



IAD Insight

New Mexico Indian Affairs Department



A message from Cabinet Secretary Trujillo

Greetings!

For the last few months our department has been working hard to bring together the 23 tribal nations of New Mexico with our state government. In May, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, tribal leaders and our cabinet secretaries met for the first State Tribal Leaders Summit of the new administration. This summit was an amazing opportunity for both tribal leaders and state officials to discuss areas of potential collaboration and to begun building new relationships. Over the day and a half summit leadership discussed some of the most pressing issues impacting our tribal communities and areas of potential collaboration. This was an important first step to renewing the state's promise to meaningful government-to-government dialogue and collaboration with tribes.

As we look forward I am excited to continue strengthening the relationship between tribes and state government. We have the opportunity to achieve great things over the next few years and I hope you will join us on this amazing journey!

Herkem (thank you),
Secretary Trujillo



A message from Deputy Secretary Padilla

Ya'at'eeh!

The Indian Affairs Department has had a wonderful and busy few weeks. This past month, we celebrated Governor Lujan Grisham's new appointments to the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board. We welcome the new board members and congratulate them on a successful first meeting where they distributed \$14 million in capital projects to tribal communities. These funds will go to critical infrastructure projects in tribal communities throughout the state. We are also now soliciting recommendations for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's task force. Our team has been putting together an outreach plan and has been meeting with various stakeholders on this important issue. We welcome you to join us and be a part of this work. Thank you for all that you do to create positive change in our tribal communities. We look forward to working with you as we move forward.

Respectfully,
Nadine Padilla

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The Indian Affairs Department welcomes new staff: General Counsel, Carrie Frias, Policy, Legislative Affairs and Communications Bureau Chief, Keegan King, and Senior Policy Analyst, Stephanie M. Salazar.

Carrie Frias serves as the General Counsel for the Indian Affairs department, prior to joining IAD Carrie worked as the Chief General Counsel for the Pueblo of Pojoaque. Carrie worked at the Pueblo for five years and managed the Pueblo's in-house legal department of four attorneys. Previously Carrie lobbied on behalf of tribes in Washington D.C. at Anderson Indian Law, where she assisted in passing the tribal provisions in VAWA which returned some criminal jurisdiction to tribes to prosecute domestic violence crimes on their reservations. Before relocating to Washington D.C. Carrie served as a prosecutor at the Hopi tribe and the Pueblo of Laguna. Carrie also worked as a public defender and prosecutor for the State of New Mexico. Carrie clerked for the Navajo Nation Supreme Court while at the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is passionate about defending the rights of Native women and children who are victims of crime.

Keegan King serves as the Policy, Legislative Affairs and Communication Bureau Chief at the Indian Affairs Department. Keegan is an enrolled tribal member from the Pueblo of Acoma. Prior to joining New Mexico IAD, he worked as a consultant specializing in policy development and communication strategy. His experience includes campaign organizing in tribal communities, building broad coalitions to achieve policy outcomes and organizing with communities-of-color throughout the country.

Stephanie M. Salazar (Diné) joins the Indian Affairs Department following her work as a policy analyst for the 2019 legislative session. Prior to her legislative work, Stephanie served as the Tribal Prosecutor at the Pueblo of Isleta. She also worked for the American Indian Law Center, Inc. where she was part of a team that conducted tribal court assessments for tribes in New Mexico and California. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Native American Studies and Political Science from the University of New Mexico and she obtained a Juris Doctorate with a certificate in Indian Law from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is currently a member of the New Mexico State Bar.

Administrative Services Division (ASD) Unit:

Special Projects - During the 2019 New Mexico Legislative Session, the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) received a General Fund Appropriation to support special projects in Fiscal Year 2020 that benefit NM tribal communities. From this appropriation, the Department has **\$603,600** available for projects that identify and address a need of tribal communities across the State of New Mexico. Projects should be focused on providing direct services which will benefit the Native American people of the state. The project should identify and address a direct need in tribal communities.

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Tobacco Cessation & Prevention Projects (TCPP) - IAD also received an Interagency Transfer Fund Appropriation from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to support Tobacco Cessation & Prevention Projects in the State during the 2020 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020). The Department has **\$249,300** available for tribal-specific tobacco cessation and prevention initiatives. The Department will consider funding projects that focus on building tribal capacity to implement culturally appropriate tobacco cessation and prevention initiatives that recognize the unique ceremonial uses of tobacco while reducing the use of commercial tobacco and its harmful effects.

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Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) - The IAD was invited to attend the Littlewater Chapter Springs Project Line “Meter Installation” Celebration on May 15, 2019. The first residence that received the meter installation was Leo Thompson, Grace Livingston, Rebekah J. Martin, James Enrico, Lucille Yazzie, Peterson Enrico, Lesley Cadman and Hebert Enrico, Jr.. The community members were very appreciative and told stories of how long they had to wait to receive electricity. “I have waited since 1974 to receive electricity and my parents at the time were still alive, and to receive electricity today, I know my mother knows that we received electricity” said Grace Livingston. Ms. Livingston did the honors of turning on her meter and her lights to home came on, and now she has plans to improve her home. In total, eight (8) homes were provide with meter installation and Littlewater Chapter has reached 90% of homes that now have electricity. Genevieve Castillo, Community Service Coordinator was thankful to the community, Continental Divide Electric Company, and the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.



[The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Announces Appointments to Tribal Infrastructure Board.](http://www.iad.state.nm.us/tribalinfrastucturefundboard)

Visit: <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/tribalinfrastucturefundboard>, for more information.

Policy Unit:

During the month of April, the IAD Policy Unit was busy creating new research documents, following up on legislated tasks from the just-adjourned legislative session, and creating a foundation for the upcoming State-Tribal Leaders' Summit in May. We are following broad topics of energy, education, cultural resource protection, behavioral health, economic development, to name a few. In addition, at every opportunity we are learning more about the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos that we serve and your legislative and community priorities.

Also, a friendly reminder that The 2019 New Mexico State Legislature New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Policy Unit Summary is now available on our website.

The Summary provides a narrative of legislation that impacts New Mexico's Indian nations, tribes, and pueblos in the area of education, natural resources energy, cultural and community resources, health, criminal justice, veterans, and governance. With over 1,600 bills introduced in the 2019 legislation, the Indian Affairs Department policy unit conducted analysis of 85 bills for the Legislative Finance Committee and tracked more than 100 bills related to Indian communities. The summary reflects legislation signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, legislation that passed through the Legislature but not signed by the Governor, and legislation that either died in committee or on the senate/ house floor.

[2019 New Mexico State Legislature New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Policy Unit Summary](#)

For more information on each bill, please visit the New Mexico Legislative website at www.nmlegis.gov

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Communications Unit:

The Indian Affairs Department issued the below press releases during the months of April and May 2019:

- **April 3:** [Cabinet Secretary Trujillo Commends Governor's Signing of the Outdoor Recreation Division Bill](#)
- **April 3:** [Governor Lujan Grisham Signs Legislation to Replace Columbus Day](#)
- **April 3:** [Indian Affairs Secretary Commends Governor on Signing of Key Education Legislation, Positive Impact on Native Students](#)
- **April 5:** [New Mexico Makes Historic Investment in Tribal Communities](#)
- **April 5:** [Indian Affairs Secretary Commends Governor Lujan Grisham on Signing Legislation that Directly Impacts Tribal Communities](#)
- **May 10:** [The Indian Affairs Department Welcome New Executive-Level Staff](#)
- **May 16:** [Tribal Leaders Meet for Historic Summit with Governor Lujan Grisham](#)
- **May 17:** [The Indian Affairs Department Congratulates Senator John Pinto on Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service from Navajo Technical University](#)
- **May 24:** [New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, Native American Legislative Caucus and All Pueblo Council of Governors Leadership Issues Statements on the Passing of Senator John Pinto](#)
- **May 31:** [Indian Affairs Department Announces Appointments to Tribal Infrastructure Board](#)

To view all IAD Press Releases, visit: http://www.iad.state.nm.us/press_releases

Tribal Liaison Updates:

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LAS CRUCES CONVENTION CENTER
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The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) introduced a new searchable database of 50 federal broadband programs, spanning a dozen federal agencies with billions of dollars for broadband grants, loans and other resources. The database, created with help of participating federal agencies, fulfills a goal set out in the American Broadband Initiative announced in February to make it easier for community leaders to find federal funding and permitting information. <https://www.ntia.gov/press-release/2019/ntia-releases-comprehensive-guide-federal-broadband-funding>

Funding and General News:

[USDA ReConnect Application Deadline: July 12 for low-interest loans](#)
[Broadband Infrastructure Should be a National Priority for Policymakers](#)
[State Actions to Facilitate Broadband Deployment](#)

State Personnel Office (SPO)
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Are you interested in a new position? Do you have a friend or relative who would be a great addition to the State Government family?

The New Mexico State Personnel Office (SPO) website provides job listings for the 68 state government agencies. There are job opportunities around the state, including in: Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Los Lunas, Espanola, Farmington, Gallup, Grants, Rio Rancho, Alamogordo, Taos, Belen, Bernalillo, Socorro, Cuba, Fort Sumner, Tierra Amarilla, Jemez Springs, Ruidoso Downs, and San Ysidro.

The State of New Mexico offers competitive salaries and a great benefits package. The SPO career website is updated daily. For more information contact the State Personnel Office at 505-476-7759.

Interested applicants must apply for job opportunities online by completing an application by the job posting closing date. To apply, visit: https://careers.share.state.nm.us/psc/hprdcg/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS.CG.SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&FOCUS=Applicant

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NM Environment Department (NMED)
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The New Mexico Environment Department is seeking public comments on its Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, which outlines how funds received as part of the 2017 Volkswagen (VW) settlement agreement will be used.

The plan map may be viewed by visiting: <https://www.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/VW-Revised-BMP-5.30.19-Final.pdf>. Comments will be accepted through June 29 and may be submitted to vw.info@state.nm.us.

To view the press release, visit: <https://www.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/053019-VW-settlement-public-comment-final.pdf>

Job Openings:

- [Dispatcher \(Pueblo of Tesuque\)](#)
- [Member Experience & Social Media Specialist \(AMERIND Risk\)](#)
- [Human Resources Recruitment Supervisor \(Pueblo of Isleta\)](#)
- [Tribal Liaison \(State of New Mexico\)](#)
- [Education Advocate \(Pueblo of Pojoaque\)](#)
- [Administrative Operations Manager II/Native American Liaison \(State of New Mexico\)](#)
- [Historic Preservation Specialist \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Senior Program Manager \(Pueblo of Tesuque\)](#)
- [Indian Education Specialist \(Espanola Public Schools\)](#)
- [Health and wellness director \(Pueblo of Tesuque\)](#)
- [Community Prevention Coordinator \(Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council, Inc.\)](#)

Scholarship Opportunities:

- [Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance](#)
Deadline to apply June 25, 2019
- [Association of American Indian Affairs \(AAIA\) Fall 2019-Spring 2020 Scholarship](#)
Deadline to apply July 1, 2019 at 5 PM
- [Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. \(ENIPC\) Higher Education Scholarship](#)
Deadline to apply is the last Thursday in July, by 5PM.
- [American Indian College Fund Tribal College & University \(TCU\) Scholarship](#)
Deadline August 1, 2019
- [Intertribal Agriculture Council Scholarship Program](#)
- [American Indian College Fund](#)

Funding Opportunities:

- [Funding for Solar Initiatives on Tribal Lands – on-going](#)
- [Tribal Long-Term Services and Support Resource Center](#)
Deadline to apply is July 5, 2019
- [Bureau of Indian Education: Tribal Education Grants](#) Deadline to apply is July 5, 2019
- [Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program](#) Deadline to apply is July 9, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- July 12: 33rd Annual Taos Pueblo Pow Wow
- July 14: Pueblo of Cochiti Feast Day
- July 26: Pueblo of Santa Ana Feast Day
- July 28: Pueblo of Pojoaque T'owa vi Thaa
- August 2: Pueblo of Jemez Feast Day
- August 4: Pueblo of Santo Domingo Feast Day
- August 10: Anniversary of Pueblo Revolt 1680
- August 10: Pueblo of Picuris Feast Day
- August 12: Pueblo of Santa Clara Feast Day
- August 13-14: 2019 41st Annual New Mexico Conference on Aging
- August 15: Pueblo of Zia Feast Day
- August 28: Pueblo of Isleta Feast Day

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