include QuickBooks, social media, and business plans, among others. In addition, the DBE Program sponsored, attended, and aided businesses at the Native American Development Center's Annual Economic Development, Procurement, & Healthcare Conference in Billings.

The DBE Program continues to provide technical assistance, training, and reimbursement funding to support business development of the 31 Native American-owned firms certified in the DBE Program. DBE was able to graduate one Native American-owned firm from the program because it grew beyond the small business-size standards.

Native American-owned DBE firms were awarded over \$770,000 in contracts and subcontracts on MDT projects in the last year.

The Native American Business Advisors (NABA) grant program supports Native economic development organizations which offer business and credit technical assistance. NABAs are a key community asset in the development and success of Native American businesses.

To develop this asset, the program focuses on increasing the capacity of the NABA network, such as assisting individuals in business start-up, marketing, using business resources, and applying for commercial loans. Additionally, NABAs offer more robust application assistance to Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant applicants.

The NABA Grant also supports the activities of Native American community-based organizations, tribal colleges, and tribal government organizations that support private sector business development on reservations and in tribal communities.

*In the last year, the NABAs provided technical assistance to 657 individuals, Indian Equity Fund grant application assistance to 214 individual business owners, financial literacy assistance to 259 participants, loan application assistance to 43 individuals, and homeownership technical assistance to 98 individuals.*

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

*Bear Paw Development Corporation (Chippewa Cree)*

*Nakoda Aaniiih Credit Agency CDFI (Fort Belknap)*

*Great Northern Development Corporation (Fort Peck)*

*NACDC Financial Services (Blackfeet)*

*Little Shell Tribe*

*People's Partners for Community Development (Northern Cheyenne)*

*Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation (Crow)*

*Salish Kootenai Business Services (Confederated Salish & Kootenai)*

The Tribal Business Planning Grant through the Montana Department of Commerce assists tribal governments and organizations in developing and deploying comprehensive business planning strategies and activities to research, launch, and grow tribal enterprises. This, in turn, creates revenues and jobs within the management of tribal government. Tribal governments in Montana can apply annually for funding of up to \$30,000 for business planning strategies and activities.

**Tribal Business Planning Grants of \$30,000 each were awarded to:**

- Blackfeet Nation to update the existing Economic Development Master Plan for land use evaluation.
- Chippewa Cree Tribe to cover the design and development of a grocery store including needed equipment and software.
- Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes to complete a CSKT Tribal Secured Transaction System with draft Uniform Commercial Code (UCC).
- Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes to conduct an environmental assessment to develop a small business incubator.
- Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes to conduct a preliminary physical business infrastructure plan to develop a small business incubator.
- Little Shell Chippewa Tribe to assist with business plans to provide Starlink broadband services to tribal members and a mobile medical unit under Little Shell Tribal Enterprises, LLC.
- The Peoples Partner for Community Development on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation to assist with a business plan for the Northern Cheyenne beef mobile unit.
- Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation on the Crow Reservation to conduct a feasibility study and business plan for a food market that promotes and supports locally produced foods.

The Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant program (IEF) assists start-up or expanding Native American businesses in Montana. This money can be used for a variety of activities, such as the purchase of new equipment or development of a new product line. The maximum grant amount is \$14,000 and must be matched dollar for dollar, which can include in-kind contributions. These funds are available only to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes in Montana who reside in Montana.

In the last year, \$320,000 in funding was awarded to support the development of 24 Native American-owned businesses throughout the state. Forty-two jobs were supported through this program.

### Blackfeet Nation

- Casey's RV Park in East Glacier received \$14,000 to extend electricity to the office and RV spots and to improve bathroom facilities.
- Glacier Elkhorn Cabins in Babb received \$14,000 to purchase lumber and other supplies to upgrade and add decks to the cabins.
- Sparkles Beauty Salon in Browning received \$12,000 to improve plumbing, electrical, dry-wall, and flooring, to add a covering to the porch entrance, and to purchase signage and advertising.

### Chippewa Cree Tribe

- Central Machine in Big Sandy received \$13,200 to purchase equipment including a new hydraulic shear and a large toolbox.
- Double E in Box Elder received \$12,800 to help purchase a new mobile food trailer.
- Log Creations in Box Elder received \$14,000 to purchase a sawmill with a swing blade.

### Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

- All American Autoworks in Ronan received \$12,000 to purchase equipment including an electric welder, plasma cutter, welding set, and other tools.
- Arrow Rock in Polson received \$14,000 to purchase a dump trailer with 10,000-pound capabilities.
- Hair to the Throne in Polson received \$14,000 to purchase equipment and supplies.

### Crow Nation

- Juiced Up in Crow Agency received \$14,000 to purchase a 16' x 26' trailer for a drive-up café.
- Real Bird Trail Rides in Garryowen received \$14,000 to purchase equipment and supplies.
- TruColors P&C in Havre received \$12,000 to purchase a new work truck and equipment.

### Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes

- Crasco & Crasco Construction in Dodson received \$13,000 to purchase a side dump trailer.
- Marlin's Heating in Harlem received \$14,000 to purchase equipment including a hydraulic liftgate.
- Rezolution in Harlem received \$13,000 to purchase a new camera and equipment.

### Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes

- 365 Design in Wolf Point received \$14,000 to purchase a new printer.
- Lien Windshield in Wolf Point received \$12,000 to build out a shop expansion to service multiple vehicles.
- RX Carwash in Wolf Point received \$14,000 to purchase equipment, supplies, and a new payment system.

## Little Shell Chippewa Tribe

- 406 Custom Auto in Havre received \$13,333.34 to purchase equipment and supplies including a tinting plotter.
- Indian Paintbrush in East Glacier received \$13,333.33 to purchase a building and inventory.
- Plains Soul in Hardin received \$13,333.33 to purchase a 16' x 26' storefront building.

## Northern Cheyenne Tribe

- Bark Park in Billings received \$14,000 to purchase and install artificial pet turf for its outdoor area.
- Hot Rock Healing in Lame Deer received \$14,000 to purchase a small cabin for services.
- Warrior Trail in Lame Deer received \$12,000 to purchase a storage unit for inventory.

*"The IEF grant allowed me to add a feature to my business that has been a game changer. Since getting pet turf installed, we have seen an increase in attendance, social media engagement, and future reservations. More importantly, though, our guests are happier and go home clean every day! I can't express how much I appreciate being chosen for the IEF grant."*

*- Rusty Ontiveros, owner of the Bark Park in Billings and member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe*



*Rusty Ontiveros pictured outside his business, the Bark Park. Credit: Rusty Ontiveros*

## NATIVE AMERICAN MADE IN MONTANA PROGRAM

The Native American Made in Montana Program at the Department of Commerce has 54 member businesses which produce a variety of products including art, jewelry, milled lumber, food, greeting cards, gifts, and furniture.

For a product to bear the Native American Made in Montana logo, it must be made in the state by a registered member of one of the eight Tribal Nations that call Montana home. The Native American Made in Montana badge honors the authentic cultures, creations, and values that represent Indian Country across Montana. Products include traditional and modern artwork, electronics, lumber, livestock and their genetics, textiles, commodity crops, and prepared foods.

The Made in Montana Tradeshow for Food and Gifts hosts a Native American Made in Montana Pavilion to showcase the work of members to wholesale and retail buyers. In 2022, seven Native American Made in Montana members exhibited their art, jewelry, clothing, food, and craft in the pavilion. OICED sponsored four of the seven members to exhibit at the tradeshow. The tradeshow is a unique opportunity for Montana businesses to showcase their products to wholesale buyers stocking retail stores in the food, gift, apparel, and souvenir markets.



*Plains Soul Printed Fabric from the 2022 Made in Montana Tradeshow for Food and Gifts. Credit: Montana Department of Commerce*



*Designs by Della at the 2022 Made in Montana Tradeshow for Food and Gifts. Credit: Montana Department of Commerce*

### Crow Fair

The annual Crow Fair dates back to 1904. Known as the “Tipi Capital of the World,” the Crow Fair is the largest Native American gathering in the northern United States.

The Montana Department of Commerce awarded a \$5,400 Recovery Destination Event Grant for the Annual Crow Fair. These funds are used to support billboard costs, social media campaigns, geo-targeting, and banners for the event.

Since being authorized by the 1987 Legislature, a total of \$301,736 in grant funds have been awarded to tribes and tribal entities for projects that develop and enhance tourism and/or event-based activities with the potential to increase out-of-area visitation.

# 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 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 our livestock producers throughout the state. MDA oversees more than 30 programs tailored to supporting the ag community.

## AG FINANCE PROGRAM

The MDA Ag Finance Program has been working with producers in Indian Country for many years. The program's revolving loan fund assists producers in acquiring assets for their operations.

In the last year, 11 loans totaling \$337,900 were awarded to tribal members on the Blackfeet, Flathead and Fort Belknap reservations.

## NOXIOUS WEED PROGRAM

The Noxious Weed program awards grants for noxious weed management, research, and educational activities through the Montana Department of Agriculture's Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant Program. In the last year, MDA awarded grants to the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Confederated Salish & Kootenai, and Fort Peck tribes.

The grant opportunity is provided annually for all tribes with active noxious weed control programs, and supports on-the-ground control of noxious weeds on reservation land.

## PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

The MDA Pesticide Container Recycling Program was established to keep pesticide container plastic out of Montana's landfills. A Memorandum of Agreement among Lake County Weed Control, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the MDA established an opportunity to reduce hazardous waste and provide an option to recycle pesticide containers for residents of the Flathead Reservation at the Lake County Weed District in Polson.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe's collection site located at the Lake County Weed district collected approximately 1,493 lbs of pesticide plastic last year.

# REVENUE INFLUX

## TAX COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Tax cooperative 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) collect and distribute the tribes' taxes on tribal members on a quarterly basis, based on the alcohol, tobacco and fuel tax collected during the prior quarter.

In state fiscal year 2022, Montana tribes received about \$5 million from tax cooperative agreements with DOR. The cooperative agreements for tobacco and alcohol taxes serve more than 39,000 enrolled tribal members.

The Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Crow, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne tribes' taxes collected under tobacco tax agreements total more than \$4 million in state fiscal year 2022. Five alcohol tax cooperative agreements generating approximately \$983,000 in tribal distributions are in effect with the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Fort Belknap, and the Fort Peck Tribes.

MDT has similar tax cooperative agreements in effect with the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Confed-

erated 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 \$5,899,138 for tribal governments.

MDT 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 cooperative agreements and TERO fees in state fiscal year 2022 are shown in the table below.

State-Tribal Tax Cooperative and TERO Agreements – State Fiscal Year 2022				
Reservation	Alcohol	Motor Fuel	Tobacco	TERO
Blackfeet	\$315,437	\$1,245,119	\$977,000	\$137,177
Crow	N/A	\$1,369,500	\$1,056,897	\$255,264
Flathead	\$176,641	\$702,522	*Quota MCA 16-11-155	\$67,708
Fort Belknap	\$135,934	\$553,600	\$421,027	\$33,439
Fort Peck	\$227,799	\$942,627	\$733,601	\$194,477
Northern Cheyenne	N/A	\$587,391	\$462,057	\$366,933
Rocky Boy's	\$127,248	\$509,031	\$393,501	N/A

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

# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

## MONTANA COAL BOARD AWARDS

The Montana Coal Board was created by the Legislature in 1975 to provide public services incurred by large-scale development of coal mines. Administratively attached to the Montana Department of Commerce, the board considers applications and awards Coal Board Impact grants to counties, communities, school districts, tribal governments, or other governmental units.

Last year, the Montana Coal Board awarded the Northern Cheyenne Tribe \$154,621 to construct a sand/salt storage facility for the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). The Northern Cheyenne Tribe committed \$300,000 for the building. This project is part of a bigger project to update the facility, which includes support from a federal grant.

The facility will be used by both the tribe and MDT, as 80 miles of the paved roads in the area are the responsibility of the tribe and 59.5 miles are MDT's responsibility. The sand/salt mix will be provided by MDT.

In addition, the Montana Coal Board awarded the Northern Cheyenne Tribe \$170,356 to purchase water and wastewater equipment for the Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission. The project is now complete.

Neither of these projects would have been possible without Coal Board funds, which accounted for more than half of the total project costs.

## WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Phase 3C Wastewater System Improvements Project for the Crow Tribe is a \$7.6 million project which is 100% grant-funded by the state and its federal partners.

Currently in design, the project will replace the gravity sewer main in Crow Agency. It will also relocate the East Frontage Road lift station, which serves the south end of town and the hospital, but

floods every spring. Funds will also be used to install an associated main connecting the lift station to the existing system. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2023 and be completed by fall of 2024.

The Montana Department of Commerce also awarded \$1 million to Big Horn County on behalf of the Plenty Doors Community Development Corporation. The award is part of Montana's allocation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, funds through HUD's Community Development Block Grant program. The funds will be used to address overcrowding by replacing wells and septic systems at properties that will provide healthy homes for residents.

The Plenty Doors project, now underway, is expected to benefit approximately 30 households.

## ROAD PRESERVATION

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) partners with tribes to plan, build, operate, and maintain safe and resilient transportation infrastructure. Last year, MDT partnered with tribes in Montana on various projects involving substantial coordination between MDT staff and tribal leaders.



*Looking downstream (south) between US-89 and Two Medicine River prior to construction contract award (November 20, 2020). Credit: Paul Sturm*

## US-89 Two Medicine Erosion Repair

One such project was the US-89 Two Medicine Erosion Repair. Awarded for construction in September 2021 and substantially completed as of March 2022, the emergency project repaired and armored the bank of the Two Medicine River adjacent to US-89 at a spot location north of junction MT 44. A river bend was eroding its bank into the highway easement, so the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) determined remedial action was necessary to ensure the stability and functionality of the highway. To that end, the project stabilized approximately 400 feet of the riverbank with large rock and foliage to prevent further erosion toward US-89.



*Construction progress on the erosion repair project as of February 2022. Credit: Joe Grosswiler*



*Facing upstream shows the project as it appears completed in late February 2022. Credit: Joe Grosswiler*

Tribal coordination was critical for this project, and MDT is truly grateful to the Blackfeet Nation for their assistance. The tribe expedited execution of agreements necessary to complete right-of-way and construction activities while the reservation was shut down during the COVID pandemic.

## US-93 Ninepipe Corridor Feasibility Study

The US-93 Ninepipe Corridor Feasibility Study is intended to analyze the viability of the preferred alternative previously identified in the 2008 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). Before nominating a project in the Ninepipe segment, MDT first evaluated traffic and safety conditions, land ownership and corridor right-of-way, wetland areas, wildlife presence and movements, cultural influences, and soil and groundwater conditions to determine if the preferred alternative from the 2008 SEIS is viable in terms of impacts, construction costs, and feasibility considerations.

Findings from this study will assist MDT in project development decisions, and will support a future environmental reevaluation of the Ninepipe segment that is supported by the tribal community and jurisdictional authorities, should a project be advanced from this study. The feasibility study began in spring 2021 and a final report is expected in fall 2022. The contracted budget for this effort is \$450,000.

At the onset of the feasibility study, an advisory committee was formed that consists of subject matter experts inside and outside MDT, including Confederated Salish and Kootenai personnel. The advisory committee reviews deliverables and provides expertise and guidance to the study process. Additionally, MDT conducted a field visit with Salish and Kootenai tribal elders to present the SEIS preferred alternative and hear their comments. MDT held a similar visit as part of a resource agency meeting which included state, federal and Confederated Salish and Kootenai natural resource personnel.

## BRIDGE PRESERVATION

In 2021, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) used a term contract with engineering consulting firms to provide professional level evaluations of three in-service bridges within the Confederated Salish & Kootenai and Fort Peck reservations.

The process involves a review of bridge elements below the water surface and above the mud line. Elements include (but are not limited to) pier walls, drilled shafts, driven piles, footings, etc. Usually, a bridge inspection can be completed in a day.

Communication is important for bridge inspections, and all coordination with tribes involved is completed before any work takes place on the respective reservation(s). Notification of the work – including the type, location and duration – is sent to tribal members in writing. When required, Project Specific Agreements are completed and approved by the department and tribal members prior to the start of work on a reservation.

The consulting firms must also provide a work plan for the tribal members to review and approve, as well as purchase of a tribal business license. Funding for this work comes from National Highway (NH) funding and includes Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) fees.

# EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Education and workforce training can change lives, open the door to greater opportunities, and allow Montanans, on or off a reservation, to reach their full, outstanding potential. Providing our next generation with a high-quality education and empowering our workforce with the skills they need to thrive are among our greatest responsibilities.

The State of Montana will continue working with our tribal partners to boost education opportunities, supporting tribes in protecting their cultural integrity, and educating Montanans about the rich history and contributions of our tribal neighbors.

# INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL

## INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Through the Office of Public Instruction's (OPI) Indian Education for All (IEFA), the state provides schools and teachers the knowledge, skills, and resources for effective implementation of IEFA content and learning activities in their curricula. This work is primarily accomplished through staff resource development, coordinated work with partners, and providing in-person and remote professional development to teachers and administrators.

Since August of 2021, IEFA has impacted over 2,300 Montana educators, administrators, and educational stakeholders through virtual and in-person professional development offerings. Common topics include the history and implementation of IEFA, sharing and demonstration of best practices, and strengthening knowledge and application of the Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians. Outreach included a webinar series or other virtual PD offering that reached over 1,800 attending teachers, in-person presentations at 16 Montana schools, and presentations at two state-wide educator conferences including the 2022 virtual IEFA Best Practices Conference.

OPI IEFA staff also provided direct instruction to students through demonstration of traditional Native games on seven different occasions. Other areas of emphasis were the development and revision of Social Studies lessons aligned with the new content standards, the roll-out of a children's book and written by Crow authors, and \$94,000 in grant funding awarded to schools and professional learning providers to conduct IEFA initiatives and provide professional development.

## MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

The Montana Historical Society regularly offers online and in-person professional development for Montana teachers, including teachers working in schools on reservations in Montana. Online sessions focused on a variety of topics from IEFA, teaching social studies skills, teaching with primary sources, the new state social studies standards, and hooking students on social studies, providing rural teachers with an opportunity to receive high-quality professional development without traveling.

## ELDER AND CULTURAL WISDOM COUNCIL

In October 2021, OPI developed the Elder and Cultural Wisdom Council (ECWC) to guide the agency's efforts of incorporating the self-identity, language, mental health, and traditional wellness teachings into our school districts for all youth. OPI is working through the ECWC to provide school districts with direct access to Indigenous educational teachers for all administrators, teachers, staff, and students interested.

## Promoting Education and Culture in Corrections

Thanks to a grant from the American Library Association Public Programs Office, Native American inmates at Montana State Prison have a new opportunity to learn about their culture and stay connected with their heritage.

Using \$2,500 provided through the Peggy Barber Tribute Grant, the Montana Department of Corrections (DOC) offers curriculum to Native American inmates allowing them to explore history, culture, art, music, dance, current events, language, social studies, and literature of the eight Tribal Nations in Montana.

The programming — delivered using OPI's IEFA and Montana Historical Society's "Montana Stories of the Land" curricula — includes independent study and classroom-led book clubs, along with monthly modules featuring worksheets, book reports, videos, and crafts.

About 125 inmates have participated in the educational modules, and 38 inmates enjoy book club every month. Inmates have checked out 60 new Indigenous books added to the prison library's collection more than 700 times since April 2022, when the programming was put in place.

Native Americans comprise about 20 percent of the population incarcerated in Montana prisons. Cultural opportunities available to Native American inmates in DOC prisons include sweats, drum circles, pipe ceremonies, Indigenous crafts, and more.

# EMPOWERING YOUTH

## ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT

Promoting the arts in schools, the Montana Arts Council awarded Artists in Schools and Communities grants to Lame Deer Schools and Bigger Sky Kids, a nonprofit organization providing after-school arts programming on the Fort Peck Reservation. A hallmark of this grant program is hands-on arts learning experience shared between professional artists and students of all ages and abilities.

In Lame Deer, workshops were designed to explore both ancient and modern stories of the Northern Cheyenne and Crow people and provide a platform for them to share their stories to better understand their history and culture. Students were responsible for various roles involving pre-production, production, and post-production of a video depicting the process and story, including performances and behind-the-scenes footage.

In Fort Peck, the grant funds classes in dance and drumming, connecting students to their culture and creating an environment for self-expression that allows them to become artists for life. Last year, Bigger Sky Kids held 80 regular sessions, enrolling 68 students.



*Lame Deer students creating art for the First Voices project. Credit: Susan Wolfe*

## ART VISION & OUTREACH IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Montana Arts Council has been a long-time grantor providing funds for the A VOICE (Art Vision & Outreach in Community Education), a nonprofit organization based in the lower Flathead Valley. Primarily serving students in Pablo at Two Eagle River School, their project Our Community Record centers on the study of photography and of photographing their own environment and community, as well as on work shared through cultural exchange with students elsewhere in the country. On a yearly basis, up to 115 students, ages 11-18, are served by this program.



*Portrait of Katie Medicine Bull's younger sister, Lily Blossom, wearing the dress Katie made and outgrew; the photograph was taken during the 2021-22 A VOICE-Art Vision & Outreach In Community Education program through their AISC project, Our Community Record Two Eagle River School. Credit: Katie Medicine Bull*

## MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT AMERICORPS

The Governor's Office of Community Service is the grantor to the University of Montana (UM) - Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) AmeriCorps, a 54-member program that coaches students in graduating high school and succeeding in post-secondary education.

UM's MTCC AmeriCorps members provide coaching and interventions to first-generation and income-eligible students in high schools, colleges, and educational nonprofits with the Blackfeet Nation, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead, at Fort Peck, and across Montana. MTCC AmeriCorps members serving tribal communities partner with a variety of tribal entities.



*MTCC AmeriCorps Leader Cindy M. cooking with Poplar High School students, Spring 2022. Credit: Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps*

Cindy M., the MTCC AmeriCorps Leader serving at Poplar High School and Fort Peck Community College, shared one way she collaborates with local organizations to serve her students and provide them with greater educational opportunity: "I mentor high school students at Poplar High School to be successful and consider and prepare for postsecondary education. Fort Peck Community College's Chante Project, a nonprofit in town, has made several efforts to incorporate culture as a means for healing and learning for K-12 students. I have often collaborated with them to receive sponsorship for college visits and in-kind donations for after school mentoring. This entity has been a great collaborator when it comes to furthering the education of students."



*MTCC AmeriCorps Leader Cindy M. with MLK Day Read for Peace event participants at Fort Peck Nation, January 2022. Credit: Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps*

## MONTANA STATE PARKS AMERICORPS

The Governor's Office of Community Service is the grantor to Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, a 20-member program that promotes healthy, active, and engaged communities through education, outreach, and stewardship programs at Montana's State Parks.

On September 3 and 4, 2021, 12 Montana State Parks AmeriCorps (MSPA) members and the MSPA Coordinator supported the Day of Honor celebration at Chief Plenty Coups State Park. MSPA members helped cook a delicious barbecue meal for approximately 300 people from the Crow community and park visitors, and assisted with meal distribution, parking, event set up and clean up. During the lead up to Day of Honor, MSPA members assisted with event planning and published social media posts and participated in meetings with the President of the Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as this was the 100th anniversary of the tomb.

## SCHOOL WRAP-AROUND AND SYSTEMS OF CARE GRANT

Over the past year, OPI also closed out a nine-year School Wrap-Around and Systems of Care grant administered by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA). OPI successfully built capacity in Tribal Nations that participated by recruiting, training, and maintaining a wrap-around facilitator for each school. The facilitators were certified in High Fidelity Wrap-Around services for youth, de-escalating training, suicide prevention training, mental health first aid, applied suicide intervention skills training (ASIST), and restorative practice and relational circle work.

# HIGHER EDUCATION

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education works to strengthen the credibility of the Montana University System to meet the needs of our state, students, campuses, employers, and tribal partners. Campuses across the state have been building critical partnerships to support American Indian students this past year.

## TRIBAL HEAD START PROGRAM

**University of Montana Western, Blackfeet Community College, Aaniiih Nakoda College, and Fort Belknap Community College**

University of Montana Western (UMW) is in its second year of a five-year Tribal Head Start program, partnering with Blackfeet Community College, Aaniiih Nakoda College, and Fort Belknap Community College. Graduates from these colleges are completing B.S. degrees in Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Education: Pre-K through Grade 3. The Office of Head Start agreed to help build capacity for quality child care on the Crow Reservation and for the Little Shell Tribe by allowing UMW to support Little Shell and Crow tribe B.S. students living in Billings and Great Falls or working at Head Start programs.

## CROW AND BLACKFEET TEACHERS PROJECT

**University of Montana Western and Blackfeet Community College**

The University of Montana Western has also partnered with Blackfeet Community College and Little Big Horn College in delivering a range of degree/licensure programs: elementary education, special education, secondary post baccalaureate programs, and library media. Teacher education programs are being offered in tribal communities at public schools, including Browning Public Schools, Heart Butte Public Schools, Pryor Public Schools, Lodge Grass Public Schools and Hardin Public Schools.

## NATIONAL NATIVE CHILDREN'S TRAUMA CENTER

**University of Montana**

The CSKT Trauma-Informed Family Court is a collaboration between the University of Montana's National Native Children's Trauma Center (NNCTC) and the CSKT Tribal Courts. The purpose of the project is to train and support judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, administrators, advocates, and staff personnel that include behavioral health providers in trauma-informed best approaches and practices.

The Sister Nations Empowerment Project (SNEP) is another collaboration between the University of Montana's NNCTC and the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes. The purpose of SNEP is to support the youth of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes and those who serve them in their shared journey toward a suicide-safer community. Project activities are based on local wisdom, multi-agency collaboration, utilization of best practices, and public outreach efforts led by youth, community leaders, elders, and survivors.



*Sunrise at the University of Montana in the fall of 2021. Credit: University of Montana*

## INPSYCH

### **University of Montana**

The Indians into Psychology (InPsych) program, offered by the University of Montana, educates Indigenous doctoral-level clinical psychologists. Native and non-Native doctoral students in the graduate program provide supervised mental health care to patients and families at two sites on the Flathead Reservation. Students provide mental health care and psychological assessment services to patients at CSKT Tribal Health in Mission and at the Tribal Defender's Office in Pablo.

In August 2021, the InPsych Program also provided an educational outreach program to undergraduates and recent graduates with Indigenous identities. The summer program provided information to Blackfeet, Salish, and Northern Cheyenne students about mental and behavioral health graduate level study in Montana.

### University of Montana

Through its College of Health, the University of Montana also offers the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), which focuses on recruiting more Native American students to the health care profession.

The University of Montana has accomplished the enrollment of 14 Native American pharmacy students and the graduation of 4 Native Americans from the Skaggs School of Pharmacy in May 2022. There are 1,420 active pharmacists, approximately 30 of which are Native Americans who graduated from the University of Montana's School of Pharmacy. Furthermore, the Indian Health Service (IHS) continues to report shortages of pharmacists, with 24% of pharmacists currently working for IHS or tribal health facilities being Native American.



*UM Spring 2022 Scholarship ceremony at the University of Montana. Credit: UM Photography*

### University of Montana

The American Indian Governance and Policy Institute (AIGPI) is a Montana Board of Regents-certified, Native-led research entity and think tank located at the University of Montana. Heather Cahoon (CSKT) created AIGPI to address the root causes of poor socioeconomic health on reservations by providing the necessary support for evidence-informed tribal policymaking.

This collaborative, data-backed approach will enhance tribal governing structures by increasing effective functioning, regulatory authority and self-governing abilities and further tribal leaders' efforts to strengthen reservation economies and build individual and community health and prosperity. All materials developed by AIGPI are stored in AIGPI's free online database where they can be accessed by tribal leaders and the public.

## TWO-PLUS-TWO SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

### University of Montana, Blackfeet Community College, Chief Dull Knife College, Aaniiih Nakoda College, Fort Peck Community College, Stone Child College

The 2+2 Bachelor of Social Work Program provides an opportunity for students around the state, including rural and tribal communities, to obtain their BSW degree while remaining in and completing their practicums in their home communities. Since its inception in 2013, the program has grown to include five partnering tribal colleges and is growing in number of students enrolling, with a focus on support for readiness and persisting through to earn a BSW degree.

During the 2022 academic year, the UMSSW began an online Master of Social Work program, which is enrolling graduates of the 2+2 BSW Program, to earn an advanced degree while remaining and working in their home communities. 2+2 BSW Graduates and current students are now actively enrolled or planning a pathway through this online opportunity.

### Montana Technological University

Montana Tech's Graduate School aims to increase graduation rates of American Indian students with master's and doctoral degrees. These efforts include the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership (SIGP) and the Pacific Northwest Circle of Success Mentoring Opportunities in STEM Alliance for Graduate Education. With Montana Tech, MSU, and UM all participating, SIGP provides financial support, mentoring, and networking to American Indian students in STEM. Over 80% of the students complete their degrees, and Montana Tech actively invites and hosts visits for prospective students.

### University of Montana Western

UMW hosted a seminar titled "The Boarding School Era: Lasting Scars," which was presented by Dr. Ann Douglas. The seminar provided background on American Indian Education for faculty and staff and how the trauma from an era that has not been healed affects how Native Americans are sometimes mistrusting of schools and education. The seminar was well-received with great attendance.



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*Poster promoting Dr. Ann Douglas' seminar*

## SWEETGRASS SOCIETY POWWOW

### University of Montana Western

The Sweetgrass Society, an Indigenous student group at UMW, coordinates an annual Powwow. They plan it, raise the money for it and administer it. The student group raises at least \$15,000 annually for this event.

This year was the 44th annual Powwow, held on April 8 and 9 in the MSUN Armory Gym.



MSUN Sweetgrass Society Powwow. Credit: Erica McKeon Hanson

### Montana State University Billings

Now in its sixth year at MSUB, Elk River Writing Project holds seminars for teachers that focus on cultural knowledge from Montana's tribes. This year, the seminar brought together teachers from across Montana for a two-day seminar focused on the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone National Park (YNP). Sponsored by a grant from the National Writing Project based on its partnership with the National Park Service, this seminar featured park rangers and Crow Tribal member Dr. Shane Doyle, who shared Native American history of the park.



*Shane Doyle, enrolled member of the Apsaalooke tribe of Crow Agency and consultant and Lisa Steven, Administrator of the Crow Elementary School pictured during YNP visit with park rangers and Crow Tribal members. Credit: Big Horn County News*

## TWO-PLUS-TWO ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Montana State University Billings, Chief Dull Knife College, and Fort Peck Community College

MSUB is working with Chief Dull Knife College to address the need for a B.S. in elementary education through a two-plus-two program for courses taken during their early education program. The goal is to offer future educational classes, Chief Dull Knife College is working in collaboration with MSUB to integrate cultural knowledge and understanding between education pre-service teacher students from Northern Cheyenne and non-Indigenous areas.

Working on the ground, MSUB leaders visited the Crow Agency School, Northern Cheyenne Tribal School, Lame Deer High School, and Lame Deer School District to offer teachers professional development support and STEM programming opportunities. Leaders also visited the Fort Peck Reservation, including Wolf Point School District, Poplar School, and Fort Peck Community College, where they initiated conversation for a Memorandum of Agreement to provide education courses with Fort Peck Community College (FPCC).

## TWO-PLUS-TWO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

### Montana State University Billings

Together with FPCC, Montana State University Billings also signed a formal program articulation agreement to increase opportunities for student access to and success in higher education. This two-plus-two program agreement provides students who have completed the Associate of Arts in Business Administration degree at FPCC the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with the General Business, Accounting, Finance, Management, or Marketing Option degree at MSUB.

MSUB's Native American Achievement Center (NAAC) is working to recruit and retain Native American students and serve as an advocate and outreach platform to Montana's tribal communities. Included in this mission are the thousands of tribal individuals living in the Billings urban area. Over the past year, the NAAC has sponsored over 40 activities and events on campus, within the city of Billings, and on several Montana Indian reservations.

## NATIVE AMERICAN ENRICHMENT CENTER

### Great Falls College Montana State University

The Native American Enrichment Center at Great Falls College MSU offers culturally responsive high-impact practices that assist traditionally underrepresented student populations in pursuing higher education. Programming includes opportunities for leadership, mentoring, and planning community service engagement and workshops for academic success, self-advocacy, cultural identity, scholarship opportunities, personal growth and responsibility for Native American students.

## GRADUATE EDUCATION AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

At Montana State University (MSU), there are 108 American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) graduate students, including 35 doctoral students, seeking advanced degrees in education, health and human development, nursing, chemistry, land resources & environmental sciences, and Earth Sciences. Many students are doing research projects with their home communities. Faculty members partner with tribal colleges across the state on these projects, and through these relationships, recruit graduate students. MSU's premier graduate program is the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Program for AI/AN graduate students in STEM, with 14 active Sloan Scholars in Academic Year 2021/22.

# TRIBAL CULTURES AND HISTORY

*For generations, tribal artists have inspired Montana culture. Celebrating that tradition, the Montana Arts Council awarded Stella Nall of the Crow Tribe with a Strategic Investment Grant, supporting her as she markets her 2D and 3D illustrations, giclée prints, stickers, cards, functional ceramics, and paintings at art festivals across Montana.*



Pop-up booth display by artist Stella Nall, First Descendant of the Apsáalooke Tribe. <https://stellanall.com/>. Credit: Stella Nall

## PRESERVING NATIVE HISTORY

The guardian of Montana's memory, the Montana Historical Society (MHS) works to save Montana's past, share our stories, and inspire exploration, to provide meaning for today and vision for tomorrow. Over the past year, MHS has focused on preserving and sharing the stories of Montana's tribal history.

## TRIBAL STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Initiated by MHS in 2020, the Tribal Stakeholders Group over the past year has continued to collaborate with the Indigenous nations of Montana in designing the new Montana Heritage Center building and developing content for exhibits and programs for MTHS constituents. Together, the group is working to develop appropriate exhibits, programs, and other interpretive content regarding Montana's history and culture, and ensure Indigenous perspectives, voices, and priorities are properly represented in MHS programming.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Throughout May 2022, MHS commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention, where Montana citizens rewrote the state's Constitution, including a unique Constitutional mandate to teach about American Indians. This commitment was reaffirmed in 1999 with the passage of Indian Education for All. On May 12, MHS hosted a panel discussion "Indian Education and the 1972 Montana Constitution," on how the constitution's recognition of "the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians" and its commitment "in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity" created an opportunity for Montana to lead the nation in teaching all K-12 students about the Tribal Nations in Montana.

## MONTANA HISTORY CONFERENCE

Dr. Rosalyn LaPier (Blackfeet), a University of Montana environmental studies professor, presented "The Pictures of Ella Mad Plume Yellow Wolf: Native American Photographer" at the Montana History Conference on September 24, 2021. Yellow Wolf, whose photographs are in the MHS collection, documented life on the Blackfeet Reservation in the early 1940s.

During the same ceremony, the MHS Board of Trustees also selected Birdina "Birdie" Real Bird for a 2021 Heritage Keeper Award. Real Bird is an educator, artist, and advocate for language preservation. As a classroom teacher on the reservation for many years, she remained committed to sharing Crow culture in retirement as a guest presenter in school both on and off the reservation. Recognizing Real Bird's accomplishments highlights the importance of Crow history, the significance of the Crow language, and promotes future language preservation efforts.

## MONTANA BURIAL BOARD

The Montana Burial Preservation Board holds a significant role in protecting from disturbance or destruction all human remains, burial sites, or burial materials in marked, unmarked, unrecorded, registered, or unregistered grave or burial ground found on state and private lands in Montana; and to resolve claims for repatriation of human skeletal remains and funerary objects.

The 13-member Board, which includes a representative from each federally recognized Indian tribe in Montana, has been working diligently over the past fiscal year to carry out its roles and responsibilities. For additional information about the Board or to review its meeting minutes, please visit them online at [burial.mt.gov](http://burial.mt.gov).



*Students in Wolf Point signing two beams before their installation at the Montana Heritage Center in May. Credit: Montana Historical Society*



*The Magpie Singers from Helena chanting and drumming as the two signed beams were installed as part of the Topping Out ceremony in May. Credit: Montana Historical Society*

In April, MHS helped school children, elders and other tribal members be a part of history by driving beams, which were to be installed in the Montana Heritage Center, across the state to be signed. The route included stops in Hardin, Billings, Bonner, Polson, Glasgow, Wolf Point, Shelby, and Browning, among others. During the Topping Out ceremony for the Montana Heritage Center, the Magpie Singers drummed, and Major Robinson with the Northern Cheyenne tribe sang an honor song and said a blessing.

## ***Understanding and Documenting Tribal Histories at the Former ACM Black Eagle Smelter and Refinery***

*Historically, members of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa hunted and fished the lands and waters northwest of Great Falls. The tribe may have seasonally inhabited sites along the Missouri River in this area.*

*Beginning around 1890, and for nearly a century thereafter, the Boston & Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining Company operated a smelter in this same area, near the community of Black Eagle. During this time, the company employed members of the Little Shell Tribe at the smelter.*

*Industrial products included copper, zinc, arsenic and cadmium using ore from mines in Butte, MT. For years, slag and other smelter waste was dumped into the Missouri River. After operations at the site ceased in 1980, then owner Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) initiated reclamation and maintenance activities. Today, the site is federally recognized as a priority site for cleanup of contaminated soil, groundwater, and surface water resources.*

*While site cleanup is ongoing, ARCO has engaged with the Little Shell Tribe to conduct ethnographic documentation of the site history from the tribe's perspective. In consultation with the Little Shell Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Duane Reid, ARCO arranged for a series of interviews with tribal members to record their stories of the area and of working at the plant. These outreach activities are supervised and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under the Federal Superfund program.*

*In September 2019, EPA, DEQ, and ARCO met with the Tribal Council to define the scope of tribal interaction with the site.*

*Between September 2021 and March 2022, ARCO funded interviews with tribal elders and a tribal history video to better define the tribal interaction with the site.*

*As of May 2022, ARCO is working with tribal leaders to organize a physical site inspection to identify artifacts and other elements of tribal significance.*

*The ongoing effort will ensure these important perspectives are documented for future generations.*

# NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

The path to greater opportunity and more good-paying jobs across Montana, including in Indian Country, includes conserving our environment and responsibly developing our natural resources.

The State of Montana will continue collaborating with Tribal Nations to promote conservation, manage wildlife, responsibly develop natural resources, and preserve the beauty of our natural landscape for future generations.

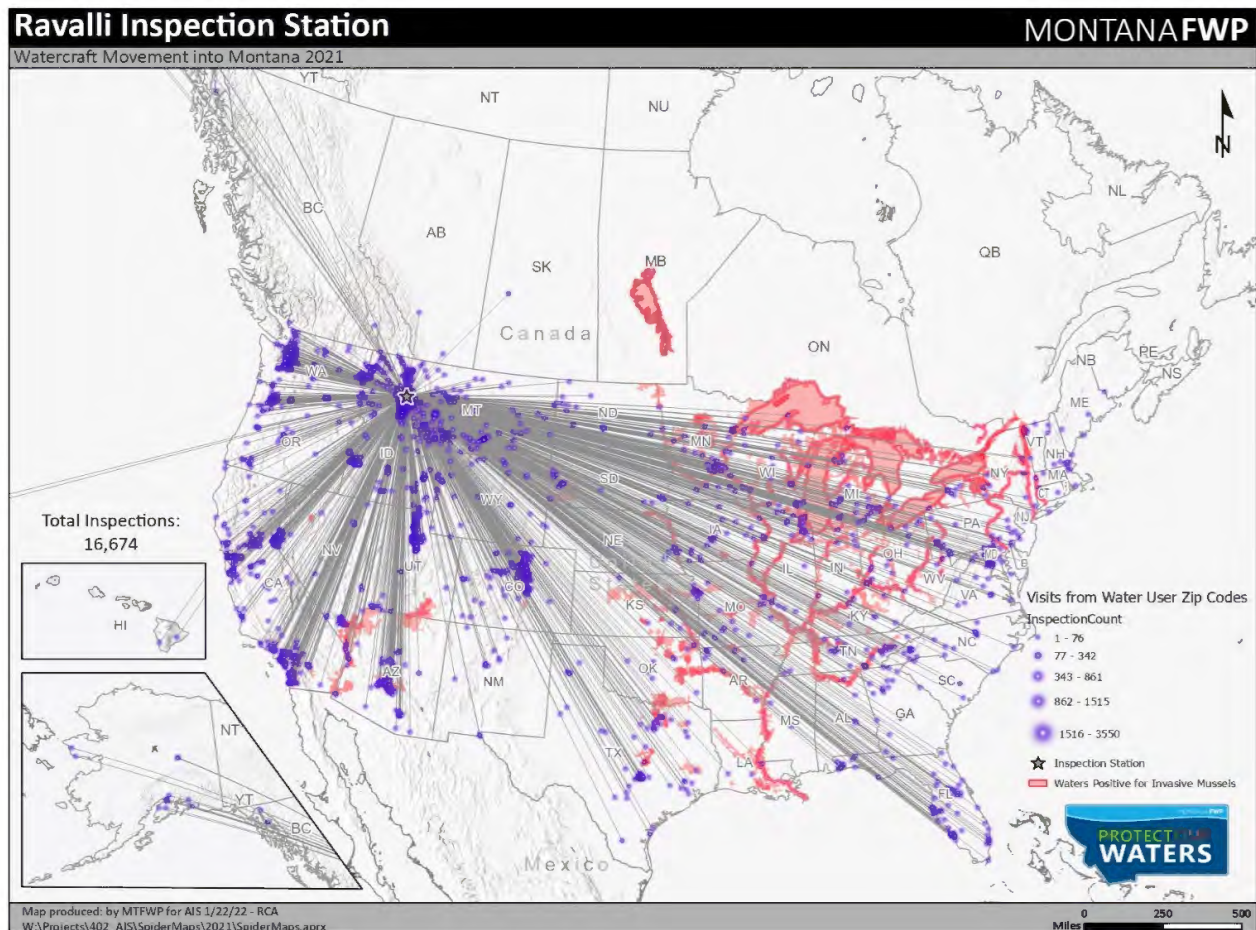
# COLLABORATING WITH TRIBAL PARTNERS

Fish and wildlife management partnerships with tribal governments is a mainstay for Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP). Across the state, FWP staff works with natural resource staff from various tribes to partner in managing resources on and off the reservations.

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention efforts are a significant area of collaboration between tribal governments and FWP.

FWP works closely with tribal partners to coordinate AIS prevention, early detection, and outreach activities. FWP provides funding to CSKT and Blackfeet Nation to operate watercraft inspection stations in Ravalli, Thompson Falls, and Browning. FWP provides funding, training, materials and quality control and the tribes manage staff and day-to-day operations. It's an excellent partnership that provides local management coordinated closely with state wide watercraft inspection operations.



Map of watercraft source locations inspected by the Ravalli station in 2021. Credit: Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

CSKT provides additional funding and law enforcement support to enhance inspection station operations. The Blackfeet Nation receives grants to enhance AIS prevention on their lands.

Watercraft inspection stations employ over 20 tribal members between the inspection stations managed by CSKT and the Blackfeet.

## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Helping protect Montana's wildlife from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is another area where FWP and tribal governments have collaborated.

### *What is Chronic Wasting Disease?*

*Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a 100% fatal disease that infects members of the deer family, including elk, moose, mule and white-tailed deer. The disease is slow acting, degenerative, and always fatal. The name comes from the appearance of symptomatic animals, which get very skinny and sick-looking before they die. There is no vaccine or cure for CWD. CWD does not appear to naturally infect cattle or other domesticated animals.*

*There is no known transmission of CWD to humans. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that hunters harvesting a deer, elk, or moose from an area where CWD is known to be present have their animal tested for CWD prior to consuming the meat, and to not consume the meat if the animal tests positive.*

Since 2017, FWP has offered CWD testing and logistical support to many tribes across the state on an "upon request" basis. Tribes interested in running their own sampling effort have contacted FWP, which provides them with educational information, training, sample kits, and supply lists needed for a CWD sampling season.

Tribal members or staff have then been able to submit their samples to FWP for testing. Additionally, FWP offers the information and instructions to send and submit samples to the lab for testing. FWP has worked closely with tribes to offer our guidance on data and sample collection.

When CWD positive samples have been detected on tribal land, FWP has notified tribal authorities and offered information and logistical support.

This collaborative effort has allowed for increased sampling and surveillance/monitoring of CWD on tribal lands and has helped spread the awareness and implications of CWD.

During the 2021 CWD sampling season, FWP received and tested 48 CWD samples across all tribes. Since 2017, FWP has collected and tested 171 samples for CWD on tribal lands. FWP's CWD program continues to provide free and readily available CWD testing for deer, elk, and moose in Montana.

## COLLABORATION FOR CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT

Conservation enforcement is a critical collaborative effort between FWP and tribal governments. Accomplishments this year included solving big game and other fish and wildlife cases within reservation boundaries through both joint investigative work and independent work.

Joint patrols -- including lake patrols, OHV patrols, spotlight patrols, upland bird and waterfowl patrols, and general hunting season patrols -- have resulted in numerous public contacts and ultimately a safer, law-abiding public.

State and tribal wardens have also worked in partnership on educational events, such as hunter education classes. Enforcement staff regularly attend Joint Fish and Wildlife Board meetings and participated in a field trip to see CSKT's lake trout suppression operation on Flathead Lake and processing station at Blue Bay. FWP Enforcement worked with CSKT to provide information on the department's radio leasing program as well as training options for CSKT wardens to know how to handle the use of Narcan to address opioid overdoses and exposure.

Enforcement staff also attended the Tribal Council with former regional supervisor Jim Williams and presented new Tribal Chair Tom McDonald with a Larry Zabel print, in appreciation for his efforts working with FWP during his time with the CSKT Natural Resources department. FWP also presented CSKT Natural Resources Department Head Rich Janssen with a big horn sheep from Wildhorse Island to be displayed at the Bison Range.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

In recent years, new applications have been submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for exploration activities in the Little Rocky Mountains, just south of the Fort Belknap Reservation. The proposals were for exploration projects to determine the presence of remaining ore bodies in the area. The exploration was proposed to take place on reclaimed land that was part of the former Zortman-Landusky gold mining complex, in an area that has undergone substantial environmental cleanup from past mining.

In 2021 and 2022, DEQ consulted with the Fort Belknap tribes to gain perspective on the history of the area. Tribal representatives expressed to DEQ that the former mine site is considered sacred to tribal members. Senior members of DEQ's leadership team visited Fort Belknap in September 2021 to tour the former mine site, share information about reclamation activities, and talk with members of the Tribal Council.

Due to the high level of interest in the proposals and the unique location of the proposals on the site of past remediation work, DEQ held a hybrid public meeting in January 2022 to describe the applications and facilitate public comment. Recognizing potential barriers to attendance – including concerns about COVID-19, access to reliable internet, and wintertime travel – DEQ provided online access to the meeting and supported several physical locations in the area at which residents, including tribal members, could provide comments on the most recent proposal.

At the hearing and through the public comment period, DEQ heard from Fort Belknap representatives and experts about the potential impacts of the proposed project. Ultimately, DEQ required preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) based on the potential that the proposed project could have significant impacts to resources in the area.



*Representatives from DEQ and the Fort Belknap Indian Community viewing part of the Zortman-Landusky mine site in September 2021. Credit: Montana DEQ*



*DEQ staff and contractors presenting on reclamation efforts to DEQ leaders while touring the former Zortman-Landusky mine site in September 2021. Credit: Montana DEQ*

# WILDLIFE

## HIGHWAY 93 WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION

The Department of Fish Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) continues to collaborate with the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CKST) on wildlife mitigation efforts related to Highway 93 construction. 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.

CSKT has extensive experience with highway mitigation, and FWP continually seeks out their recommendations and guidance for managing wildlife impacts. This includes sharing information on wildlife movement corridors and best practices to reduce collisions and allow for passage across the highway.

The project is intended primarily to reduce the likelihood of vehicle collisions with grizzly bears, but will also 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 five miles.

## BIGHORN SHEEP SURVEY

FWP and CSKT wildlife staff collaborate on a survey of bighorn sheep populations near the town of Plains. This bighorn sheep herd occupies habitat both within and outside the Flathead Reservation and is surveyed every year with FWP and CSKT Wildlife alternating years.

This year, CSKT was testing a new survey method using a fixed-wing aircraft and infrared cameras for surveying sheep. Mike Ebinger, FWP Thompson Falls area biologist, also conducted a conventional

survey utilizing a helicopter as a comparison of the survey technique to better inform future efforts. Data from both surveys is shared between the two agencies.

## GRIZZLY BEAR SURVEY

FWP also has an ongoing collaborative grizzly bear population trend monitoring project with Blackfeet Nation, CSKT, and Glacier National Park. These entities share data and information on grizzly bear captures, movements, reproduction, survival, and conflict response to evaluate grizzly bear population trends in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem and fulfill other research and reporting needs. This year, with several staff changes at CSKT Wildlife, the FWP trapping crew assisted CSKT Wildlife in trapping efforts to help support new CSKT staff.

Other joint efforts with CSKT Wildlife staff include land management across boundaries at Ninepipe Wildlife Management Area and trumpeter swan survey efforts in northwest Montana.

## ELK MONITORING PROJECT

FWP and the Blackfeet Nation are partnering on an elk monitoring project. Elk populations in and around the Blackfeet Reservation may be experiencing negative effects of barriers such as fences, which could impact population, movement patterns, and hunting opportunities. New fencing in the area may be part of the problem, but to what extent is unknown. Some elk in the system are thought to be partially migratory; however there isn't enough data yet to determine if this is true.

Information about distribution and movements of elk in and around the Blackfeet Reservation is lacking, including for elk that may be migratory between winter range on the reservation and summer ranges where wildlife management is under National Park Service or FWP jurisdiction. Additionally, no information exists regarding baseline health or disease exposure for elk in this area.

The collaborative project involves capture and collaring a sample of elk on winter ranges within the reservation to provide this information. The project is a shared effort among the Blackfeet Tribe, FWP, National Park Service, University of Montana (UM), and U.S. Geological Survey.

Capture work began in February 2022, with captures of 78 elk within the boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. Along with Blackfeet and UM staff, FWP staff helped organize and lead the

capture effort, collected biological samples, and coordinated testing of those samples at appropriate labs.

FWP used \$100,000 of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funding to pay for the elk captures and testing. Other funding sources included UM, the Boone & Crockett Club, and sources secured by Blackfeet staff.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

As part of an ongoing partnership, the CSKT Forestry Tribal Nursery purchased approximately 300 tree seedlings, and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program provided continued business support toward culturally significant and native plants, maintaining contacts and resources for bringing these plants into tribal communities across the state.

UCF also worked this spring with the Crow Nation and community of Wyola with functional tree plantings for community spaces, removal and mitigation of hazard trees, and training and equipment for workforce development. This included technical assistance and assessment of community trees for future maintenance and removal needs.

UCF provided approximately 150 trees in total, planting over 60 along a new community walking path, with the remaining trees donated to community members.

Provided at the same event were supplies, equipment and training for use of an Alaskan Sawmill, a portable version to create wood products on site. A partnering arborist contractor donated his equipment and time to split and donate cords of firewood to the community. He also trained members

of the Mighty Few Community Group to operate and maintain the sawmill.

Wyola's newly trained operators for the portable sawmill will create wood for various utilization and potential businesses. Some of the wood milled will be used in ADA accessible ramps for homes and the community center.



*Training in use of portable Alaska Sawmill in Wyola (June 9, 2022). Credit: Jamie Kirby*

## MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS AND BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS AMERICORPS

The Governor's Office of Community Service is the grantor to both the Montana Conservation Corps (MCC), a 341-member AmeriCorps program that develops citizens into leaders as they serve on environmental stewardship projects, and the Big Sky Watershed Corps, a 34-member AmeriCorps program serving Montana's rural communities.

MCC hosted three tribal members who are students at Montana State University (MSU) in Conservation Fellow AmeriCorps positions with the Native Land Project and Montana Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative at MSU. Through the fellowships, the students developed community Indigenous demonstration gardens, conducted Indigenous agriculture research, and coordinated events. An additional eight Montana tribal members served on MCC young adult field crews, gaining leadership and professional skills for conservation careers.

MCC placed three AmeriCorps members with the Agriculture Resource Management (ARM) Plan project on the Blackfoot Reservation. Serving in the Big Sky Watershed Corps, these non-Native members helped develop and complete the ARM Plan, facilitated engagement of tribal ranchers, volunteers, and local community groups, and distributed educational resources about watershed health and agriculture.



*Blackfeet Tribal Member Rosy C. and a fellow crew member, who served on a Montana Conservation Corps trail crew, summer 2021. Credit: Montana Conservation Corps*

Four AmeriCorps members served with CSKT and FWP to survey and implement control efforts for the invasive American bullfrog, common snapping turtle, and pond slider on tribal lands west of the Continental Divide. These Conservation Fellows created new standard protocols for mapping and monitoring the spread of invasive turtles and frogs, removed 11 snapping turtles and nearly 120 bullfrogs, and posted outreach materials at over 40 waterbodies in western Montana.

## POLSON MIDDLE SCHOOL: A SMART SCHOOL

Polson Middle School was selected as one of the 2021-2022 SMART (Saving Money and Resources Today) Schools award recipients by the Department of Environmental Quality. SMART Schools is a competitive program where schools submit project proposals that align with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education and implementation of resource efficiency and environmental best practices.

Polson submitted a project proposal in January and implemented the projects over the next few months. The school was announced as a winner in May 2022. They were awarded \$2,000 to help implement future STEM projects as well as energy and resource saving projects.



*Students at Polson Middle School, with teacher Amy Williams, working with local leaders to create positive community change using a STEM approach. Credit: Robyn Boyle*

The school participated in the Industrial Process and Public Infrastructure category. Students worked with private business owners, local governments, and tribal leaders to create and encourage positive change in their community from a STEM approach. Students shadowed various professionals in STEM fields, monitored weather conditions and how weather impacts the commu-

nity, and learned about current challenges and how to overcome them. They invited speakers to their classrooms and conducted virtual interviews.

Students also worked on their outdoor classroom garden, and they learned about growing native Montana plants and how to use the plants for medicinal purposes. They also learned about other ways to use the plants through art.



*Students learning about native plants in the Polson Middle School classroom garden in April 2022. Credit: Robyn Boyle*

The SMART Schools program offers students and teachers from tribal communities the opportunity to continue to develop their science and math skills by learning how to save money using resources such as water, soil, and energy more efficiently. Students are also encouraged to incorporate their cultural traditions and beliefs into their projects.

## RECOVERING FROM WILDFIRE

The communities of Hays and Lodge Pole were devastated by a fire that burned most of the surrounding forests in the fall of 2021. To restore the land after the fire, a forester from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Northeast Land Office (NELO) taught students at the high school in Hays how to plant trees to be used for fire restoration efforts.

Josh Stoychoff, the service forester for the NELO in Lewistown, spent a day collecting lodgepole pinecones, baking them in an oven to open the serotinous cones, and collecting several thousand seeds from them. The seeds were subsequently planted by the high schoolers to be grown in the MSU extension greenhouse in Hays.

Hays also received an Arbor Day grant of \$300 from DNRC Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program. With those funds, they purchased four fruit trees to be planted in the Old Hays community garden.

Stoychoff coordinated the tree purchase and hauled them up to Hays for the Arbor Day celebration, where the trees were planted in front of a group of community members. The fruit trees will be used to create four additional “food forests” for the community of Old Hays.

## GEOTHERMAL COMMERCIAL GREENHOUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Island Mountain Development Group (IMDG), which represents the interests of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and the Bear Paw Development Corporation have collaborated to determine the feasibility of accessing geothermal energy on land on the southern end of the reservation.

The Geothermal Commercial Greenhouse Feasibility Study will examine potentially building a commercial greenhouse that could operate 24/7 by accessing geothermal energy for heat. If found feasible, a geothermal greenhouse would create jobs, increase the quality of life, and address food sovereignty, while building a source of sustainable, long-term economic growth.

The results of the proposed feasibility study could offer a blueprint of a unique agribusiness model that could be duplicated by other tribes and rural communities throughout Montana. The Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund planning program at the Montana Department of Commerce granted \$25,000 toward the total study cost of \$50,000.



*DNRC's Josh Stoychoff teaching fruit tree planting workshop in Hays (April 29, 2022).  
Credit: Jamie Kirby*

# WATER RESOURCES

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) works collaboratively with Tribal Nations to meet the State's water compact obligations. Frequent implementation duties include providing quarterly and annual reports, participating on technical teams, providing water right and water management assistance to state-based water users and compact parties, and administering the disbursement of funds. Additionally, compact implementation work frequently requires resolving unanticipated technical and administrative issues related to large compact infrastructure developments and changed circumstances.

## BLACKFEET WATER COMPACT

The 2009 Montana Legislature passed a compact settlement between the Blackfoot Tribe, the United States, and the State of Montana. The Compact quantifies the reserved water right for the Blackfoot while protecting the rights of non-tribal water users locally and downstream on Birch Creek and the Milk River. The Compact was first introduced in Congress in 2010 and signed into law on December 16, 2016 (Public Law No: 114-322).

In compliance with the Compact (85-20-1501, MCA), DNRC has annually provided the tribe and the United States with a listing of all Excepted Rights for which a certificate of water right or permit has been issued or a Change in Use has been approved by DNRC within the reservation and in drainages affected by this Compact.

The DNRC has been in communication with the Blackfoot Tribe during the previous year regarding the Existing Use List process outlined in the Blackfoot Tribe-Montana water rights compact, particularly in the process agreement for finalizing existing uses of the tribal right. The Existing Use List is a baseline inventory of uses existing on the reservation as of April 15, 2009. This list will become part of the tribal reserved right quantified by the compact.

In May 2022, the State sold \$16 million in bonds, which have been placed in a segregated account to fund the State's contribution under the Compact to the improvement of the Four Horns Irrigation Project.

## CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES WATER COMPACT

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai-Montana Compact was passed by the Montana Legislature in 2015. On December 21, 2020, Congress ratified the Compact through its passage of the Montana Water Rights Protection Act (the "Federal Act"). President Trump signed the bill into law on December 27, 2020 (Public Law 116-260). The Secretary of the Department of the Interior executed the Compact in 2021.

Pursuant to the Compact, the Flathead Reservation Water Board (Board) was formed and members appointed in January 2022. This is the first-ever joint state-tribal water rights administration model. The official location of the Board's Office is the old Masonic lodge building in Ronan.

As of June 2022, the DNRC Compact Implementation Program has collaborated with the tribes to plan and facilitate 13 board meetings, form interim processes, and develop Board staffing.

The State is responsible for funding staff support to the Board which now provides joint water rights administration on the reservation. The State must support the Board through DNRC staff support, the pay of 2.5 Board members, and 50% of the costs for the Office of the Engineer and the Engineer's compensation and benefits. In addition, the State has a settlement commitment contemplated under the Compact that must be funded by December of 2025.

DNRC's Water Resources Department collaborated with CSKT and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to offer a water measurement training to all irrigation system operators (ISOs) who work for the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project (FIIP). This training was identified by BIA and CSKT as an unmet need, and DNRC was asked to help as part of its supporting work for the Compact. A key objective of the Compact is to provide adequate flows for native fisheries habitat in the Jocko River. Accurate and efficient water measurement is important to meeting this objective.

DNRC initiated meetings with partner representatives in February of 2022, and the training was held on April 20 and 21 in Arlee. DNRC traveled to Arlee the week prior to the training to review potential field sites. The training was one full day of classroom learning and a half-day in the field. This was the first time DNRC worked with BIA and CSKT to develop and execute a training of this kind, and the success and positive feedback suggest it will likely become a regular event.

The Compact Implementation Technical Team (CITT) is established by the Compact to plan and advise the Project Operator on the implementation of the FIIP Operational Improvements, Rehabilitation and Betterment, and Adaptive Management. The CITT duties and responsibilities are defined in more detail in Appendix 3.5 to the Compact.

CITT projects with on-the-ground implementation during the report period included a number of water measurement activities. This includes ongoing operation of the existing CSKT water measurement program, the addition of 21 new measuring sites, upgrades to 12 existing sites, and installation of 16 canal flow measurement structures, all designed to improve the efficiency of the FIIP (a 130,000-acre irrigation project) and allow for improved management of instream flows (<https://www.csktwaterdata.org/AQWebPortal>).

The CITT contracted and is installing the third set of ten large pour-in-place water measurement flumes following engineering works conducted in 2018 with construction and operation nearing finalization this season.

A contract has been completed to survey 14 major irrigation reservoirs using a combination of sonar and LIDAR techniques, with the results to define stage/volume relationships used for managing stored irrigation water supply and reservoir minimum stages designed to protect ecological resources. Results are being integrated into water planning. Newly installed real-time stage-volume measuring devices are becoming operational this year for most of the 14 reservoirs.

The CITT completed three weather stations and the re-siting of one existing AgriMet weather station for the FIIP area. These are actively online and funded by state settlement dollars.

The CITT is working to redesign and upgrade the Jocko K Canal headworks to meet OSHA, fisheries, water measurement, and other diversion objectives in a project funded by the BIA. The final contract is almost in order, based on design selections with assurances that the design will meet historic water deliveries with construction slated to start this fall. Initial work on piping canals in the Jocko water delivery area is expected to start this fall after a construction delay of one year.

Initial work on restoration planning for the Charlo water delivery area has included public outreach meetings and the selection of engineering firms.

DNRC staffs the CITT through the Water Resources Division's Compact Implementation Program.

# SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The chief responsibility of government is to keep citizens and communities safe and secure. Governor Gianforte is committed to working with tribal partners to make our communities safer and increase access to treatment and recovery services in tribal communities.

For our communities and families to stay healthy and thrive, Governor Gianforte will continue working with leaders to increase Montanans' access to health care, preserve access to care in our rural communities, and bring down the cost of health care and prescription drugs.

As it has been over past year, the State of Montana will continue to prioritize making investments to build healthier communities, providing access to preventative health care resources, strengthening families, growing our health care workforce, and increasing Montanans' choices to promote good health.

# HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

## TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Tribal Health Improvement Program (T-HIP) is a historic partnership between tribal, state, and federal governments to address factors that contribute to health disparities in the American Indian population eligible for Medicaid and residing on a reservation.

Administered by a federally-recognized tribe, T-HIP is a three-tiered program designed to address factors that contribute to health disparities in the American Indian population eligible for Montana Medicaid members who reside on the reservation. Tier 1 seeks to improve the health of members who have chronic illnesses or are at risk of developing serious health conditions through intensive care coordination of individual members. Tiers 2 and 3 focus on addressing specific health focus areas that contribute to health disparities.

Currently, Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck are running Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs. Confederated Salish and Kootenai and Northern Cheyenne tribes are running Tier 1 programs and working on Tier 2 proposals. Fort Peck submitted their proposal to operate Tier 3 services.

The total reimbursement for all six participating T-HIP Tribes from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, is nearly \$46 million.

The following table provides a single month's data, displaying the number of members attributed per tribe and total overall members who are attributed to the T-HIP program. The required outreach is based on the tier level of the tribe and the percentage of outreach required by the individual task order associated with that tribe.

Tribe	Number of Medicaid Eligible Participants
Blackfeet Tribe	5,691
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	5,585
Fort Belknap Tribes	1,471
Fort Peck Tribes	4,908
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	2,618
Chippewa Cree Tribe	2,336
<b>Total Members Attributed to T-HIP</b>	<b>22,609</b>

## Examples of Programming in Tier 2 of T-THIP

Tribes continue to develop their own programs to address health disparities on their reservations and find culturally relevant ways to reach their communities and improve lives. A few examples of the work that is being done in Tier 2 of T-HIP follow.

### **Substance Abstinence Program**

The Substance Abstinence Program is for youth ages 1 through 9. Substance use is a key driver of morbidity and mortality in the tribal community. Improving the health of the next two or three generations is imperative. Adolescence marks the period of life with the highest risk for initiating and experimenting with substances. Without preventative measures, adolescent substance misuse may become a lifelong habit, leading to increased risk of chronic disease and illness. Additionally, adolescent substance use disorders (SUDs) can lead to immediate effects such as poor school performance, school drop-out, delinquency, motor vehicle accidents, and unintentional injuries and suicide.

### **Expanding Care Coordination/Disease Management**

Tribes have expanded their care coordination from the Tier 1 requirement of 10% to 25% of their Medicaid population. Many tribal populations find a large percentage of their members suffer from chronic health conditions.

### **Tribal Diabetes Prevention Programs**

The Tribal Diabetes Prevention Program is modeled after the Special Diabetes Program for Indians which includes evidence-based lifestyle changes. Part of the program is designed to assist participants in meeting their health care needs, remove barriers, and help coordinate care. The program includes classes for adults, such as lifestyle modification, exercise, and nutrition.

## INCREASING CANCER SCREENINGS

The Montana Cancer Control Program (MCCP) established the American Indian Screening Initiative (AISI) in 2000 to increase cancer screening of American Indian women.

As part of the AISI, the MCCP initiated the Montana American Indian Women's Health Coalition (MAIWHC), a grassroots coalition that was formed to assist the MCCP in recruitment and screening of American Indian women for breast and cervical cancer and has evolved into a coalition that addresses issues along the cancer continuum.

MAIWHC brings together American Indian women representing tribal communities, tribal health systems, urban health programs, and urban communities. MAIWHC members are involved with the Montana Cancer Coalition and the Montana Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan implementation. Cross-culture meetings and trainings take place to build trust and continually establish a productive working environment that is culturally competent and appropriate.

From June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, the MCCP served 1,192 women in Montana for breast or cervical cancer clinical services, of which 230 were American Indian women. The MCCP served 833 women for breast cancer services, of which 207 were American Indian women, and 473 women for cervical cancer, of which 33 were American Indian women. Additionally, 306 American Indian women received patient navigation assistance for cancer clinical services.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ASSISTED LIVING AND DIALYSIS SERVICES

The Fort Belknap Indian Community has long considered the development of an assisted living facility with a dialysis unit a top priority. Bear Paw Development Corporation was awarded a \$25,000 planning grant from the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund at the Montana Department of Commerce toward the total feasibility study cost of \$50,000. Island Mountain Development Group will coordinate the study, which will also identify the optimal location to construct this proposed facility on the reservation.

An assisted living/dialysis facility is also a significant economic development opportunity for the Fort Belknap Indian Community, which may potentially offer dialysis services to patients in surrounding communities. Extending dialysis treatment services to neighboring communities will increase the long-term profitability and sustainability of the proposed facility.

Currently, residents who need dialysis must travel great distances off-reservation to receive this life-saving treatment. Tribal elders in need of assisted living must move off the reservation, away from their families, to larger communities offering assisted living arrangements.

The new facility would not only add jobs, but also significantly decrease travel time for dialysis patients. Furthermore, this facility would provide tribal elders with a culturally relevant environment within their own community, adjacent to the ancestral home of the Nakoda (Assiniboine) and Aaniiih (Gros Ventre) Tribes. Also, the nursing program at Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC) could be incorporated into this facility as both a health care provider for the residents and as a place of training for ANC nursing students.

This project also aligns with the tribe's current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

## EXPANDING DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Montana Diabetes Program (MDP) is partnering with Fort Peck Community College to provide technical assistance and collaboration on the National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), an evidence-based lifestyle change program for people who are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

To expand the reach of the DPP across Montana, MDP is partnering with organizations to provide technical assistance, support, and funding for programs to develop and implement the program. Fort Peck Community College recently received federal funding from the CDC to expand access to DPP within their community.

As a part of the collaborative partnership with Fort Peck Community College, MDP provided training for four new lifestyle coaches. The coaches will deliver the DPP, obtain continuing education credits for nurses and other professionals to become a certified lifestyle coach, and provide networking opportunities for Fort Peck to connect with other programs across the state and continue education through biannual, lifestyle coach workshops.

# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

## ZERO SUICIDE

Zero Suicide is a framework to support suicide-safer care in health and behavioral health care systems. In the past 10 years, many studies have shown its effectiveness in reducing suicide deaths across diverse health systems.

The DPHHS Zero Suicide grant manager serves a connecting role with Indigenous communities, creating a pathway to care for patients served within clinics and hospitals on reservations and urban areas.

Outreach has been essential to the success of the program. The DPHHS Zero Suicide grant manager has met with Zero Suicide tribal and urban contracts on a monthly and bi-monthly basis. The grant manager has also completed Zero Suicide Safe Care Training with the CSKT Tribal Health Programs, Northern Cheyenne treatment center staff, Fort Belknap mental health & addiction providers, and Wind River Service Providers. In early June

2022, the grant manager attended the Fort Belknap Community Gathering of Native Americans.

The Zero Suicide Model has been implemented into the policy and procedures at the Butte Native Wellness Center and All Nations Health Center, directly impacting the Indigenous clients and population of Butte and Missoula.

Currently, all tribal contracts are creating or have implemented part of the process of Zero Suicide into a policy or procedure in their health care and mental health care organizations. They include Blackfeet, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, CSKT, and Northern Cheyenne.

A program evaluator has been hired to assist with data collection, process evaluation, and outcome evaluation as required by SAMHSA.

### *Results of Zero Suicide*

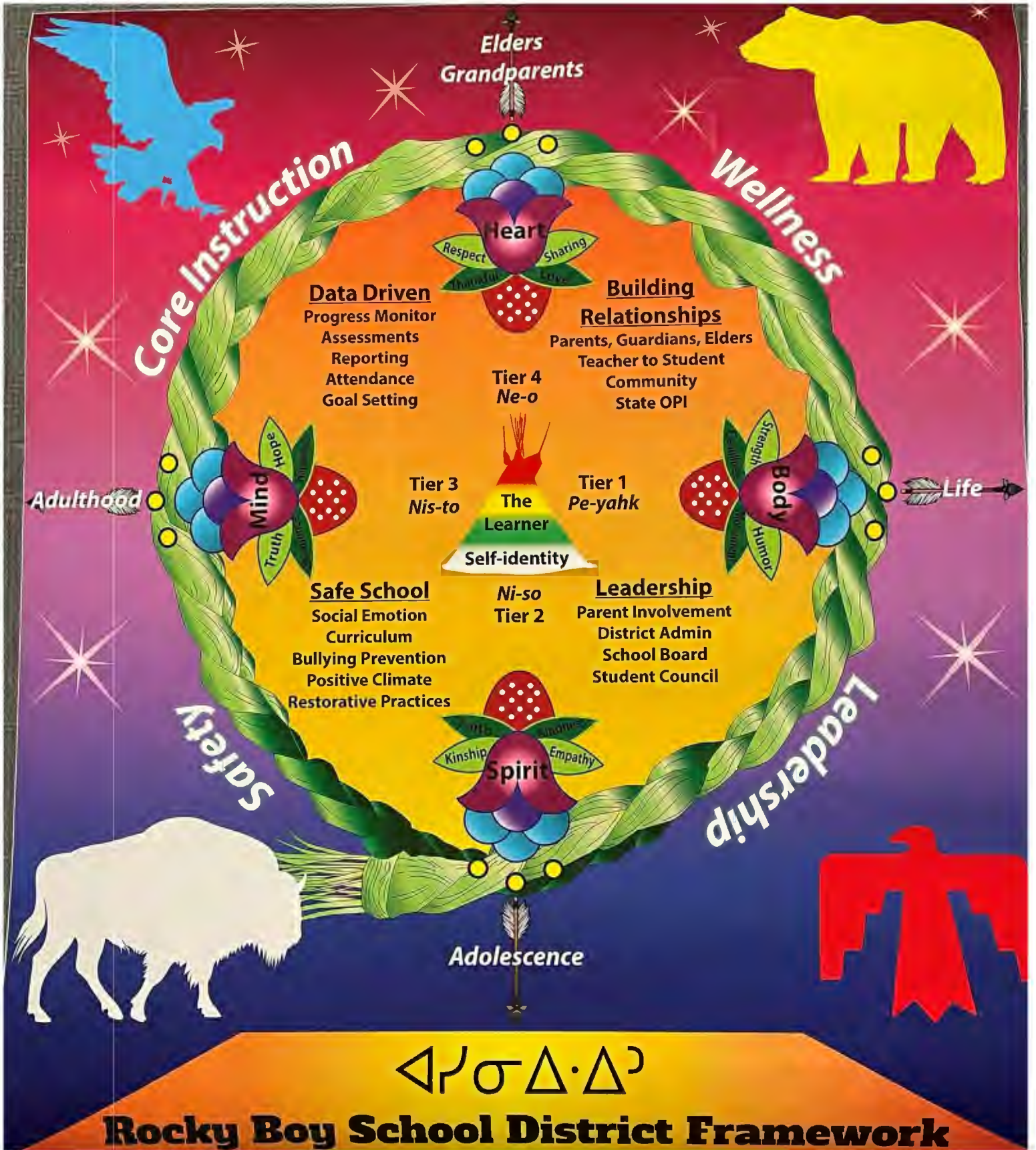
- *1,763 people have received Zero Suicide Training*
- *7,985 patients have been screened*
- *2,499 patients screen positive for depression and were referred to mental health services*
- *1,868 patients were referred access services*

*\*since September 2018*

## IMPROVING STUDENTS' ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Project AWARE grant builds or expands the capacity of State Educational Agencies, in partnership with State Mental Health Agencies (SMHAs) overseeing school-aged youth, and with three Local Education Agencies (LEAs). The purpose of Project AWARE is to develop a sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services.

The project increases awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth, and provides training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health issues. Project AWARE also connects school-aged youth, who may have behavioral health issues, and their families to needed services. The U.S. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration expects that this program will focus on partnerships and collaboration between state and local systems to promote the healthy development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence.



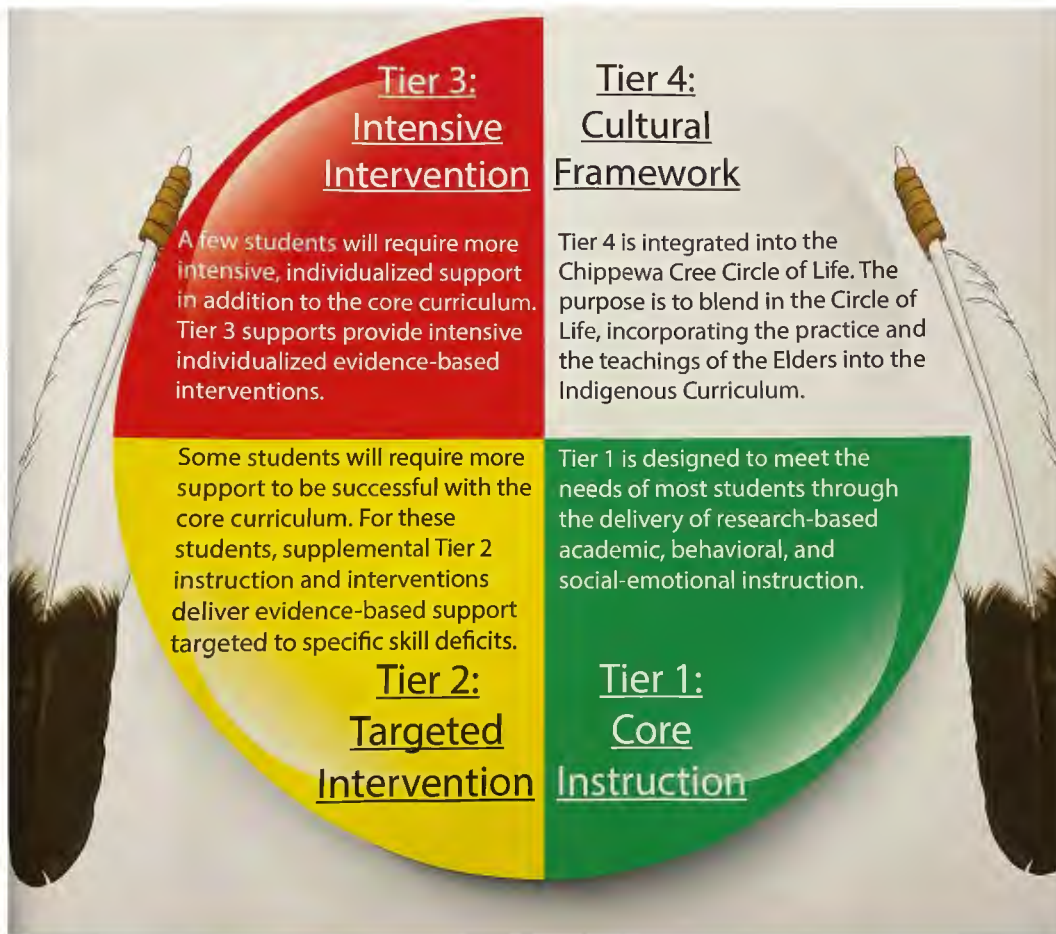
The Rocky Boy School District Framework Poster illustrates the elements of the Chippewa Cree Cultural Framework for the school district. Credit: Poster created as part of SAMHSA Project AWARE Grant and submitted by Ron Walker, Rocky Boy Project AWARE Coordinator, 2022

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) leads this grant with a memorandum of understanding with the DPHHS Children’s Mental Health Bureau (CMHB). CMHB has a State Mental Health Agency (SMHA) Program co-manager to provide oversight of mental health services and collaborate on trainings and reporting.

Rocky Boy School District K-12 was chosen as one of the three LEAs to participate in the grant. At the time of the grant application in 2020, the Rocky Boy Reservation provided a home for about 2,500 members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe. To date, the Rocky Boy School District has hired a grant-funded licensed mental health professional and a case worker for children referred for mental health services. The district has conducted mental health-re-

lated trainings for 197 non-mental health workers in the school district including crisis prevention, ACES, mental health, and restorative practices. The district has also raised mental health awareness with teachers, staff, families, and communities, offering in-person and virtual learning opportunities and access to free resources and support. These are just several examples of what the Rocky Boy School District has accomplished so far.

The overall award for the federal grant is \$3.6 million for all three LEAs and OPI. The goals for the first three years are to identify resources, build teams and infrastructure, and identify policy changes to advance goals. The last two years are to strengthen systems, work on sustainability, and implement policy changes.



The Rocky Boy School District MTSS Circle Poster illustrates the three tiers of the MTSS model and the Chippewa Cree Cultural Framework that encompasses all tiers. Credit: Poster created as part of SAMHSA Project AWARE Grant and submitted by Ron Walker, Rocky Boy Project AWARE Coordinator, 2022

# COMBATING NICOTINE DEPENDENCE

The American Indian Tobacco Prevention Program is housed within the DPHHS Public Health and Safety Division. The purpose of this program is to address the needs of American Indians on and off Montana's reservations regarding commercial tobacco addiction.

DPHHS supports 10 local Tobacco Education Specialists (TES) around the state in partnership with the eight tribal governments and two Urban Indian Centers – All Nations Health Center in Missoula and Helena Indian Alliance. In alignment with agency goals and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Best Practices, the TES provide education to local community members and youth on the traditional intent and use of the tobacco plant, incorporate cultural activities, integrate Native games, and educate on traditional knowledge. These activities help pave the way to a life free from nicotine dependence.

## 2021 STRATEGIC VISIONING WORKSHOP

Currently, 187,000 adults and 20,000 youth report using commercial tobacco, and despite years of dedicated efforts, more than 1,600 Montanans still die each year from tobacco-related diseases. Adult American Indians in Montana smoke cigarettes consistently at a rate two to three times higher than Caucasians in the state. While the prevalence of cigarette use among Montana youth has been steadily decreasing, the use of e-cigarettes is relatively high, with 30% of Montana youth in 2019 reporting current e-cigarette use.

Although Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program's efforts have made a lasting impact on the state, preventative strategies must continue to address the persisting challenges. MTUPP contracted with Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI) to support a workshop to create a strategic plan that aims to align and strengthen ongoing efforts of the American Indian Tobacco Prevention Workplan.

Thirteen participants joined the two-day visioning workshop held in Missoula in 2021. They represented state-level MTUPP administrators and community-based Tobacco Education Specialists from eight area tribes and two urban Indian health centers that serve residents in Missoula and Helena. During the workshop, the group leveraged their many years of tribal expertise to identify a shared vision for the Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program.

The participants developed strategic pillars and action steps to move toward that vision over the next five years. This strategic plan will guide the Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program.

### *Tribal MTUPP Vision*

*During the strategic planning workshop, participants constructed the building blocks of a plan by articulating strategic pillars and outcomes that will mobilize efforts toward achieving the shared vision.*

*"The Tribal MTUPP vision is to honor our sacred tobacco. Our efforts will enhance the programs, models, and interventions that integrate Tribal culture, language, and history. We will empower today's youth, families, and communities with culturally relevant education, resilience, and hope to sustain the health and wellness of Indigenous people for generations to come."*



*2021 Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program's Tribal Strategic Vision Planning Workshop. Front Row, l to r: Rick Wolfname, Northern Cheyenne; Juanita Swaney, CSKT; Rosemary Medicine Cree, Blackfeet; Chandler Lewis, KAI; Jennifer Ullman, MTUPP. Back Row, l to r: Dana Kingfisher, All Nations Health Center; Dawn Blatt, Rocky Boy Health Center; Charleena Penama, MTUPP; Janet Sucha, MTUPP; Desarae Baker, Little Shell. Credit: Iris Pretty Paint, Kauffman Associates, Inc.*

The CDC gave Montana a broad mandate to reduce health inequities within the state in recognition that there are many ways to increase wellness through culture. CDC also acknowledged that vulnerable communities, particularly American Indian populations, should find solutions that best serve their peoples. The mandate provides American Indian communities and tribal-focused organizations with an excellent opportunity to promote intergenerational education and interventions to reduce commercial tobacco use and dependence and increase understanding of traditional tobacco use within their communities.

The participants developed four strategic pillars that will guide efforts toward attaining their shared vision: develop cultural protocols for tobacco youth camps; create innovative educational tools and resources; design a comprehensive engagement plan; and provide access to sacred tobacco resources.

Tobacco Education Specialists may be seen at the local health departments, presenting to youth in local schools, sharing media through social and conventional platforms, offering resources for cessation opportunities, participating in cultural activities and health fairs, communicating with decision-makers, and protecting the health and well-being of tribal members throughout Montana. One of the collective activities sponsored by Tribal Tobacco work is Tobacco Talks.

Tobacco Talks was developed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a dream of a TES to reach a more digital-based audience at home to make commercial tobacco awareness and education more accessible. In this work, it's essential to reach many different populations with this education and information related to commercial tobacco. The virtual visit is one way to come together and discuss important issues related to health and everyday life.

Between December 2021 and May 2022, more than 750 individuals engaged in Tobacco Talks, which covered topics including human rights, heart health, and vaping.

The Montana American Indian Commercial Tobacco Prevention Facebook page was created in June 2018, through a partnership with tribal public health leaders and MTUPP. This page is maintained by American Indian TES and coincides with the Montana American Indian Quit Line. The Facebook page, resources, infographics, and posts are designed to be led by the American Indian TES for tribal community members to participate in.

## TOBACCO WARRIOR SUMMIT

The annual Tobacco Warrior Summit took place at Big Arm Resort in June 2022. The Tobacco Warrior Summit is a gathering of youth ages 13-17, hosted by a TES on a different reservation location every June. These summits provide three days of cultural teachings by local elders, commercial tobacco education, leadership skills, Native games, plant identification walks, poster contests, and a place to learn new things and meet new people. The summit is collectively funded by the Montana American Indian Tobacco Education programs.

# PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS TOGETHER

## PARTNERS IN HEALTH

DPHHS Tribal Relations Manager Lesa Evers led a Spring Tribal Tour to Indian Country to visit face-to-face with partners.

Various DPHHS staff joined the tour, which provided a great opportunity for them to experience working on the ground in tribal communities.

Between April and June 2022, visits were conducted on each of the reservations and in their respective offices in urban communities. These visits included meetings with each tribal council in their chambers, tribal health directors, urban Indian organization executive directors, the Indian Health Service Area Office in Billings, and each CEO at the respective service units across Montana.

## IHS Contract Negotiation

Effective May 1, 2022, DPHHS renegotiated the contract with the Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Office to furnish Medicaid services that meet applicable federal standards for services covered under the Montana Medicaid plan, to members who are Medicaid and IHS eligible. This contract continues the partnership developed between IHS and the department to work together to provide health care to Native Americans across Montana and help address the health disparities experienced by Montana's Native American population. The new contract will run for a seven-year term through April 30, 2029.

# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

## SUPPORTING LOW-INCOME CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' (DPHHS) Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO) supports low-income children and families by influencing state and local policy and the effective delivery of services, while linking Head Start Programs and communities through collaborative relationships.

Work with the American Indian Head Start partners within Montana is an integral part of the system. Six tribes hold a total of 11 federal grants from the Office of Head Start to provide Head Start programs to their communities, serving over 1,000 children and dozens of pregnant women. The Head Start Association provides regular outreach to American Indian Head Start partners and has monthly virtual

meetings, which all American Indian Head Starts and regional offices are invited to attend.

On June 16 and 17, 2022, the American Indian Head Start Collaboration Office, Salish Kootenai College Early Childhood Program, CSKT Early Childhood Services, Montana Head Start Collaboration Office, Office of Public Instruction, and other partners organized the third annual Montana Early Childhood Tribal Language Summit at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo.

Attendees spent three days discussing best practices about tribal language and cultural integration in early childhood settings. The incorporation of Indigenous games and Special Olympics into the event will inform further development and adaptation of Native American cultural practices nationwide for early childhood Special Olympics programming.

## ENHANCING CHILD SUPPORT AND PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS

Four tribes in Montana operate their own child support programs – Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Blackfeet, Fort Belknap, and the Chippewa Cree.

With its mission of improving the economic stability of families through the establishment and enforcement of parental obligations, Child Support Services Division (CSSD) of DPHHS has historically provided training, assistance, cooperation, and consultation with these independent tribal programs. CSSD has traditionally met in-person with its tribal counterparts on a biannual basis, with the most recent face-to-face summit occurring in September 2021.

New leadership that assumed oversight of CSSD in November 2021 recognized the importance of enhanced communication and collaboration with tribal partners and made these relationships a priority. With the assistance of Tribal Relations Manager Lesa Evers, an internal meeting was held on January 21, 2022, to develop an outreach plan.

CSSD virtually hosted Chippewa Cree on January 26, 2022; Blackfeet on February 3, 2022; Fort Belknap on February 4, 2022; and CSKT on June 28, 2022. During these online meetings, CSSD expressed commitment to face-to-face meetings with tribal partners every 2-3 months, provided current caseloads, and reviewed the transfer, closure and case opening process to identify areas to ensure the process is efficient.

The initial meetings led to scheduling face-to-face meetings with each of the four tribes with a purpose of establishing more frequent communication, assessing necessary changes to the MOUs, enhancing collaboration, and assessing processes and practices to guarantee the best possible service to the tribal families served.

## PROMOTING HEALTHIER FAMILIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN THROUGH VOLUNTARY HOME VISITING SERVICES

DPHHS' Healthy Montana Families (HMF) program partners with tribal communities to offer voluntary, evidence-based maternal and early-childhood home visiting services to tribal populations. Overall, these home visiting services focus on school readiness, parent education, and healthy outcomes for young children and their families. They also offer support and guidance with accessing other community services. Home visiting curricula are also intended to address child maltreatment.

HMF had four tribal home visiting sites (Local Implementing Agencies, or LIAs) between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. The sites were Blackfeet Community Health Resources (CHR) Program, Fort Peck Tribes Health Promotion Disease Prevention Program, Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, and Rocky Boy Health Center.

Home visiting curriculum, as well as several required federal benchmarks, address safe sleep, proper nutrition, activities to support child development, developmental screenings, depression screenings, intimate partner violence screening, parenting inventories, and specific health-related benchmarks, such as well-child visits and reduction of emergency room visits.

Evidence-based home visiting programs added approximately 10 jobs to Indian Country and served 121 families and 124 children between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) serves an 11-county area, including Big Horn County. The program serves more than 45 families with tribal affiliation, whether on or off the reservation.

ECI has cultivated relationships with school personnel such as Ben Radakovich and Erica Watson of Hardin Schools, and Brandyn Romo and Christina Olstad of the Yellowstone-West and East Yellowstone Special Services Cooperatives. The program has developed a strong working relationship with providers such as Dr. Luz Rodriguez of Lame Deer. These kinds of relationships help foster familiarity with these services which serves as a powerful tool in the referral process.

## FOOD ON THE TABLE

### CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for nutritious meals served to participants in Head Start, childcare centers, and at-risk afterschool programs located on six reservations in Montana. Healthy meals, training opportunities, menu development, and feeding children are components of the CACFP.

The on-site state agency and tribal partner collaboration included numerous site visits over the past year. The visits focused on training and technical assistance, monitoring program performance, facilitating expansion of CACFP, and ensuring effective participant operation.

Also, the annual CACFP training in 2022 empowered 26 directors and food service personnel in tribal communities to receive certificates of completion for "Nurturing Mealtimes" and "Overcoming Reluctant Eating." These training modules encompassed topics related to health and well-being, program management, planning safe and healthy learning environments, effective program operations, and civil rights.

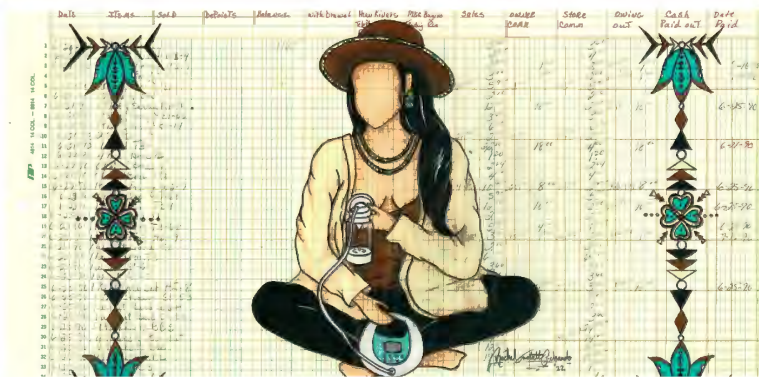
Due to the impact of COVID-19 and school closures, the USDA offered nationwide waivers that allowed for flexibilities related to CACFP meal service times, congregate meals, parent/guardian meal pick-up, and meal pattern components. These specific waivers helped ensure food security and program maintenance in these communities.

Additionally, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) offered additional funds to state agencies adminis-

tering the CACFP to provide local program operators with additional reimbursements for emergency operating costs they incurred during the public health emergency. Blackfeet, Flathead, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and Rocky Boy received a total of \$145,826 in funds.

Finally, over the last year, the partnership between DPHHS and the tribal childcare communities across the state has resulted in 80 jobs created, 332,713 nutritious meals and snacks served, and reimbursement for providing these meals of \$723,870 in CACFP meal reimbursement.

### WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM



Art created in Helena, Montana in 2022. Credit: Rachel Picardo (artist)

Montana's DPHHS WIC program holds task orders with all tribes, except the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe. Over \$750,000 annually is obligated through these contracts, which serve roughly 1,700 participants per month. The WIC program served 18,613 unique participants statewide; nearly 4,000, or 21.5%, identify as Native American/Alaska Native.



*Fort Peck Tribal Head Start and State Agency visit in Poplar (May 2022). Credit: Brooke Pickett*

## IMPROVING SNAP SERVICE

On April 26, 2022, the DPHHS Human and Community Services Division (HCSD) held a SNAP Tribal Consultation for all tribes across the state.

The consultation with tribal partners focused on three key areas. First, DPHHS officials and tribal partners discussed how SNAP benefits and administration impact tribal communities and the ability for tribal families to navigate the SNAP eligibility process. Second, they addressed how SNAP-Education can benefit tribal communities, and how the SNAP-Education program can meet the cultural needs of tribal families. Finally, the discussion focused on the importance of partnership and collaboration opportunities between SNAP Employment and Training and tribal entities to provide employment and training services to tribal families and to remove barriers to tribal member participation in the program.

HCSD will continue to collaborate with tribes on these programs to better serve tribal communities.

# SAFE COMMUNITIES

## MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSONS REVIEW COMMISSION

In 2021, Montana law enforcement entered 2,114 missing persons cases into the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database of missing persons. Thirty percent, or 650, of the 2021 missing person cases were identified as Indigenous persons; of those 457 were unique entries and 193 were reports of the same individual missing at least twice during 2021. Over 80 percent of the reports were youth under the age of 18. The missing Indigenous person clearance rate in 2021 was 95% and by May 30, 2022 eight, or 1%, of the 2021 cases were still open as missing.

Passed by the 2021 State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Gianforte, House Bill 35 established the Missing Indigenous Persons Review Commission (MMIPRC) at the Montana Department of Justice. The purpose of the MMIPRC is to examine the trends and patterns of missing Indigenous persons in the state; educate the public, law enforcement, and policymakers about missing Indigenous persons and strategies for investigation and prevention; and recommend policies and practices that may encourage jurisdictional collaboration and coordination and reduce the incidence of missing Indigenous persons.

Designed to imitate the already-established State and Native American Fatality Review Teams, Montana's Attorney General has appointed a multidisciplinary group of subject matter experts, primarily from Montana's tribal communities, along with state, federal and nonprofit organizations to serve on the commission.

MMIPRC will review missing persons cases selected by the Attorney General to provide the commission with the best opportunity to fulfill its duties. The review must include, but is not limited to, why the person or persons went missing; whether a missing person report was filed in a timely manner; whether the person or persons remain missing;

whether the person or persons went missing from inside the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation; and whether the complexities of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement jurisdiction inhibited a timely and effective investigation of the case.

Unlike the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission, the cases and persons being reviewed are not deceased. Therefore, it presents a different set of challenges for the MMIPRC to work through to review the cases effectively and with a trauma informed approach.

## MMIP TASK FORCE AND LINC GRANT PROGRAM

The State of Montana began focusing on missing and murdered Indigenous women during the 2017-2018 legislative interim when the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee requested information on human trafficking, violence against women, and missing persons.

The Montana Missing Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Task Force was initially appointed and began their work in 2019 and reported to State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee in September 2020. Attorney General Austin Knudsen reappointed the task force members in June 2021.

With House Bill 98 and Senate Bill 4 signed into law by Governor Gianforte in 2021, the MMIP Task Force and the Looping in Native Communities (LINC) grant program will continue through June 30, 2023.

In the last year, the MMIP Task Force has met and adopted its mission, vision, and goals and is collaborating with the Montana Department of Justice's Missing Persons Specialist.

Additionally, the extension of the MMIP Task Force and LINC grant program has resulted in the identification of barriers to reporting and responding to missing persons, in-depth discussion of data about missing youth, a recommendation of strate-

gies to improve response, the dissemination of the LINC reporting portal, LINC grant application and awards, the analysis of missing persons data from 2017-2020, and a report of findings and recommendations to the committee.

The initial LINC grant of \$25,000 was awarded to the Blackfeet Community College in the winter of 2020. Working closely with Whitefish company Dillon Software, Inc. which donated their resources, the college completed the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Montana website by grant closure on June 30, 2021. AT&T donated additional funds to the effort which supported outreach and education about the reporting site to all the tribes located in Montana.

A website, mmipmt.com, is active for Blackfeet Nation, the CSKT, and the Fort Belknap Indian Community. When a report is entered on the site, the local tribal law enforcement agency receives an electronic alert. Participating tribes have designated a LINC Coordinator who will confirm with law enforcement and with the reporting party that the information is active and required notifications are complete. Although the online reporting portal is an important resource for tribal communities to increase reports of missing Indigenous persons it is important to understand that these reports are not equivalent to a 911 call to local law enforcement. To date, the website has received a total of eight unique individual reports, and six of the individuals reported missing have been located.

### ***What is the LINC grant program?***

*Senate Bill 312 established the Looping in Native Communities (LINC) Grant Program to create a network in support of efforts by Montana tribes to identify, report, and find Native American persons who are missing. The grant program is administered by the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force.*

*The grant program includes the ability for a competitive grant to be awarded to a tribal college to create and administer a central administration point for the Looping in Native Communities network. The grant from the Montana Department of Justice is a match of \$25,000 to a single tribal college.*

*The grant was awarded to Blackfeet Community College in March 2020 to develop a website with a reporting portal as a safe avenue to begin the process to report a missing Indigenous loved one.*

## **COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission determined that Native Americans in Montana were victims of intimate partner homicide at a disproportionate rate. At the time, while constituting approximately 7 percent of the state's population, they tragically made up 11 percent of intimate partner victims 13 percent of intimate partner homicide events.

The Native American Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (NADVFRT) was created in 2014 both to understand better what leads to domestic violence fatalities in Indian Country and to recommend culturally sensitive, proactive changes to prevent them in the future. The team is a multi-disciplinary group made up primarily of Native Americans representing the different Tribal Nations in Montana as well as federal and state partners, including the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Montana Department of Justice, Montana Office of Public Instruction, etc. The team reviews intimate partner homicides involving Native perpetrators and/or victims.

NADVFRT was originally funded by federal grants enabling two reviews per year, the same as the state team. While federal funding has ended, the need to provide Indian Country specific data and assist other jurisdictions in forming similar teams remains. Due to the important work of the NADVFRT, one review of the four statutory state reviews during a biennium will now be dedicated to our approach of studying Native American domestic violence deaths, making recommendations for change, and publicizing those recommendations as a continued model for Indian Country throughout the United States.

The early success of the team has attracted national attention. Dr. Neil Websdale, director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative based in Flagstaff, AZ, trained Montana's initial team and is a member of the NADVFRT review

team. He is interested in replicating Montana's model in Arizona, New Mexico, and other states with significant Native American populations. The Montana team coordinator, along with various members of the Native American Fatality Review Commission, has presented on several national webinars and Indian Nation conferences and trainings.

Montana remains the nation's leader in Native American domestic violence fatality reviews, and has recently been contacted by a researcher from the Indigenous Law Centre at UNSW in Sydney, Australia to assist in improving fatality review in Australia's First Nation communities.

For additional information please see the biennial reports listed on the Montana Department of Justice website: <https://dojmt.gov/victims/domestic-violence-fatality-review-commission/>.

## MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The Montana Law Enforcement Academy is the premier law enforcement and public safety educational and training institution for state, county, city, and tribal officers throughout the state. The academy offers entry-level programs referred to as Basic Programs and advanced training through an array of Professional Development Programs. The academy produces well-qualified and highly trained law enforcement and public safety professionals who are essential to providing effective and efficient service to the people of Montana.

Annually, tribal students from all reservations make up approximately 5 percent of the academy's student population.

The mission of the Montana Department of Justice Law Enforcement Academy is to serve law enforcement agencies and the communities they represent by providing a positive atmosphere where relevant and realistic training for new and veteran public safety professionals can occur.



*Blackfeet law enforcement officers Tristan Redhorn and Christian Upham during National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. Credit: David Ortley*

## JUSTICE FOR MONTANANS AMERICORPS PROGRAM

The Governor's Office of Community Service is the grantor to Justice for Montanans (JFM), a 23-member AmeriCorps program of Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) that increases access to legal information and services for income-eligible Montanans. Over the last year, JFM AmeriCorps members completed 147 intakes at Montana Legal Services for the Tribal Law Practice Group, and served 407 tribal members across JFM partner sites.

JFM AmeriCorps members are integral in expanding capacity of legal services provided by MLSA and their partner organizations that serve tribal communities. Members of the JFM AmeriCorps program serve with the Tribal Law Practice group to conduct outreach about MLSA in all tribal communities. JFM AmeriCorps members provide a wide array of services to tribal communities through JFM partner organizations and via in-person, telephone and online intake, referrals, outreach.

## SAFER ROADS

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 traffic safety.

Law enforcement from Fort Belknap and other stakeholders on the Blackfeet, Rocky Boy's, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne reservations formed the Northern Tribes DUI Task Force, which focuses on reducing impaired and/or drug related traffic collisions through increased education and law enforcement. The task force has extended an invitation to Crow and Confederated Salish & Kootenai to participate.

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 \$310,413 to support these efforts.

Montana's SOAR Coordinators won a 2022 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Public Service Award. Only ten of these awards given each year throughout the nation.



*Jacintha Four Souls (Rocky Boy/Chippewa Cree) and Eileen Henderson (Blackfeet Nation) at the award ceremony at the Lifesavers Conference (March 2022). Credit: NHTSA*

## IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) continues to provide tribal communities with funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for transit operations and capital acquisitions.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, Blackfeet Transit, Chipewa Cree, Confederated Salish & Kootenai (CSKT), and Fort Peck Transit were awarded a total of \$992,602 in federal and local funds to be used to offset the cost of providing public transportation

services on the reservations at a subsidized rate to their residents. These bus services are accessible for clients who require special assistance, and they connect residents to important health care, nutrition, recreational, and other services.

Cumulatively, tribal bus service traveled 428,792 miles and provided 38,524 rides in FY 2022. For FY 2022, Blackfeet Transit, CSKT, and Fort Peck Transit were awarded a total of \$69,096 in State TransADE funding.



*Blackfeet Nation and MDT employees in Browning (May 31, 2022). Credit: Warren Blackman*



*Transit staff with one of the buses servicing the CSKT in Ronan. Credit: Leandria Cutfinger*

## CLEANER AIR FOR STUDENTS

In December 2021, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) awarded \$22,500 to Harlem Public Schools to replace an older diesel school bus with a new cleaner gasoline bus. The award was made through DEQ's Clean School Bus Program funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA).

The new bus will reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) by over 30 pounds annually. NOx is a family of poisonous gases that form when diesel and other fuel is burned at high temperatures. NOx pollution has been shown to irritate human respiratory function, exacerbate asthma conditions, and increase susceptibility of people to respiratory infections. Reducing exposure to NOx emissions for students reduces the risk of respiratory illness.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

The Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) strives to uphold one of its key missions: to inform consumers and industry through meaningful education and outreach. To be of most value, it's essential to meet people where they are and foster relationships.

Commissioner Troy Downing was elected by his peers to serve as Chairman of the American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). In this role, Commissioner Downing brought Montana Tribal Nations to the forefront of the national discussion on issues including access to insurance products on reservations and health coverage under the Affordable Care Act.



*Commissioner Troy Downing, Pastor Bruce Plummer, and Lesa Evers at NAIC meeting in Kansas City. Credit: Commissioner of Securities and Insurance*

Joining the State Tribal Relations Committee, agency staff also visited with tribal council members at Fort Belknap and Fort Peck to better understand how CSI can serve Tribal Nations. In June, CSI was at the table in Montana's first-ever, in-person tribal listening session with Director Rohit Chopra, U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, in Great Falls to discuss improvements in housing, health care and agri-business – all touching on some aspect of CSI's vision or mission.

This summer, Commissioner Downing commenced the first stop on his statewide tribal listening tour with the CSKT. CSI is actively engaged with tribal partners in exploring opportunities to support community initiatives addressing financial empowerment, homeownership, and the role of insurance in building businesses and protecting assets.



*CSI staff speaks before State Tribal Relations Committee. Credit: Commissioner of Securities and Insurance*

# APPENDIX A

## TRIBAL NATIONS' MAIN CONTACTS

### **Blackfeet Nation**

Phone: (406) 338-7521 | Fax: (406) 338-7530  
Official Website: [www.blackfeetnation.com](http://www.blackfeetnation.com)  
Chairman: Iliff "Scott" Kipp, Sr.  
DES Coordinator: (406) 338-2540  
Economic Development: (406) 338-7406

### **Chippewa Cree Tribe**

Phone: (406) 395-5705 | Fax: (406) 395-5702  
Official Website: [www.chippewacree.org](http://www.chippewacree.org)  
Chairman: Harlan Baker  
DES Coordinator: (406) 395-4225  
Economic Development: (406) 395-5705

### **Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes**

Phone: (406) 675-2700 | Fax: (406) 675-2806  
Official Website: [www.cskt.org](http://www.cskt.org)  
Chairman: Tom McDonald  
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# APPENDIX B

## AMERICAN INDIANS SERVING MONTANA

Boards	Name of Appointee	Tribal Affiliation
9-1-1 Advisory Council	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
Aging, Governor's Advisory Council on	Roberta Bigback	Northern Cheyenne
Agriculture Development Council, Montana (Growth Through Agriculture Program)	George Kipp	Blackfeet
Architects and Landscape Architects, Board of	Steven Small	Northern Cheyenne
Arts Council, Montana	Sean Chandler	Gros Ventre
	Corky Clairmont	Salish Kootenai
	Angela Russell	Northern Cheyenne
Burial Preservation Board	Kevin Askan	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
	William Big Day	Crow
	Michael Blackwolf	Gros Ventre Assiniboine
	Conrad Fisher	Northern Cheyenne
	Skye Gilham	Blackfeet
	John Murray	Blackfeet
	Richard Parenteau	Little Shell Chippewa
	Erika Scheuring	Blackfeet
	Alvin Windy Boy Sr.	Chippewa Cree
Coal Board	Veronica Small-Eastman	Crow
Community Service, Commission on	Jim Swan	Chippewa Cree

<b>Boards</b>	<b>Name of Appointee</b>	<b>Tribal Affiliation</b>
Crime Control, Board of	Jared Cobell	Blackfeet
	Richard Kirn	Assiniboine Sioux
	Angela Russell	Northern Cheyenne
Criminal Justice Oversight Council, Montana	Georgette Boggio	Crow
Dentistry, Board of	Aimee Ameline	Little Shell Chippewa
	Renee Parsley Mulcahy	Turtle Mountain Chippewa
Developmental Disabilities, Montana Council on (MCDD)	Susan Webber	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Professional	Wallace Gladstone	Blackfeet
Family Support Services Advisory Council (FSSAC)	Breanne Main	Gros Ventre Assiniboine
Flathead Basin Commission	Jasmine Courville-Brown	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Historical Society Board of Trustees	Steve Lozar	Salish Kootenai
Horseracing, Board of	Shawn Real Bird	Crow
Housing, Board of	Tonya Plummer	Assiniboine, Cree, Sioux
Human Rights, Commission for	Margarett Campbell	Gros Ventre Assiniboine
Humanities Montana	Glory Highly	Sioux
Interagency Coordinating Council for State Prevention Programs	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
Invasive Species Council (ISC)	Martin Charlo	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
	Gerald Cobell	Blackfeet
	Brandon Gopher	Chippewa Cree
	Charles Headdress	Assiniboine Sioux
	Dennis Longknife	Assiniboine Gros Ventre
	Gail Whiteman	Crow

<b>Boards</b>	<b>Name of Appointee</b>	<b>Tribal Affiliation</b>
Land Information Advisory Council (LIAC)	Carl Healy	Fort Belknap Indian Community
Livestock Loss Board	Joseph Kipp	Blackfeet
	Patricia Quisno	Gros Ventre
Nursing, Board of (BON)	Sandy Sacry	Salish Kootenai
Pardons and Parole, Board of	Kristina Lucero	Coastal Salish
Public Assistance, Board of	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	Crow
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
State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB), Montana	Jason Small	Northern Cheyenne
State-Tribal Economic Development (STED) Commission	Shawn Backbone	Crow
	Delina Cuts The Rope	Assiniboine Gros Ventre
	Jennifer Finley	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
	Melissa Fisher	Northern Cheyenne
	Rodney Gervais	Blackfeet
	Gerald Gray	Little Shell Chippewa
	Lafe Haugen	Northern Cheyenne
	Bryce Kirk	Fort Peck Tribes
	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
	Shannon Martell	Fort Peck Tribes
	Cheryl Reevis	Blackfeet
	Richard Sangrey	Chippewa Cree
	Len Two Teeth	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

<b>Boards</b>	<b>Name of Appointee</b>	<b>Tribal Affiliation</b>
Tourism Advisory Council (TAC)	Nathan St. Goddard	Blackfeet
Transportation Commission	Noel Sansaver	Assiniboine Sioux
Trauma Care Committee	Sara Bonanini	Blackfeet
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Council, Montana	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3)	Martin Charlo	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Veterans' Affairs, Board of	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
	Ryan Beston	Fort Peck Tribes
	Marvin Weatherwax	Blackfeet
Youth Justice Council (YJC)	George Real Bird	Crow
	Geri Small	Northern Cheyenne
	Raegyn Trombley	Blackfeet

# APPENDIX C

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND CABINET AGENCIES' MAIN CONTACTS

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# APPENDIX D

## STATE-TRIBAL AGREEMENTS

Tribe	State Agency	Activity Category	Agreement Name	Status	Contact	Phone
BLACKFEET	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2021 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2022 Special Reservation Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Banking	Native American Business Advisor	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Economic Development - Business Development	Blackfeet Nation Bottled Water Company MT-ICED-21-02	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Horse Track Restoration MT-TTG-22-002	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-002	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Environmental - Fish & Wildlife Management	Swift Fox Conservation Strategy Collaboration	In Effect	Hanauska-Brown, Lauri	406-444-5209
			Wolverine Metapopulation Monitoring and Connectivity	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
		Environmental - Water	Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections Agreements	In Effect	Woolf, Thomas	406-444-1230
	Historical Society	Environmental - Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Communication System Equipment MOU	In Effect	Feldman, Mike	406-490-9310
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agency 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 and 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

Tribe	State Agency	Activity Category	Agreement Name	Status	Contact	Phone
BLACKFEET	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Werner, Derek	406-941-2090
			Office of Victim Services MOU	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Blackfeet Community College Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
			Working Friends One-Stop Workforce Employment Center	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			FFY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant - Border Security	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			Operation Stonegarden Grant - Border Security	Expired	Bruno, Delila	406-417-9232
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Forestry	Arbor Day Grant UCF-22-029 Urban & Community Forestry	Expired	Kirby, Jamie	406-542-4288
			Scoping Notice of Timber Sales	In Effect	Thomas, Shawn	406-444-4978
			UCF-21-201R Urban Forestry Innovation Project	In Effect	Kirby, Jamie	406-542-4288
		Environmental - Water	Birch Creek Water Use Deferral Agreement	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	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 (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Blackfeet Early Childhood Center (MT-MILP-21-02)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program 1402CACFP194	Expired	Butler, Patty	406-444-1828
		Human Services - Family Services	Foster Care Services - Blackfeet Nurturing Center 2013SCHS0007	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0004	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0004	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			SEARCHS Inquiry Access Agreement	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846

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BLACKFEET	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Family Services	Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033600003	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Tribal IV-D Tribal Child Support Training and Technical Assistance	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	ARPA Home Visiting ECFSD 22-25-8-41-184-0	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Community Based Prevention 20-332-74801-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant (CTMG) 22-331-74101-0	Expired	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Eagle Shield Senior Citizens Home and Community Based Services- 6901-22-0003-01	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-496-4955
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Healthy Young Parent Program ECFSD	Expired	LaPiere, Jonelle	406-841-2477
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD	Expired	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Eligibility Determination Agreement 18022120050	Expired	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Partnership for Success 20-332-74754-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			Personal Assistance Program - 6901-22-0002-01	In Effect	Holm, Abigail	406-444-4564
			State Opioid Response SOR 22-332-74173-0	In Effect	McBride, Ki-Ai	406-444-3936
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-001-0 Task Order Blackfeet	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD 22-25-5-21-025-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Zero Suicide 20-332-74771-0	In Effect	Tabb, John	406-444-3934
		Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey

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BLACKFEET	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250	
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	East of Kiowa - East STPP 58-1(44)6	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			JCT S-444 East US-2 Pavement, Seal and Cover	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			St Mary's Rd-Spider Lake Rd MT 18(41)	Expired	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	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Browning-Southeast (PE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Browning-Southwest (PE) National Highway Route 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			EAST OF KIOWA-EAST (CN & CE) Primary Route 58	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Hudson Bay Divide South (PE) Stae Primary 58	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			HUDSON BAY DIVIDE SOUTH (PE) State Primary 58	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Hudson Bay Divide South Reconstruct the roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Hudson Bay Divide South- ST Primary 58/ US 8g, Glacier Co. Reconstruction of the existing roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			JCT S-444 - EAST US-2 (CN & CE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			JCT US-8g -East Browning (PE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Kiowa JCT - N & S	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Kiowa JCT - N & S (IC)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			Kiowa JCT - N & S Reconstruction of the roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			SF 159 Badger Creek S Fencing (CN & CE) Primary Route 3	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			US-89 Erosion RPR-Two Medicine (PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			US-89 EROSION RPR-TWO MEDICINE (RW) Primary Route 3	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
			US-89 Errosion RPR - Two Medicine, PE	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
		Finance - Revenue Sharing		Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CHIPPEWA CREE	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWF) 2021 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWF) 2022 Special Reservation Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Meat Processing Facility Study MT-ICED-21-03	In Effect	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-003	In Effect	Brown, Rachele	406-841-2734
			Powwow Grounds Rehabilitation MT-TTG-22-003	In Effect	Brown, Rachele	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
			Rural Water Systems Collaboration	In Effect	Steinmetz, Amy	406-444-5546
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agency Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Office of Victim Services MOU	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Montana Board of Crime Control	Human Services - Crime Control	Chippewa Cree Tribe Juvenile Justice Program 19-J24-92509	Expired	Gemar, Rachel	406-444-2056
			Chippewa Cree Tribe Juvenile Justice Program 20-J24-92677	Expired	Gemar, Rachel	406-444-2056
			Chippewa Cree Tribe Juvenile Justice Program 22-J24-1128	In Effect	Gemar, Rachel	406-444-2056
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - 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 (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Stone Child College (MT-MILP-21-03)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734

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CHIPPEWA CREE	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 20022280260	Expired	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Human Services - Family Services	Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0002	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			State/Tribal IV-D Child Support Training and Technical Assistance	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033660005	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Breast & Cervical Health MOU	In Effect	Wamsley, Mark	406-444-0063
			Community Based Prevention 20-332-74802-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant (CTMG) - SAMSHA COVID Relief 21-331-74101-0	Expired	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 20027250010	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250010	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act 20027190040	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD	Expired	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Administrative Match Agreement	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Medicaid Administrative Match Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Partners for Success 20-332-74755-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			Rocky Boy Health Center Home and Community Based Services Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-496-4955
			Rocky Boy Health Center Medicaid Eligibility 18022120020	Expired	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Rocky Boy Health Center Personal Care Assistance Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-496-4955
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-020-0	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428

Tribe	State Agency	Activity Category	Agreement Name	Status	Contact	Phone
CHIPPEWA CREE	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Treatment of Users of Stimulants (TRUST) Pilot Program	In Effect	Holly, Alyssa	406-329-5428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			White Sky Hope - Substance Use Disorders	In Effect	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD 22-25-5-21-029-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
			Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Secretary of State	Economic Development - Business Services	Uniform Commercial Code Compact	Expired	English, Kellee	406-444-0489
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CONFED- ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Administration	Environmental - Forestry	Ecological Restoration Services	In Effect	Nolin, Jeni	406-444-3313
	Agriculture	Environmental - Environmental Health	State, CSKT, and Lake County MOU for Pesticides Containers Recycling	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Banking	Native American Business Advisor	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Economic Development - Business Development	Big Arm Store Property Feasibility Study MT-ICED-21-04	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-004	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Cooperative Agreement	Clark Fork River Cleanup	In Effect	Chavez, Joel	406-444-6407
		Environmental - 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
		Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish Wildlife & Parks	Education	Cultural Interpretive Plan at Fort Owen and Milltown State Parks	In Effect	Flynn, Loren	406-542-5517
			Cultural Interpretive Plan at Missouri Headwaters and Madison Buffalo Jump State Parks	In Effect	Stockwell, Hope	406-444-4585
		Environmental - Data Sharing	Wildlife Migration Monitoring and Data-sharing Agreement	In Effect	Brooks, Adam	406-444-3032

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CONFED- ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Environmental - Fish & Wildlife Management	Bear Management Plan MOU	In Effect	Costello, Cecily	406-751-4583
			Bird Hunting and Fishing Agreement	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
			Ex-Officio Warden Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
			Fisheries Toxicity Assessment Collaboration	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
			Flathead Fisheries Survey	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
			Flathead Lake Co-Management Plan - Fisheries	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
			Hungry Horse Dam Fisheries Mitigation Project	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
			Wildlife Surveys on the Flathead Indian Reservation	In Effect	Brooks, Adam	406-444-3032
			Wolverine Metapopulation Monitoring and Connectivity	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
		Environmental - Land Management	Winter Storytelling Series Collaboration at Travelers' Rest State Park	In Effect	Flynn, Loren	406-542-5517
		Environmental - Water	Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections Agreement	In Effect	Wolf, Thomas	406-444-1230
		Environmental - Wildlife & Livestock Management	Wildlife Management Agreement - Big Horn Sheep Capture, Grizzly Populations, Trumpeter Swan Survey	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
	Historical Society	Environmental - Historic Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Communication System Equipment MOU	In Effect	Feldman, Mike	406-490-9310
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agency Agreement with Tribal Police	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement with Flathead Tribal Police	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Cross Deputization Law Enforcement MOA for Traffic Offenses	In Effect	Ortley, David	406-444-2026
			Department of Human Resources Development Fingerprint Program User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Ortley, David	406-444-2026
			Office of Victim Services MOU	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
			Electrical Permitting and Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Mission Valley One-Stop Consortium Agreement	In Effect	Krantz, Debra	406-883-7894
			Salish Kootenai College Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Montana Board of Crime Control	Human Services - Crime Control	Boys & Girls Club - Expand Capacity in Response to COVID-19 20-CV01-92701	Expired	Gemar, Rachel	406-444-2056
			Tribal Defenders Holistic Defense to Prevent Spread of COVID 19 20-CV01-92705	Expired	Gemar, Rachel	406-444-2056
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Forestry	Scoping Notice of Timber Sales	In Effect	Thomas, Shawn	406-444-4978
			Wildland Fire Protection Service Agreement	In Effect	Monzie, John	406-542-4220
		Environmental - Water	Contracted Water From Hungry Horse Reservoir	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Flathead Reservation Water Management Board Funding FA-FRWMB-102	Expired	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Water Management MOU WM-CSKT-159	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
		Environmental - Water Quality	Removal of Tailings Along Revais Creek & Placement in a Repository RIT-19-8871	In Effect	Anderson Fohnagy, Heidi	406-444-6691
			RITA-19-8875 Herbicide control of Flowering Rush/Flathead Lake	In Effect	Anderson 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 (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Develop Ksanka Wordbuilder Application (MT-MILP-21-04-1)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Develop/Update Learning Tools (MT-MILP-21-04-2)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program 1402CACFP197	Expired	Butler, Patty	406-444-1828
			Title IV-E Stipends/Training 20123STIP0001	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Foster Care Independence Program FCIP - Task Order 18037620002	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Gibbs, Anna	406-655-7669
		Human Services - Family Services	Case Referral Plan Memorandum of Understanding	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Child Support License 6901-05-0001-01	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Family Services	Foster Care Services - Second Circle Lodge 20213YGHS0005	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0001	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			State/Tribal IV-D Child Support Training and Technical Assistance	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033620004	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Breast & Cervical Health MOU	In Effect	Wamsley, Mark	406-444-0063
			Community Based Prevention 20-332-74803-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 20027250020	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250021	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Medicaid Eligibility Determination 16022120030	Expired	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Medicaid Task Order	Expired	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Partnership for Success 20-332-74756-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-021-0	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD 22-25-5-21-027-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Zero Suicide 20-332-74775-0	In Effect	Tabb, John	406-444-3931
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcohol Beverage Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Lower Clark Fork River Basin in Lake Co-ST-PX24(58)9212	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CONFED-ERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI	Transportation	Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Elmo-West, Primary Route 36	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs - N & S. Resurface the roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs - N & S. Resurface the roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs - N & S_Resurface the roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			HOT SPRINGS-N & S (CN & CE) Primary Route 36	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			ROUND BUTTE RD PATH-RONAN (RW)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 139-Turn Lanes NW of Polson	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 D1 Signs Rumble Strips (CN&CE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			WS 3-Johnson Wetland Mitigation, PE	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Environmental - Weeds	PSA 2018 Weed Control	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CROW	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWF) 2021 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Engineering Report for Trades Building MT-ICED-21-05	In Effect	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Apsaalooke HA Homes I	In Effect	Christensen, Amy	406-841-2800
		Economic Development - Public Facility Infrastructure Construction	Phase 3C Wastewater Improvements CG-17-848 CDD TSEP	In Effect	Blize, Jeanette	406-841-2782
			Phase 3c WW Collection 17-0787 CDD CB	In Effect	Blize, Jeanette	406-841-2782
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-005	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Crow Coal Mining Program	In Effect	Smith, Robert	406-444-4967
		Environmental - Cooperative Agreement	Crow Coal Collaboration	In Effect	Smith, Robert	406-444-4967
		Environmental - Environmental Health	Hardin Landfill Expansion License	In Effect	Thompson, Rick	406-444-5345
		Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Environmental - Fish & Wildlife Management	Day of Honor Buffalo Donation MOU	In Effect	Kind, Aaron	406-252-1289
Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111	

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CROW	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Office of Victim Services MOU	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Little Big Horn College Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
		Human Services - Veterans	Veterans Outreach Program Collaboration	In Effect	Altmaier, Dan	406-655-6065
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Water	Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			Wastewater Collection System Improvement Phase 3C - RRG-19-1693	In Effect	Hoeglund, Sonja	406-444-0552
	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator License Collaboration Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Little Big Horn College (MT-MILP-21-05)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Crow Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program 1402CACFP196	Expired	Butler, Patty	406-444-1828
		Human Services - Family Services	Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0005	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0005	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
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-015-0	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743

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CROW	Public Health & Human Service	Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD 22-25-5-21-026-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract Infrastructure ECFSD 20-25-5-21-091-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Secretary of State	Economic Development - Business Services	Uniform Commercial Code Compact	Expired	English, Kellee	406-444-0489
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Guardrail - S of Billings (CN & CE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			HARDIN-EAST S-384 (PE) Secondary Route 384	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			I-90 CULVERT-LODGE GRASS (PH2)-Replacement of an existing culvert	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 169 BLSG DISTRICT SFTY IMPRV (CN & CE) Inst of signing, delineation & rumble strips	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF129-BILLINGS HRZNTL CRV SIGN (CN & CE) Multiple routes/counties	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
FORT BELKNAP	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2021 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Environmental Health	Zortman-Landusky Mine and Swift Gulch Drainage - Technical Working Group MOU	In Effect	Garcin-Forba, Katie	406-444-0055
		Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agency Agreement with Tribal Police	In Effect	Viets, Jennifer	406-444-2483
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement with Fort Belknap 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	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Fort Belknap College Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474

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FORT BELKNAP	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Forestry	ACT-21-008 Bear Gulch Timber Sale Road	In Effect	Frampton, Wyatt	406-542-4355
		Environmental - Remediation	Fort Belknap Old Agency Assessment and Cleanup Planning RITP-19-0152	In Effect	Anderson Fohnagy, Heidi	406-444-6691
		Environmental - Water	Renewable Resource Grant RRG-21-1776	In Effect	Hoeglund, Sonja	406-444-0552
			Resource Planning Grant RPG-20-0677	Expired	Coleman, Autumn	406-444-6687
			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 (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant (MT-MILP-21-06)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Fort Belknap Head Start Child and Adult Care Food Program 1402CACFP198	Expired	Butler, Patty	406-444-1828
		Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Tribal Family Assistance Program MOE 20022280250	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Human Services - Family Services	Cooperation on CSED Services and Data Sharing MOA	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0003	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033630007	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Tribal IV-D Tribal Child Support Training and Technical Assistance	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Community Based Prevention 19-332-74811-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			County and Tribal Matching Grant (CTMG) - SAMSHA COVID Relief 21-331-74099-0	In Effect	Collins, Mary	406-444-9635
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 20027250030	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250030	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act 20027190060	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921

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<b>FORT BELKNAP</b>	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act 21027190500	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Fort Belknap Health Center Home and Community Based Services Program - 6901-22-0005-01	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-496-4955
			Fort Belknap Medicaid Eligibility Determination 18022120040	Expired	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Medicaid Task Order	Expired	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Partnership for Success 19-332-74759-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			Personal Care Assistance Program 6901-22-0004-01	In Effect	Holm, Abigail	406-444-4564
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-016-0 Task Order Ft. Belknap	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD 22-25-5-21-028-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Zero Suicide 20-332-74776-0	In Effect	Tabb, John	406-444-3932
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
			Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	SF129 Great Falls Horizontal CRV Signing	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Hays-N & S (CN & CE) Primary Route 66 Blaine Co	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-191 Slide -N of DY Junction (RW) National Highway 61, Phillips County, Slide mitigation	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-191 Slide-N of DY Junction Slope stabilization	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		US-191 Slide-N of DY Junction -Slide correction on existitng roadway	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058	
<b>FORT PECK</b>	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2021 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140

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FORT PECK	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2022 Special Reservation Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Reservation Zoning & Development Ordinance MT-ICED-21-07	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-007	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Environmental Health	Wolf Point Landfill Siting License	In Effect	Thompson, Rick	406-444-5345
		Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
			Rural Water Systems Collaboration	In Effect	Steinmetz, Amy	406-444-5546
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Environmental - Fish & Wildlife Management	Fishing Regulations Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Dalbey, Steve	406-808-7067
			Quarantine Bison Feasibility Study Agreement	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600
			Swift Fox Conservation Strategy	In Effect	Hussey, Nicole	406-808-7111
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Cross-Deputization of Law Enforcement	In Effect	Ortley, David	406-444-2026
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Foster Home Licensing Fingerprint Program User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Ortley, David	406-444-2026
			Office of Victim Services MOU	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Fort Peck Community College Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			Job Service Office Wolf Point/Glasgow	In Effect	Elizandro, John	406-444-3299
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
			WoRC Program Rental Agreement	In Effect	Elizandro, John	406-444-3299
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Water	Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
			RRG-22-1833A Renewable Resource Grants	In Effect	Kulczyk, Ann	406-228-4129

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FORT PECK	Office of Public Instruction	Education	Class 7 Educator Licensure Process	In Effect	Andrews, Crystal	406-444-6325
			Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant (MT-MILP-21-07)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Fort Peck Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program 1402CACFP199	Expired	Butler, Patty	406-444-1828
		Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
			Foster Care Services - The Children's Lodge 20213SCGH0007	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			MOA between DPHHS, CFSD, BIA and Fort Peck Tribes 6901-03	In Effect	Barnosky, Eric	406-234-1385
			Title IV-E Child welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033640006	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	ARPA Home Visiting ECFSD 22-25-8-41-173-0	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Community Based Prevention 20-332-74805-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 20027250040	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250040	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act 20027190050	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Fort Peck HPDP Wellness Personal Assistance Program	In Effect	Holm, Abigail	406-444-4564
			Fort Peck HPDP Wellness Waiver Program	In Effect	Perrotta, Jean	406-496-4955
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Home Visiting Support Services 16075010890	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD	Expired	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD 22-25-5-41-173-0	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Partnership for Success 20-332-74758-0	In Effect	Koch, Kimberly	406-444-3749

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FORT PECK	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-017-0 Task Order Ft. Peck	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSO 20255210230	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSO 22-25-5-21-023-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Zero Suicide 20-332-74772-0	In Effect	Tabb, John	406-444-3933
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
			Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	CORS Monument Construction -MDT Wolf Point	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Box Elder Cr Bridge (MT-13)-Replacement of the existing structure	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT MT-25 - North (Wolf Point)(PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT Sec 250-North (RW) STPP32-1(30)17	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT SEC 250-NORTH (PE) Primary Route 32	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Glendive Horizontal Crv Sig (CE & CN) Multiple routes/counties	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Glendive horizontal curve signing	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 GLENDIVE HRZNTL CRV SIG (CN & CE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 - Poplar (CN & CE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2-Poplar (CN & CE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2-Poplar-Mill, pavement pulverization, overlay of the existing roadway, roundabouts	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
LITTLE SHELL	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Tribal Enterprises LLC Economic Development Plan MT-ICED-21-01	In Effect	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Hell Creek Website MT-TTG-22-001	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-001	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734

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LITTLE SHELL	Historical Society	Environmental - 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 (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant (MT-MILP-21-01)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-018-0 Task Order Little Shell	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
NORTHERN CHEYENNE	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTf) 2021 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Workforce Development Training Center MT-ICED-21-08	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Transportation Sand/Salt Storage Facility 19-0854 CDD CB	Expired	Young, Rachel	406-841-2867
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio of Projects for Tourism Enhancement MT-TTEG-22-008	In Effect	Brown, Rachele	406-841-2734
		Economic Development - Supplies & Services	Water/Wastewater Equipment Purchases CDD CB 19-0830	Expired	Young, Rachel	406-841-2867
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
		Environmental - Water Quality	Tongue River Watershed TMDL-WAG	In Effect	Staten, Christina	406-444-2836
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Environmental - Fish & Wildlife Management	Fish and Wildlife Enforcement MOU	Expired	Zipfel, Zachary	406-444-2551
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Historical Society	Environmental - Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	Expired	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	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 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 Natural Resources Department	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Tribal Health Programs	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Ortley, David	406-444-2026
			Office of Victim Services MOU	Expired	Eliel, Joan	406-841-2477
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Chief Dull Knife Montana Career Resource Network (MCIS)	In Effect	Earnhardt, Mary Ellen	406-444-1770
			State Workforce Investment Board State-wide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
		Human Services - Veterans	Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Collaboration	In Effect	Altmaier, Dan	406-655-6065
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	DR 4623 Presidential Disaster - Richard Springs Fire	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			FFY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - 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 (MACIE)	In Effect	Gopher, Carrie	406-399-4292
			Montana Indian Language Program Grant - Chief Dull Knife College (MT-MILP-21-08)	Expired	Hickman, Crystal	406-839-6734
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	Northern Cheyenne Head Start Child & Adult Care Food Program 1402CACFP200	Expired	Butler, Patty	406-444-1828
		Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Human Services - Family Services	Non-Title IV-E Child Welfare Services 20143TRIB0006	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
			Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and Related Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Services 18033650002	In Effect	Leary, Mick	406-841-2483
		Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness Task Order	In Effect	O'Loughlin, Kevin	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 20027250050	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250050	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Hayes, Rachel	406-444-1202
			HIV Prevention Program (PREP) ECFSD 20-25-5-11-014-0.	In Effect	LaPiere, Jonelle	406-841-2477
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD 22255411640	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE	Public Health & Human Service	Human Services - Public Health & Health Services	Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-7010
			Northern Cheyenne ARPA Home Visiting	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-019-0	In Effect	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infant, Children Contract ECFSD 20255210240 1	Expired	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFSD 22-25-5-21-024-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Tobacco Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Busby - East & West (PE) National Highway 37	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			BUSBY-EAST & WEST (PE) National Highway 37	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lame Deer - West (CN & CE) National Hwy 37	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lame Deer - West	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Lame Deer - West, (PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Multi Use Path-Lame Deer(CN & CE) Route 44684	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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