

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) was established in 1963 (MS 3.922), and is the first and oldest council of its kind in the state and nation. Its primary function is to serve as the official liaison between the state of Minnesota and the eleven tribal governments within the state. The MIAC advises state government on issues of concern to American Indian tribes and communities; oversees, advises, and administers programs designed to enhance economic opportunities; and protects cultural resources for the state's American Indian tribes and communities. The MIAC plays a central role in the development of state legislation and monitors programs that affect the state's American Indian tribes and communities. Minnesota was the first state in the nation to establish an Indian Affairs agency and continues to be a model for other states to follow today.

The agency serves the eleven Minnesota tribes and their enrolled membership who reside both on and off of the reservation. The agency also serves American Indians from out of state currently residing in the state of Minnesota.

Core Functions

The MIAC works directly with the legislature and governor's office, state agencies, appointed liaisons for state agencies, American Indian tribal government and tribal offices, and American Indians residing outside reservation boundaries. Core functions or primary duties that are spelled out in statute, include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ analyzing and making recommendations on legislation;
- ◆ assisting state agencies in establishing Indian advisory councils;
- ◆ assisting state agencies in identifying Indian organizations eligible for services;
- ◆ acting as an ongoing liaison between state governmental bodies and elected tribal leaders;
- ◆ interacting with private organizations that develop programs to assist Indian people when those programs may affect state agencies and departments;
- ◆ developing programs for education, community organization, leadership development, motivation, and business;
- ◆ reviewing data by the commissioner of human services under section 260C.215, subd. 5, and presenting recommendations to elected tribal leaders on the out-of-home placement of Indian children; and
- ◆ preparing a proposed agenda for the annual summit of elected tribal leaders, legislative leaders, and the governor.

The MIAC enters into an interagency agreement with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer the Indian Economic Opportunity Program. This program enables the MIAC to assist Minnesota's reservation

At A Glance

American Indian Tribes in Minnesota

Fond du Lac Band
 Grand Portage Band
 White Earth Band
 Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Band
 Leech Lake Band
 Red Lake Nation
 Upper Sioux Community
 Lower Sioux Community
 Shakopee-Mdewankanton Sioux Community
 Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community

American Indian Population

- ◆ 54,967 (2000 Census, Reported in category of one race, American Indian and Alaska Native).
- ◆ 81,074 (2000 Census, Reported in category race alone or in combination with one or more races, American Indian and Alaska Native).

MIAC Board Members

- ◆ Eleven Tribes in Minnesota
- ◆ Governor's Appointee
- ◆ Commissioners of
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Human Services
- ◆ Human Resources
- ◆ Human Rights
- ◆ Employment and Economic Development
- ◆ Corrections
- ◆ Minnesota Housing Finance
- ◆ Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Veterans Affairs
- ◆ Administration
- ◆ Two Members of the House
- ◆ Two Member of the Senate

Urban Indian Advisory Board (UIAB) Members

- ◆ Minneapolis (2)
- ◆ St. Paul (2)
- ◆ Bemidji (1)
- ◆ Duluth (1)

government offices in the planning, developing and administering of programs funded through the DHS Office of Economic Opportunity Division.

The MIAC monitors and enforces state laws to protect American Indian human remains and associated burial items through the Cultural Resources Program, in accordance to M.S. Sec. 307.08. The MIAC also monitors federal laws to protect American Indian human remains and associated burial items, under the Native American Graves Protections and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Public Law 101.601.

The MIAC receives information and makes recommendations on issues affecting the represented American Indian populations, through the Urban Indian Advisory Council, made up of members from the Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, and Bemidji areas.

Operations

The MIAC consists of a 28-member board of directors. Membership includes the eleven tribal governments or their designees, one member from the governor's staff appointed by the governor, twelve commissioners or their designees, and four legislators. An Urban Indian Advisory Board consisting of membership from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, and Bemidji also advises the MIAC on critical issues affecting the urban American Indian population.

The MIAC board meets quarterly or as it deems necessary to discuss critical issues affecting tribal government and populations that have a statewide impact. The board works together on a government-to-government basis to discuss and provide solutions to those issues that directly affect Minnesota's American Indian populations. The eleven tribal governments or their designees to the board maintain the voting powers on issues requiring immediate action or resolution.

Key Goals

The mission of the MIAC is to protect the sovereignty of the eleven Minnesota tribes and ensure the well-being of American Indian citizens throughout the state of Minnesota. Key goals that evolve out of this mission, include, but are not limited to, ensuring that every American Indian citizen of this state has equal access to education, healthcare, safety and security, and the ability to live independently and prosper in Minnesota's economy.

Key Measures

In an effort to reach the key goals, the MIAC will continue to:

- ◆ Monitor existing policy and protect the laws and rights of the American Indian people in Minnesota;
- ◆ Hold quarterly meetings of boards and continue to address the most critical issues affecting American Indian tribes and communities;
- ◆ Work to identify and resolve burial issues in compliance with state and federal laws;
- ◆ Commit to educating legislative and state officials by holding yearly legislative training on Indian issues;
- ◆ Scheduling the annual summit of the governor and tribal leaders;
- ◆ Work with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the new positions of Tribal Veterans Services Officers who service the American Indian veterans;
- ◆ Work with the Department of Education to address the needs and concerns of educators, parents, and all others working on education of American Indian children;
- ◆ Work with outside entities, such as law enforcement, victims advocates services agencies, nonprofits and private industry servicing American Indian populations; and
- ◆ Bring forward the most critical issues affecting American Indian people in Minnesota in an effort to obtain the best consensus on resolving those issues.

Budget

About 90% of the agency's FY 2009 budget is the general fund appropriation. The other 10% of the agency funding comes from the federal grant for the operation of the Indian Economic Opportunity program. There is also a small gift account.

The MIAC employs five full time equivalent (FTE) employees, located in offices in St. Paul and Bemidji. Four employees operate under the general fund. One employee operates from funding received through the Indian Economic Opportunity federal fund and the general fund.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	574	493	493	493	986
Forecast Base	574	493	493	493	986
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-7.6%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	399	577	493	493	986
Statutory Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	17	0	0	0	0
Federal	24	60	60	60	120
Total	440	637	553	553	1,106
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	296	358	376	393	769
Other Operating Expenses	144	279	177	160	337
Total	440	637	553	553	1,106
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Indian Affairs Council	440	637	553	553	1,106
Total	440	637	553	553	1,106
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	4.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	

INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Grants:					
Federal	24	60	60	60	120
Total Dedicated Receipts	24	60	60	60	120
Agency Total Revenue	24	60	60	60	120