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2023 STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS REPORT
Governor Greg Gianforte

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STATE OF MONTANA

GREG GIANFORTE
GOVERNOR



KRISTEN JURAS
LT. GOVERNOR

September 15, 2023

Dear Leaders of Tribal Nations in Montana,

While serving as governor of our great state, it has been my pleasure and honor to work with you, advancing our shared goals together. Over the last few years, we've sat down together at the State Capitol and in our home for tribal summits, in meetings to further your legislative priorities, and, most importantly, in your community.

Today, I'm pleased to present to you the 2023 State-Tribal Relations Report, "Partners in the Montana Comeback." In these pages, you will see what we've accomplished together over the last year to advance our common goal: to make Indian Country, and all of Montana, an even better place to live, work, raise a family, and do business.

Together, we've seen our pro-jobs, pro-growth policies at work, helping tribal communities and all of Montana prosper. Together, we've strengthened partnerships and initiatives to create greater educational opportunity. 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 continued to bring attention and resources to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons.

While we've made great progress, there's still much we must do together. I look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership as we make the Last Best Place even better.

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 third State-Tribal Relations Report of his administration. The report, which covers accomplishments in Montana for the state Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 23), provides information about the successful efforts borne from strong collaboration between the State of Montana and tribal partners.

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

The report contains five sections and four appendices:

Section I, Strengthening Partnerships in Indian Country – highlights the governor's visits to each of the eight tribal communities and governments in Montana as well as tribal summits hosted by the governor in the State Capitol.

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

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

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

Section V, Safe and Healthy Communities – outlines efforts to promote safe and healthy communities, including investing in mental health and substance use treatment services, providing access to preventive health care resources, strengthening families, improving food security, combating the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, and advocating for and protecting consumers.

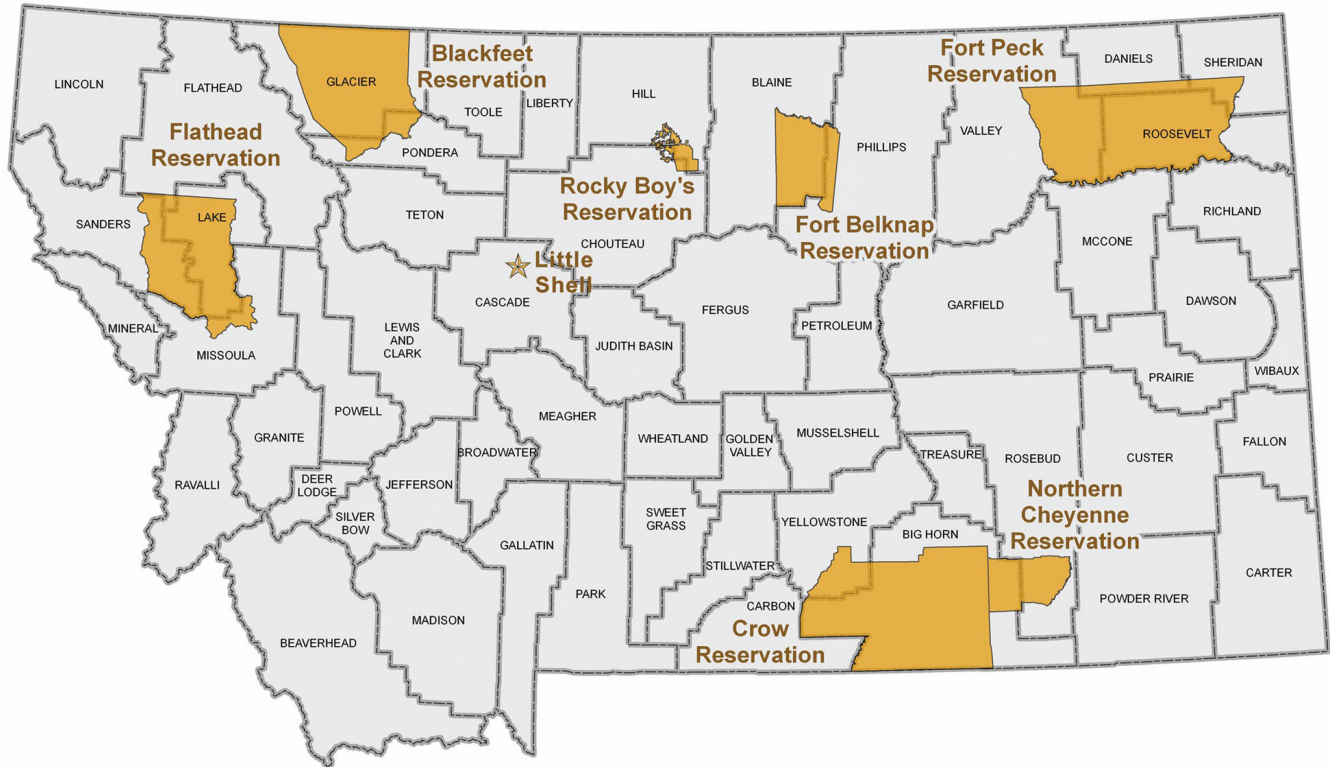
Appendix A – provides contact information for the eight Tribal Nations in Montana.

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 more than 500 agreements, negotiations, and collaborative efforts that occurred during state FY 2023 between the state and the eight tribal governments 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 Lamme 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'aniih 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 travels 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.

Sen. Jason Small of Busby serves as chairman, and Rep. Tyson Running Wolf of Browning 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.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS IN INDIAN COUNTRY



Governor Gianforte visiting with children at a One Heart Warriors basketball clinic in Hardin
Garrett Turner, Office of the Governor

"Getting out of the Helena bubble and sitting down with Montanans is the only way I know to do this job."

*– Governor Greg Gianforte,
State of the State Address 2023*

Fulfilling his promise to Montanans, Governor Greg Gianforte each year visits all the state's 56 counties and each of the eight tribal communities and governments. The governor also hosts delegations from each of Montana's tribes in the State Capitol, building common ground and strengthening critical partnerships with tribal governments. These face-to-face meetings and in-person visits, both in the governor's office and in Indian Country, facilitate open discussions on shared priorities as well as challenges facing Tribal Nations in Montana and the state.

ON THE ROAD IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Every year, Governor Greg Gianforte travels to each Indian reservation and headquarters, meeting with tribal leaders, small business owners, and community groups strengthening Indian Country.

On the Fort Peck Indian Reservation earlier this year, the governor toured West Electronics, a tribally-owned electronics manufacturing service for government and commercial businesses. West Electronics supports over a dozen good-paying jobs in Poplar.



An employee working at West Electronics, a tribally-owned electronics manufacturing service
Garrett Turner, Office of the Governor

Last summer, Governor and First Lady Gianforte attended the Crow Fair for his second time as governor. The Crow Fair and Rodeo is the largest event hosted in Indian Country in Montana and one of the nation's largest powwows.

"For over 100 years, Chairman Frank White Clay's family has camped at the same spot at the Crow Fair. It's always an honor to join him and take part in this longstanding tradition for Crow Nation."

– Governor Greg Gianforte



Governor and First Lady Gianforte attending the Crow Fair in 2022

Misty Kuhl, Office of the Governor



Governor and First Lady Gianforte attending the Crow Fair in 2022

Misty Kuhl, Office of the Governor

Governor Gianforte also met with young Montanans participating in a One Heart Warriors basketball clinic in Hardin. In collaboration with Crown Financial Ministries, a faith-based organization committed to the economic development of Native tribes and its peoples, One Heart Warriors hosts students for basketball skills training and community events to support them in reaching their full potential.

Tuff Harris, founder of One Heart Warriors, told the governor, "Our hope is that through events like this, we draw kids out of the house to enjoy, laugh, play some games, and meet new people."

CONVERSATIONS IN THE STATE CAPITOL

Governor Gianforte and Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras also host each tribe for summits in the governor's office, providing an opportunity for the governor to connect with tribal leaders on opportunities and challenges facing Indian Country. Tribal delegations include chairmen or presidents, members of the council, and other leadership.

At the summits, the leaders strategize on driving economic development, addressing substance use and addiction, promoting health and wellness, and building safer, stronger communities.



Gov. Gianforte hosting Chairman Frank Whiteclay and a delegation from Crow Nation at the State Capitol
Garrett Turner, Office of the Governor

Following these visits, the governor and first lady open up their personal home to tribal delegations, bringing together state and tribal leaders for an evening of conversation and connection.

Since July 2022, the governor and first lady have been honored to host tribal dignitaries of Crow Nation, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Fort Belknap Assiniboiné and Gros Ventre Tribes, and Fort Peck Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes once, as well as dignitaries from Blackfeet Nation twice. The governor looks forward to hosting Crow Nation, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and Little Shell Tribe leaders in the State Capitol and his home this fall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

With the governor's pro-jobs, pro-growth policies and the hard work of Montanans, Montana continues to set records for job growth, business creation, and unemployment, including in Indian Country.

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, raise a family, and achieve the American dream.

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

Delivering on Montanans' priorities and his promise, Governor Greg Gianforte this spring signed a historic tax package into law, providing Montanans the largest tax cut in state history. Totalling over \$1 billion in tax relief, the package provides immediate tax rebates and permanent, long-term tax relief for Montanans and our tribal neighbors living and working off the reservation where they are enrolled.

"Our approach to taxes is guided by this simple philosophy: hardworking Montanans should keep more of what they earn, because ultimately, it isn't the government's money. It's the money of hardworking Montanans who earn it."

– Governor Greg Gianforte



Gov. Gianforte, joined by legislators on the front steps of the capitol, discusses historic tax package
Garrett Turner, Office of the Governor

INCOME TAX RELIEF

Providing more than \$500 million in permanent income tax relief for Montanans over the next three years, Gov. Gianforte lowered the income tax rate most Montanans pay from 6.75% to 5.9%. When the governor took office in 2021, the rate was 6.9%.

To help lower-income working Montanans and incentivize work, the governor also tripled the earned income tax credit.

Additionally, the governor provided income taxpayers rebates up to \$1,250, and simplified Montana's capital gains system to support families, homeowners, retirees, farmers, and ranchers.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Tribal members living off the reservation feel the impact of rising property taxes. While property taxes primarily fund local jurisdictions, Gov. Gianforte committed to delivering Montanans property tax relief, securing homeowners \$280 million in immediate rebates and \$120 in permanent, long-term relief.

Additionally, the governor proposed and secured reforms to the state's Property Tax Assistance Program, providing greater relief to homeowners with low or fixed incomes, as well as disabled veterans or their unmarried surviving spouses.

He also reformed the property tax system to allow homeowners to pay their property taxes in seven equal payments throughout the year, rather than in November and May.

BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX RELIEF

Tribal members who own a small business off the reservation are required to pay a burdensome tax for the equipment they use to operate their business.

After tripling the business equipment tax exemption in 2021, the governor this year increased the exemption to \$1 million for every small business in Montana.

Since taking office, the governor has eliminated the business equipment tax burden for more

than 5,000 Montana small businesses, farms, and ranches.

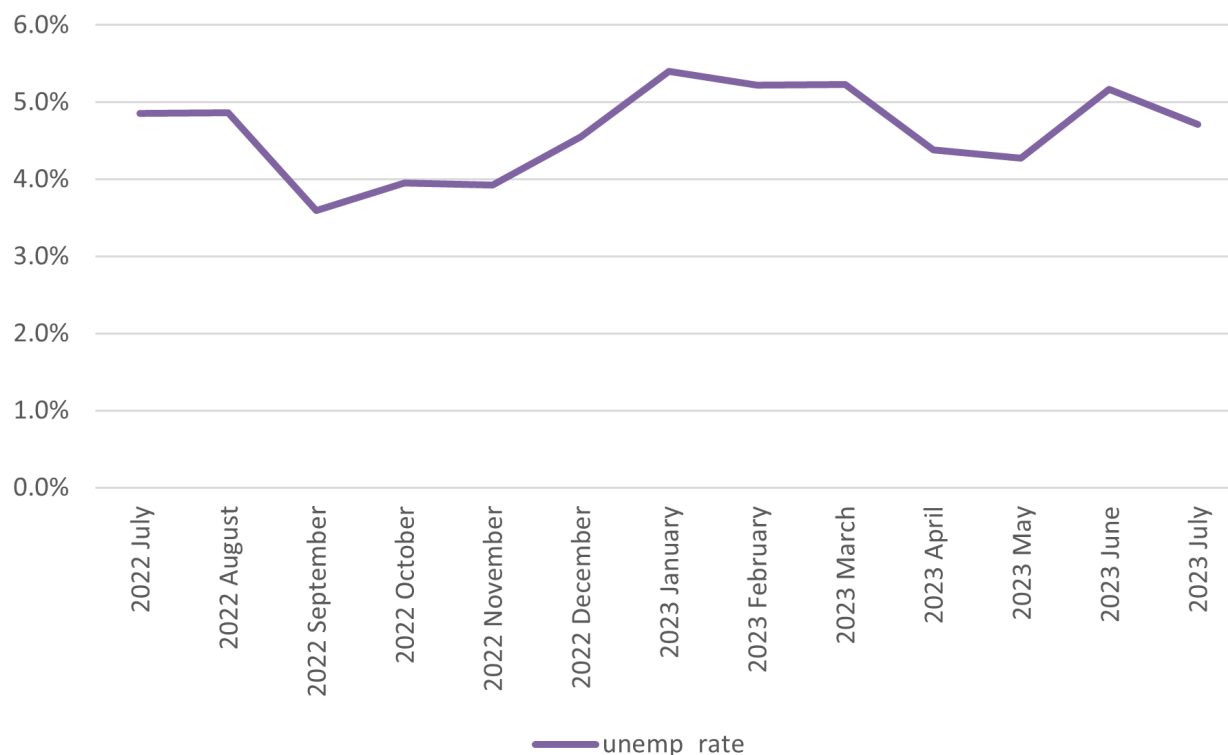
TAX RELIEF FOR VETERANS

To support veterans, Governor Gianforte this spring exempted up to 50% of retired military pensions from state income tax.

RECORD-BREAKING ECONOMIC GROWTH

With the governor's pro-jobs, pro-business policies and the hard work of Montanans, Montana reached 21 consecutive months of unemployment below 3% this July. The only other time Montana's unemployment rate was below 3% was for three months in 2007, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Montana's total employment also reached an all-time high, with nearly 563,000 Montanans working in July 2023. Since Gov. Gianforte took office in January 2021, nearly 40,000 jobs have been created in Montana, and the state's unemployment rate has dropped from 4% to 2.5%, and the number of employed Montanans has fallen by more than 34%.

Unemployment Rate Across Reservations in Montana,
July 2022 to July 2023



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

As a business leader and entrepreneur, Governor Gianforte is creating an environment where small businesses can thrive and create good-paying Montana jobs. From cutting taxes and red tape to improving infrastructure, Governor Gianforte has taken significant steps to help Montana's small business owners prosper and create greater opportunities for more Montanans to achieve the American dream. Following a historic year for business creation in 2021, Montana entrepreneurs created over 54,000 businesses in 2022 – a new record. Through programs like Made in Montana and the Tribal Business Development Grant, the State of Montana empowers tribally-owned businesses to succeed.

MADE IN MONTANA

Every March, the Montana Department of Commerce hosts the annual Made in Montana Tradeshow at the Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds Exhibition Center in Helena. The Made in Montana Program helps Montana businesses develop and market their products both in and out of state.

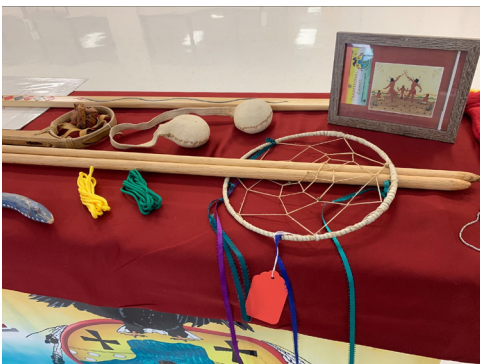
The program, which includes Grown in Montana and Native American Made in Montana (NAMIM), also builds recognition for products that are "authentically Montana" -- products that are grown, created, made, and/or enhanced in the state, resulting in 50% or more added value.

This year, scholarships for four NAMIM members to attend the Tradeshow in conjunction with its NAMIM Pavilion helped increase awareness of the NAMIM brand, as well as promote other Commerce programs featured in the Pavilion, such as tourism, marketing, and Indian Country programs.

These scholarships supported the NAMIM members' ability to secure wholesale orders, increase their potential for individual purchases, and also network with other exhibitors, wholesale buyers, and the public. The participation of the NAMIM members also increased the public's interest in supporting tribal business owners and producers when making purchasing decisions.

Brand identity and authentic culturally-created products set NAMIM members apart from other producers of similar goods. There are few programs operating worldwide that signify a product or good was created by an enrolled member of an American Indian Tribe or an Indigenous person, making NAMIM unique and special in the marketplace.

By elevating NAMIM members through this annual scholarship program to attend the Tradeshow, Commerce continues to grow brand recognition and assure quality, value, and a "shop local" ethos among wholesale buyers and the public.



Made In Montana Tradeshow for Food & Gifts, Helena, MT March 10 – 11, 2023
Rachelle Brown



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TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

A competitive grant intended to support shovel-ready projects in Indian Country, the Montana Department of Commerce's \$240,000 Tribal Business Development Grant (TBDG) helps create short- and long-term jobs in tribal for-profit businesses. TBDG projects include commercial real estate development, small business centers, and retail infrastructure, as well as renovations, rehabilitations, or remodeling of existing properties for commercial or industrial use.

In FY 2023, two tribes were awarded the grant. Blackfeet Nation received \$140,000 to repair and replace the roof of the tribally-owned mini mall in East Glacier.

Marvin Weatherwax, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council member said, "This grant opportunity will help the tribe with our long-term goals and development of economic prosperity."

Additionally, the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana received \$100,000 to help construct a commercial building project located in Belgrade.

Little Shell Chairman Gerald Gray added, "We are thankful for this grant, which will continue to help us expand economic development for our tribe and spread opportunity to the region."

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, work to produce commodities that are recognized around the world for their superior quality.

The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) runs 30 different programs that are tailored to supporting the agriculture community. From facilitating foreign trade team visits from Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Japan and beyond to showcase our high-quality exports, to working to add value to our commodities here in Montana, the MDA continuously works to preserve and promote the Montana agricultural brand, ensuring that our producers can capture more of the value they create.

FARM AND RANCH STRESS ASSISTANCE NETWORK

The MDA works to support producers as they address mental health issues and agricultural-specific stress impacting farmers and ranchers across Montana and the country.

The MDA's Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) connects producers to free mental health stress assistance programs. Through a partnership with Frontier Psychiatry, free and confidential counseling access is available to our farmers and ranchers in a nationwide effort to destigmatize addressing rural mental health specific to our agricultural communities.

In FY 23, the MDA awarded a grant to Fork Peck Community College (FPCC) of the Fork Peck Tribes for their "Farmer-Rancher Mental Health Day". FPCC's Farmer-Rancher Mental Health Day drew more than 20 participants from across the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, who met for a SafeTALK suicide alertness training.



Fort Peck Community College Farmer and Rancher Mental Health Day at Spotted Bull Recovery Resource Center in Poplar, MT
Meghan Edwards of Fort Peck Community College

GROWTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

MDA's Growth Through Agriculture grant and loan program was established to strengthen and diversify Montana's agricultural industry through the development of new agricultural products and innovative processes. Project activities involve equipment purchases, construction costs, advertising and promotion, and consultant services for engineering.

In FY 23, the MDA awarded a grant to the Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation (NAEDC) in Harlem of the Fort Belknap Tribes. The \$25,000 grant was awarded to the NAEDC for the construction of a Wasay Wakpa Greenhouse.

HOUSING

Spearheading state efforts to resolve the housing supply shortage, Gov. Gianforte launched a diverse, bipartisan Housing Task Force in July 2022.

The governor's task force produced two reports last year that identified problems at the root of the state's housing shortage and provided solutions that could be implemented administratively or through changes to law.

The task force's recommendations provided a roadmap for lawmakers ahead of the 2023 legislative session, leading to the historic pro-housing reforms adopted in Montana that some have dubbed the "Montana Miracle."

Through programs like the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, the State of Montana also supported the construction or rehabilitation of multi-family properties in Indian Country.



Gov. Gianforte addresses members of his Housing Task Force in 2022
Garrett Turner, Office of the Governor

PRO-HOUSING REFORMS

Advancing his pro-housing agenda for Montana, Governor Greg Gianforte signed a host of pro-housing reform bills into law this year to encourage responsible, proactive housing development, streamline permitting, and protect rural areas and ag land from sprawl.

"Zoning regulations constrict housing supply and make affordable housing less accessible," Gov. Gianforte said. "We're removing these roadblocks so Montanans can better afford to live in the communities where they work while protecting our treasured wide-open spaces."

One bill, sponsored by Senator Shane Morigeau, Missoula, streamlines permitting for commercial and residential development by eliminating local design review by volunteer boards, reducing costs associated with permitting delays.



"The purpose was to streamline the construction process and the design review process, which had morphed into something more burdensome," Morigeau said. "This (previous design review) approval process bogs down builders. I've been told it can increase costs on a project by 25%. This was a commonsense piece of legislation."

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS

Administered by the Montana Board of Housing, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) provides up to \$30 million in tax credits each year to help build or rehabilitate multi-family properties. Last October, the board awarded the Apsaalooke Nation Housing Authority's \$6,435,000 in tax credits to ultimately rehabilitate 23 single family homes located in or near Crow Agency, Lodge Grass, Wyola, and Pryor.

The project will improve the energy efficiency of the homes for low-income families on the reservation. Six of the units will have income levels targeted at 30% of area median income or lower; 17 of the units will be at 60% of area median income or lower.

COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The CARES Act appropriated funds to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the impacts of the COVID pandemic. HUD allocated those funds to the Montana Department of Commerce to grant to cities, towns, and counties to benefit income-eligible households.

Commerce awarded \$1 million to Big Horn County, in partnership with area non-profit Plenty Doors, to meet this need, and, as required by HUD, alleviate existing conditions threatening the community's health or welfare.

A portion of homes on the Crow Reservation have insufficient or failing wells and septic systems. Often, these systems were not designed to accommodate multiple generations living in one home. Through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds appropriated through the CARES Act, Plenty Doors is working to ensure thirty homes have wells and septic systems that meet the needs of their residents by addressing a range of deficiencies.

This work includes replacing cisterns with wells, replacing failing septic systems, and relocating septic tanks to protect well water quality.

REVENUE INFLUX

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 FY 23, Montana tribes received about \$4.5 million from cooperative tax agreements with DOR. The agreements for tobacco and alcohol tax revenue serve more than 39,000 enrolled tribal members.

MDT has similar tax cooperative agreements in effect with the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Confederated Salish and Kootenai (CSKT), Crow, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne Tribes for the motor fuel tax. In FY 23, these agreements generated \$6,075,927.78 for tribal governments.

State-Tribal Motor Fuel Tax Cooperative-State FY 23	
	FY23 Total
Blackfeet	1,245,950.33
Crow	1,405,535.15
CSKT	716,646.34
Fort Belknap	606,720.27
Fort Peck	967,381.82
Northern Cheyenne	595,022.77
Rocky Boy	538,671.10
Total	6,075,927.78

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In 2021, the Montana Legislature appropriated \$250 million of ARPA funds for water and sewer competitive grants.

The Montana Department of Commerce offered technical assistance to all tribal entities through in-person or virtual trainings, or through a technical assistance assignment to a procured engineering firm that helped tribes identify projects, craft budget proposals, and complete competitive grant applications. Five projects were awarded to two tribal nations for a total of \$5,839,457 in additional infrastructure funding via the ARPA competitive grants program:

- **Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy: Four projects totaling \$3.8 million**
- **Blackfeet Tribe: One project totaling \$2 million**

Incorporated cities and towns within reservation boundaries were also eligible to apply for the noncompetitive, minimum allocation grants (MAG) and counties could award portions of their MAG funding to water and sewer districts within reservation boundaries.

Commerce's Community MT Division assisted nine cities and towns on reservations that were awarded a total of \$3,536,433 in MAG funding.

ROAD PRESERVATION

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.

[US Highway 93 Post Creek](#)

One such project is coordinating with Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) on the investigation and preliminary design of US Highway 93 Post Creek regarding 4(f), stream mitigation, bridge and foundation design, wildlife passage, and wetland impacts. Post Creek bridge is significant to CSKT for Grizzly bear passage.

[US Highway 212 and Montana Highway 39](#)

Additionally, MDT has been working with the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Transportation Program (NCTTP), and KLJ Engineering to install two left-turn lanes on US Highway 212 (US 212) and Montana Highway 39 (MT 39) that will improve transportation infrastructure for travelers on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

The project will provide better access for emergency response vehicles and alleviate vehicle congestion during seasonal and crash related closures on US 212 and MT 39.

MDT Glendive and Billings District staff provided letters of support for the Northern Cheyenne Rosebud Cut-Across US 212 to MT 39 which aided the NCTTP in receiving a federal RAISE grant for \$15.8 million for construction of the project.

The NCTTP will be installing a left-turn lane on US 212 from mile marker 37.9 to 38.4 and MT 39 from mile marker 3.1 to 3.4. The Rosebud Creek Road approaches onto US 212 and MT 39 will also be reconstructed to better serve the traveling public.

BRIDGE PRESERVATION

In 2022, MDT used a term contract with engineering consulting firms to provide professional level evaluations of three in-service bridges within the Flathead, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck reservations.

Communication is important for bridge inspections, and all coordination with tribes involved is completed before any work takes place on the respective reservation. 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 MDT 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 funding and includes Tribal Employment Rights Office fees.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANTS

MDT continues to provide tribes with funding from the Federal Transit Administration for transit operations and capital acquisitions.

For FY 2023, Blackfeet Transit, Flathead Transit, and Fort Peck Transit were awarded a total of \$1,056,194 in federal and local funds to be used to offset the cost of providing public transportation services on reservations at a subsidized rate to their residents.

These bus services are accessible for clients who require special assistance, and connect the community to important health care, nutrition, recreational, and other services.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Education and workforce training change lives, open the door to greater opportunities, and allow Montanans 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.

This year, Governor Gianforte funded Montana's K-12 public schools at record levels, adding a historic \$85.6 million to the state's K-12 BASE aid funding. He also increased funding for school districts to invest in maintenance and capital improvement projects.

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.

ENHANCING CURRICULUM

STRENGTHENING INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL

Established by the 1999 Montana Legislature, Indian Education for All (IEFA) provides Montana students with knowledge of the histories, languages, cultures, and governments of the twelve sovereign tribes of Montana. This spring, the legislature passed, and Governor Gianforte signed, HB 338, sponsored by Representative Jonathan Windy Boy, Box Elder, to strengthen the district reporting requirements related to monies allocated for IEFA supports and activities.

In March and April of this year, the IEFA team at the Montana Office of Public Instruction hosted an in-person and virtual Best Practices Conference attended by 337 educators. Additionally, the IEFA staff provided professional development and demonstrations on 75 occasions, positively impacting over 2,500 educators, students, and educational stakeholders during the 2022-23 school year.

BOOSTING TRIBAL COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Supporting STEM education in Montana schools, the governor signed into law House Bill 346, carried by Rep. Windy Boy, to expand access to computer science learning opportunities on tribal reservations.

In 2021, Governor Gianforte established the tribal computer science scholarship program, providing scholarships for two high school teachers from each tribe to obtain a computer science certification from a Montana college and begin a program at their school of employment. House Bill 346 expands the program to elementary and middle school teachers.

CHAMPIONING CIVICS AND PERSONAL FINANCE EDUCATION

To ensure students are well equipped for the opportunities that await them following high school graduation, Governor Gianforte has championed civics and personal finance education for Montana students on and off reservations.

At the governor's request, the Montana Board of Public Education in January added civics and financial literacy courses as requirements for high school graduation. To support schools as they stand up financial literacy courses, the governor signed House Bill 535 into law this spring, affirming the state's expectation that K-12 public schools provide instruction in financial literacy.

"Montana students should graduate with a demonstrated knowledge of personal finance, understanding budgeting, paying bills, paying taxes, saving, and navigating debt."
– Governor Greg Gianforte

EXPANDING INDIVIDUALIZED AND WORK-BASED LEARNING

After authorizing every school in the state to develop individualized, work-based learning paths for students in 2021, Governor Gianforte signed a bill into law this spring to expand proficiency-based and individualized learning opportunities for Montana students.

The governor also boosted funding for work-based learning programs that advance students' career and educational success, and tripled funding for Career and Technology Student Organizations in Montana, like FFA and SkillsUSA.

SUPPORTING TEACHERS

BOOSTING TEACHER PAY

Introduced by the governor in his first week in office, the TEACH Act, or Tomorrow's Educators Are Coming Home Act, provides \$2.5 million in incentives to school districts to improve starting teacher pay. In its first year, the TEACH Act helped nearly 500 teachers begin their careers in Montana.

This spring, the governor boosted the successful program by 40%, helping teachers begin their careers on tribal reservations in Montana and across the state.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING QUALIFIED EDUCATORS

The teacher shortage in Montana is particularly acute in rural and tribal communities across the state. To attract and retain qualified educators to teach in public schools on Indian reservations, Governor Gianforte this spring expanded eligibility under the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program. The program provides up to three years of loan assistance for newly hired educators who teach or work at public schools where there are educator shortages, including public schools located on Indian reservations in Montana.

The governor also established a teacher residency program for hard-to-fill positions across the state, and cut red tape to encourage retired educators to return to the classroom.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM

In its tenth year, the Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP) Program, facilitated by the Montana Office of Public Instruction, strives to protect American Indian cultural integrity by recognizing that languages spoken, written, or in the form of sign language are vital to the identity of each tribal nation and its people.

RISE PROGRAM

Run by the Office of Public Instruction, RISE, or Resiliency in Something Else, is a youth leadership group for tribal youth to express themselves and their talents in a forum outside of sports.

In FY 2023, ten schools joined RISE, offering biweekly, youth-run meetings. This spring, OPI held the RISE Youth Leadership Conference, partnering with Knowledge Keepers and tribal leadership and organizations to make the conference a reality.



Winning Logo for Youth Conference Contest by Angel Little Head of Hardin High School

POETRY OUT LOUD

Administered by the Montana Arts Council, Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest created by the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Poetry Foundation. As with its related competitions, Poetry Out Loud builds public speaking and literacy skills while promoting appreciation and application of the written and spoken word in high schools statewide. The Arts Council's recruitment efforts regularly include outreach to tribal schools and to schools with large American Indian populations, giving Native students an avenue to find their own voices and personal expression through participation in the program.

This year, Wica-ta-wi Hoksina Brown, a student at Polson High School, advanced from regional competition to the state finals in Helena, where he emerged as this year's state champion. Wica-ta-wi Hoksina traveled to D.C. to represent Montana as he competed with students from all other states and six jurisdictions. His passionate recitations centered on poems which expressed the experience of being an Indigenous person, resonating deeply not only with him but with audience members and judges as well. Wica-ta-wi Hoksina's performance earned him a spot in the final round—one of only nine state champions nationwide to do so, and the first Montanan in more than a decade.



Wica-ta-wi Hoksina participates in national poetry finals
Poetry Out Loud

HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Since 2016, American Indian student enrollment in the MUS has grown by 16%. Over the last two years alone, the MUS has posted the highest retention rates for American Indian students on record. Further, the MUS is seeing significant growth in the student completions at all levels – certificates, associates, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees.

N7 BASKETBALL GAME

University of Montana

To help recognize and celebrate Montana's close history with Native American and Indigenous peoples, Griz Athletics hosted its first N7 basketball game. The N7 program is a Nike initiative, led by Fort Peck native Sam McCracken, that shows Nike's long-time commitment and mission to inspire and enable 2 million Native American and Aboriginal youth in North America to participate in sport and physical activity. The customized turquoise uniforms, which is a color that symbolizes friendship and fellowship in Native American cultures, were created by Nike. The logo was designed by UM alumnus Benji Headswift, a member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe.



Lady Griz players celebrate at N7 basketball game
Tommy Martino

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Dawson Community College

With one of its strongest representations of Native students in the student body in many years, Dawson Community College (DCC) annually hosts Indigenous Peoples' Day activities and events. At the event last fall, DCC President Justin Villmer presented a land acknowledgement plaque to tribal dignitaries from Crow Nation, including Chairman Frank White Clay.



DCC President Villmer presenting a land acknowledgment plaque to tribal dignitaries from Crow Nation
Daneen Peterson

INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

Helena College

Helena College this year hosted the 16th annual Indian Education for All Best Practices Conference sponsored by the Montana Office of Public Instruction. This year's theme was "Strengthening and Healing through Cultural Knowledge and Education," honoring the cultural heritage of tribal nations in Montana.

TRIBAL HEAD START SUBGRANT

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

University of Montana Western (UMW) is in its third 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.

Montana State University

In 2019, faculty at the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship (JJCBE) at Montana State University (MSU) reestablished American Indigenous Business Leaders (AIBL). In academic year 2022/2023, a core group of active members led this chapter, which included students from economics, engineering, and business. Currently, the MSU chapter of AIBL represents the only formal Indigenous student activity in JJCBE.



AIBL hosting an Indigenous Entrepreneur Panel at the Museum of the Rockies
Laura Black

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Equipping Montanans with the skills they need to thrive in today's workforce is a top priority for Governor Gianforte. Governor Gianforte is committed to building public-private partnerships, prioritizing trades education, and expanding apprenticeship opportunities to empower tribal members and ensure Montana employers have a highly-skilled workforce.

THE PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TRAINING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

This new program offers an introductory film production course to ten enrolled members of each of the eight tribal nations in Montana. With a training emphasis on becoming a certified production assistant (PA), the course focuses on film lingo, equipment names, paperwork, and walkie-talkie protocol.

Amid workforce shortages in the PA industry, the program's goal is to increase the PA pool as well as employment opportunities among Montana's Indigenous communities. Upon completing the course, tribal members will receive a digital credential and be entered into the Media Training Center's available to hire database as well as call to work opportunities within the Montana Film Office.

By December 2024, 80 working-aged enrolled members of Montana's tribes will be certified PAs through this scholarship program. This course will be offered in-person throughout Indian Country or online.

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING

Blackfeet Nation

The Montana Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI) Workforce Services Division Engagement Team works with Montana industries and employers to develop workforce solutions and meet skilled labor needs.

When the Blackfeet Reservation was in dire need of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) for their long-term care facilities, public health, and other providers, DLI facilitated a public-private partnership to provide training in an intensive, affordable, two-week course held at Blackfeet Community College.

Julie Russell from the Montana Health Network, Rayola Grant of the College, and Lonna Crowder of the Montana Area Health Education Center conducted the CNA training, with need-based financial assistance provided to participants.

At the end of training, 22 new CNAs were tested and certified, growing the healthcare workforce in the Browning area.

Northern Cheyenne Tribe

DLI's Job Service Miles City, in collaboration with Northern Cheyenne Higher Education and Northern Cheyenne TERO, developed a group CNA course in Lame Deer in response to shortages in the area.

Last fall, the students enrolled at no cost to them, and completed the training hosted by the Montana Health Network by the end of December. The training included course work, clinicals, and a headmaster exam. Twelve students successfully completed the training course, and eight were employed directly following the class.

One student, Clara White Crane, spoke to the importance of being involved, saying, "Our family comes first, and we take care of our family so with this training and being certified, I can take care of my relatives."



Clara White Crane speaking to Q2 about the CNA training program
Q2

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING

Morning Star Propane, based on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, sought assistance from DLI's Job Service Miles City in its quest to expand its business by hiring CDL (commercial driver's license) drivers. Collaborating with Northern Cheyenne Higher Education and Miles City Community College, DLI assisted Morning Star Propane in securing funding and identifying the most suitable path for educating and licensing their current staff.

As a result, three employees successfully completed the CDL course, allowing the business to grow and broaden its services. This successful partnership has led to others learning about the opportunity, including one other tribal member passing the CDL class with support from Job Service Miles City and Northern Cheyenne Higher Education.

STARBASE

STARBASE is the premier youth outreach program for the US Department of Defense (DoD) with the goal of developing a highly educated and skilled American workforce that can meet the advanced technological requirements of the DoD. The STARBASE 1.0, or "basic" program provides 25 hours of hands-on STEM instruction to fifth grade students while the STARBASE 2.0 afterschool program targets students in grades 6-8. There are two STARBASE locations that belong to the STARBASE Montana organization: STARBASE Fort Harrison and STARBASE Great Falls.

STARBASE Great Falls serves every 5th grade class in the Great Falls Public School district, offers STEM days to out-of-district schools, and has 2.0 afterschool programs at East Middle School and North Middle School. From July 1, 2022, to June 31, 2023, STARBASE Great Falls served 1,314 total students, 81 of which identified as American Indian or Alaskan Native. One STARBASE 2.0 program partnered with the East Middle School Indigenous Education program where 96 students played traditional games and learned corresponding STEM principles.



Longfellow Elementary 5th grade students visit STARBASE Great Falls during the 2022-23 school year.
Kara Bates Tangedal

STARBASE Fort Harrison serves every 5th grade class in the Helena Public School district, offers STEM days to out-of-district schools, and has 2.0 afterschool programs at local middle schools. STARBASE Fort Harrison partners with the Helena Indian Alliance (HIA) to host a summer program for tribal youth in and around Helena. The summer camp includes 24 hours of contact time with students over the course of four days. Various STEM activities and lessons, all hands-on and team-work-based, are facilitated throughout the week. The HIA provides meals, snacks, tee shirts, and bags for each participant.



Three students work on constructing "jitterbots" while participating in the joint STEM Summer Camp administered by STARBASE Fort Harrison and the Helena Indian Alliance in June 2023.
Michael Vannatta

TRIBAL COLLEGE FAIRS

The DPHHS Office of Human Resources staff participated in the 2023 Montana Tribal College Fairs to assist with ongoing recruitment efforts related to available job openings. Staff visited the Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, Chief Dull Knife College in Lame Deer, Fort Peck Community College in Wolf Point, and Aaniiih Nakoda College in Fort Belknap Agency this March.



Employment representatives taking questions from participants during the 2023 Montana Tribal College & Career Fair at Fort Peck Community College.
Montana Post Secondary Educational Opportunities Council

PRESERVING TRIBAL HISTORY, CULTURE, AND TRADITIONS

CHIEF EARL OLD PERSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Introduced by Senator Susan Webber, Browning, Governor Greg Gianforte signed Senate Bill 120 into law this April, dedicating a portion of U.S. Highway 89 to Chief Earl Old Person. Old Person [1929-2021] was the longest-serving elected tribal leader in the country.

"The new Chief Earl Old Person Memorial Highway honors the life and lasting legacy of a remarkable leader, advocate, educator, storyteller, and song singer for the Blackfeet people," Gov. Gianforte said. "Chief Old Person sets an example for all Montanans to follow through for his love for people, unparalleled strength of character, dedication to service, and commitment to preserving cultural heritage."

– Governor Greg Gianforte



Gov. Gianforte signs Senate Bill 120 into law in April

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

Governor Greg Gianforte proclaimed September 23, 2022, and September 30, 2022, as American Indian Heritage Day in Montana, encouraging Montanans to celebrate and honor the unique culture and heritage of American Indians in Montana.

American Indian Heritage Day is celebrated annually in Montana on the fourth and last Friday of September to reflect on and celebrate American Indian culture and heritage. In the 2022 calendar year, the fourth and last Fridays in September fell on two separate days.

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is impossible to tell the story of Montana without the many contributions of the twelve tribes and eight tribal nations in Montana; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Montana Legislature designated the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day, when schools are to conduct "appropriate exercises during the school day" to commemorate the occasion (MCA 20-1-306); and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Montana Legislature designated the last Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day for the state of Montana for all Montanans to reflect on and celebrate American Indian culture and heritage (MCA 1-1-228); and

WHEREAS, while these are days of great celebration, our commitment to celebrating and preserving American Indian culture and heritage isn't limited to this occasion;

WHEREAS, in the 2022 calendar year, the fourth and last Fridays in September – designated as American Indian Heritage Day – fall on two separate days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 23rd and 30th

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

in Montana to encourage all Montanans to celebrate and honor the unique culture and heritage of our tribal neighbors.


GREG GIANFORTE
Governor

MONTANA HERITAGE CENTER

Expected to open in the summer of 2025, the Montana Heritage Center is currently undergoing a historic renovation and addition to strengthen visitor experiences. A Tribal Stakeholders Group, with a representative from each tribal nation located in Montana, offers their insights into everything from the design of the building, to landscaping, to artifact selection, to storytelling.

At the group's request, the Montana Historical Society (MTHS) moved the location of a smudge room in the new Montana Heritage Center to allow for more privacy. MTHS is also working to fund-raise for an outdoor Powwow Arbor at the Heritage Center's East Entrance.



A digital rendering of the renovated Montana Heritage Center
Montana Historical Society

REPATRIATION OF BIG MEDICINE

A white bison raised on the National Bison Range, Big Medicine came to MTHS following his death in 1959. He has been on display since 1961 and has been viewed by thousands of visitors. In the fall of 2022, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) formally requested that he be returned, noting that Big Medicine is revered by them for his healing and protective powers, and deep spiritual lessons conveyed in ceremonies and songs.

In consideration of the cultural significance of Big Medicine to CSKT, MTHS Trustees unanimously approved the request in October 2022, with the strong support of staff. The Society will retain physical possession of Big Medicine until the tribes have a safe environment in which he can be displayed.



Big Medicine while on display at the Montana Historical Society

Montana Historical Society

MONTANA HISTORY CONFERENCE

Each year, MTHS hosts the Montana History Conference. In 2022, the conference theme was "To Wonderland and Beyond," focusing on the history of Yellowstone National Park. The conference included numerous workshops and presentations on the Native American culture prior to and following the park's designation.

Dr. Shane Doyle, Apsáalooke, gave the keynote address at conference banquet, highlighting the Indigenous history of the Yellowstone landscape through the 27 tribes that have had an association with the area going back 12,000 years. Dr. Doyle, from Crow Agency, also presented lesson plans he developed based on recent archaeological research of ancient ice patches in the Beartooth Mountains.

In another workshop, Columbus High School teacher Casey Olson talked about the power of place and engaging students in place-based research of Indigenous Montana histories.

University of Montana Professor Doug Doyle provided an overview of the past 11,000 years of Native American use of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem from an archaeological perspective, and Louise Dixey, the Shoshone-Bannock Language Cultural Preservation Department director, shared the stories of her people and described efforts at Fort Hall to preserve language and culture.

Crow storyteller Franco Littlelight used art, music, poetry, and traditional songs to share Crow stories concerning witches, little people, wild men, and other beings from Yellowstone Lake country. Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council president and Blackfeet Nation member Ervin Carlson shared how the ITBC's reintroduction of the buffalo helped heal the spirit of both the Indian people and the buffalo.

The MTHS conference wrapped up with a tour of Crow Country history in Stillwater County, with highlights including a visit to the Second Crow Agency site with archaeologist Steve Aaberg and a stop at Chief Rock to view ancient rock art.

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 our natural resources, and preserve the beauty of our natural landscape for future generations.

PROMOTING PUBLIC ACCESS

BIG SNOWY MOUNTAINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

On May 15, 2023, Governor Gianforte joined tribal representatives, federal and state agencies, conservation organizations, donors, and members of the public to officially open the new Big Snowy Mountains Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The WMA provides public access to over 100,000 acres of public land with significance to several tribes in Montana.



*Gov. Gianforte discussing the new Big Snowy Mountains Wildlife Management Area
Garrett Turner, Office of the Governor*

Donated to Shodair Children's Hospital by Forrest Allen upon his passing in 2019, the 5,668-acre property was purchased by the State of Montana, benefiting the hospital and Montanans.

Joining the governor at the grand opening, Aaron Brien, Tribal Historic Preservation Office Director for the Crow Tribe, said, "I'll make a wish that People who pass through here will fare well, and good things will happen to them for being in this good country."

Rae Armstrong, a teacher from Browning School, brought a group of students to the WMA opening to explore the historic sites on the property. Her students joined the crowd of public hikers and shed hunters eager to explore this unique area of Montana.

Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP) staff is working with Dyan Youpee, a tribal historic preservation officer at Fort Peck, and a dozen other tribal historic preservation offices to ensure appropriate work is done to document and preserve cultural sites on the property.

FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

Montana Outdoors, a publication run by FWP, this year featured a story on First Peoples Buffalo State Park west of Great Falls titled, "A Place of Prominence". The purpose was to explain the historical and cultural significance of the site and its importance to Indigenous people throughout this region of North America.

The article went on to win second place in the Cultural Article category at the national Association for Conservation Information's annual award competition.



SPIRITUAL SITE During a guided hike to the buffalo jump, used by Native people for hundreds or perhaps thousands of years, park manager Clark Carlson-Thompson shows visitors a pictograph (not visible in photo) depicting a topee. "This one includes a lightning bolt indicating connections to the spiritual world," he says. PHOTO BY ELIZA WELLS

First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park showcases a revered cultural landmark used by Native people to harvest bison for more than 600 years.

By Peggy O'Neill

A PLACE OF PROMINENCE

The 12-year-old boy, draped in a buffalo calf hide, sits amid a herd of cows and young bulls. His human scent is masked with sage he rubbed on his skin earlier. Though surrounded by dozens of bison that could stamp out his life in an instant, he's proud to have earned this role. He had to compete against other boys in his tribe to prove his courage, strength, and integrity. The elders selected him to be here among the buffalo herd, at the center of the circle of life.

The herd moves slowly, grazing. In the distance, several tribal members wearing wolf hides walk back and forth behind the bison, nudging the animals forward. If the drivers get too close, the herd will spook and race off, but they need to remain visible to keep the buffalo moving in the right direction.

The tribal member have asked these bison to give themselves up for the tribe and will thank the animals later for their sacrifice.

The boy identifies the lead cow. She's the one who keeps an eye on the herd, not letting calves stray too far. Hunched over, the buffalo runner, as he's called, begins to imitate a calf in distress. The cow notices and walks his way. He moves off, drawing the lead cow, and the rest of the herd follows.

The boy leads the herd across the plateau toward an unseen cliff between two rows of cairns. Hiding behind the rock piles are tribal members of all ages holding wolf hides. When the buffalo runner senses it's the right time, he signals to the others to stand, wave the hides, and make noise, frightening the herd into a stampede. ▶▶



A Place of Prominence featured in Montana Outdoors
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

COLLABORATING WITH TRIBAL PARTNERS

Fish and wildlife management partnerships with tribal governments is a mainstay for 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.

The agency provides funding to the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) and Blackfeet Nation to operate watercraft inspection stations in Ravalli, Thompson Falls, and Browning. The agency also provides funding, training, materials and quality control and the tribes manage staff and day-to-day operations. Additionally, in 2022, FWP coordinated with the Fort Peck Tribes on an enforcement agreement and to relocate the Nashua watercraft inspection station within the tribal boundary.

FWP AIS staff are also involved with training tribal members and staff on AIS early detection survey. Training involves AIS and native species identification, survey methods and sample collection techniques. Trainings were held with CSKT and the Blackfeet Nation in 2022 to expand tribal involvement in AIS early detection survey in tribal waters. Early detection of AIS is critical to successfully contain and potentially eradicate AIS. Tribal involvement in early detection survey is an important part of the statewide effort to protect Montana waters from AIS.

Tribes are also outstanding partners for sharing the Clean Drain Dry message. FWP staff provide tribal staff with outreach materials that they deliver in their local communities. AIS outreach information was provided to Montana tribes for local distribution in 2022-2023.

WILDLIFE

ELK MONITORING PROJECT

To better understand shared elk populations on the Blackfeet Reservation, FWP and Blackfeet Nation are partnering on an elk monitoring project.

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 (NPS) or FWP jurisdiction. Additionally, no information exists regarding baseline health or disease exposure for elk in this area. The collaborative project involves capturing and collaring a sample of elk on winter ranges within the reservation to provide this information. The project is a shared effort among Blackfeet Nation, FWP, NPS, and the University of Montana (UM).

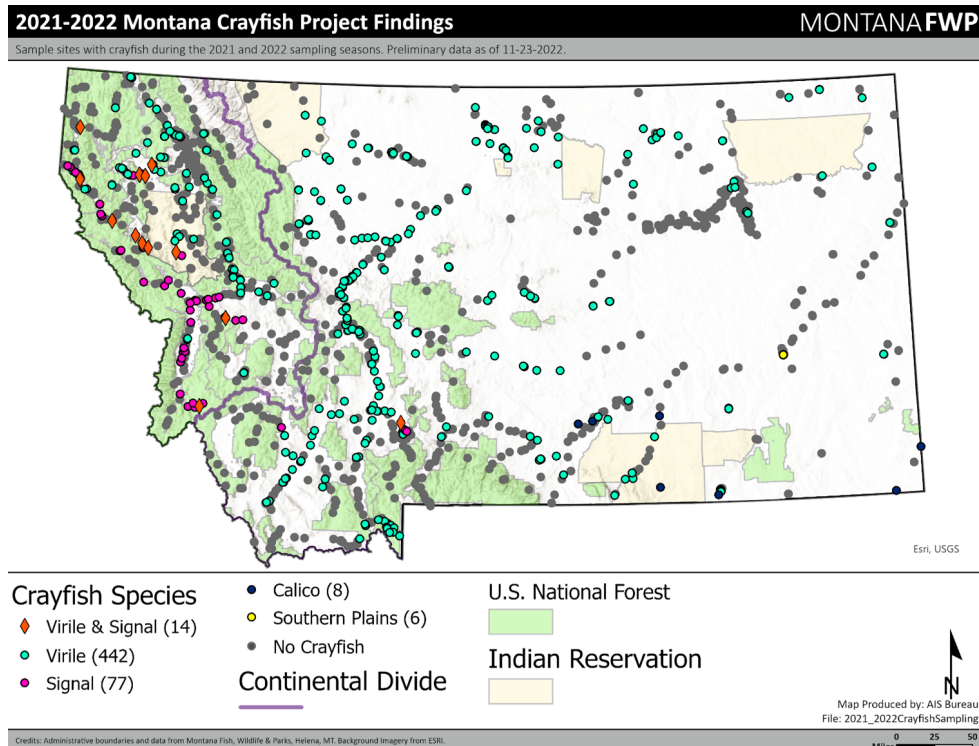
With captures in February 2022 and 2023, 27 elk were captured within the boundaries of the reservation to complete the project. FWP staff helped organize and lead the capture effort (along with the Blackfeet Tribe and UM staff), collected biological samples, and coordinated testing of those samples at 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, Boone & Crockett Club, and sources secured by Blackfeet Tribal staff. This effort will help the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife and Montana FWP better understand factors affecting a shared elk resource.



A photo from the 2023 elk capture
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

CRAYFISH SURVEY

In 2021, FWP began a two-year project to document crayfish distribution in Montana through a collaboration between FWP fisheries staff and Dr. Susie Adams of the US Forest Service. Preliminary sample results are shown in the map below, including sample sites on tribal land.



This statewide survey required coordination with Blackfeet Nation. We worked with staff from Blackfeet Nation to conduct more sampling on the Blackfeet Reservation in July of 2022. This was the first state-wide investigation of crayfish in Montana, and the tribal involvement was essential to understand the distribution of crayfish species across Montana.



Crayfish sampling on Milk River, Blackfeet Reservation
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

WATER RESOURCES

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY WATER SETTLEMENT ACT

Governor Gianforte supported the bipartisan Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Settlement Act, introduced in June by U.S. Senators Steve Daines and Jon Tester.

"This bipartisan bill is the result of extensive coordination between the State of Montana, the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and the federal government, with valuable input from local leaders, farmers, ranchers, and other water users over many years," Gov. Gianforte said. "It's time we get this done for the benefit of the tribes, our farmers and ranchers, and all water users in northcentral Montana."

FORESTRY

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY: BLACKFEET NATION

Blackfeet Nation has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to community forestry, partnering with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's (DNRC) Urban and Community Forestry Program to promote environmental awareness and wellness initiatives in Browning and Heart Butte.

A series of impactful events including Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations, tree planting ceremonies, and engaging school presentations have been successful in raising awareness and promoting eco-friendly practices.

Notably, DNRC distributed over 2,000 trees to local community members as a part of Earth Day celebrations in spring of 2023, almost three times the amount distributed last year. An allocation of 80 small trees supported windbreak and shelterbelt system trail species projects in the area. Additionally, over 500 trees were strategically planted and distributed throughout Browning High School campus.

In Heart Butte, Blackfeet Nation partnered with DNRC to distribute tree seedlings and engage youth in local environmental and wellness initiatives. The community involvement, drawing hundreds from neighboring areas, was a testament to

the success of these ceremonies and events. Collaborative efforts are now underway with the Blackfeet Environmental Office, to cultivate 100 white bark pine seedlings, a threatened keystone species, at the DNRC Conservation Nursery for a planting to take place in 2025.

Blackfeet Nation's efforts set the example for intergenerational collaboration for a healthier, more sustainable environment.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY: FORT BELKNAP TRIBES, CSKT, & CROW NATION

In addition to Blackfeet Nation, several other tribal communities partnered with DNRC's Urban and Community Forestry Program to promote sustainable forestry practices and empower community involvement in local forest management. Funds secured through the U.S. Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Grant created several new initiatives and expanded the reach of the UCF Program. One highlight from FY 2023 was the participation of tribal partners in the National Partners in Community Forestry Conference, held in Seattle in November 2022. This occasion provided a platform to showcase the achievements of the Urban and Community Forestry program, expand collaborative partnerships, and raise awareness about the critical role that tribal communities play in managing and preserving our forests.

Fort Belknap Tribes, CSKT, and Crow Nation are all working toward sustainable efforts in community forestry, including food forests and tree planting projects.

Fort Belknap

In Fort Belknap, water capture systems were procured and distributed among participating members with food forests. Community workshops and education efforts were conducted to establish a local tree orchard near Hays. Additionally, over 100 trees were allocated to the Fort Belknap Environmental Office for restorative tree plantings near the pow wow grounds to help filter nearby streams to improve water quality.

CSKT

DNRC purchased 2,000 tree seedlings from CSKT Tribal Forestry Nursery which were distributed amongst the Flathead and Blackfeet communities. Collaborative efforts were extended to educators at Polson Schools and Elders of the Salish, resulting in an expansion of the forest garden area to accommodate additional trees.

Crow Nation

The Crow community in Wyola has multiple ongoing projects, notably the cultivation of lodge pole pine groves for future teepee pole harvests. Additionally, shade tree plantings were implemented near the walking path and Indian relay race grounds and strategic tree plantings took place near the community center, featuring food-producing trees for community health and wellness. In total over 100 trees were planted, and 150 more were given to the community. The local day labor crew of the Mighty Few participated in the tree plantings.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Environmental coordination with tribes is ongoing during planning, design, construction, and maintenance of Montana's transportation infrastructure. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) staff may seek tribal permits within Blackfeet and Flathead reservation boundaries, in addition to Water Quality Certifications from the Blackfeet, CSKT, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne tribal governments. MDT staff also consults all Montana tribes regarding topics including aquatic and cultural resources, interpretive signs, future wetland mitigation sites, potential rest area sites, and geological markers.

MDT cultural staff continue to follow project specific cooperative agreements with CSKT and Blackfeet Nation for mitigation of unwanted impacts to cultural sites and monitoring of work near these sites. MDT and multiple tribes have worked to identify and avoid impacts to cultural resources.

SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The chief responsibility of government is to keep 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, making a historic, \$300 million investment to improve behavioral health and developmental disabilities systems in Montana this year.

For our communities and families to stay healthy and thrive, Governor Gianforte will continue working with tribal and local 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.

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.

COMBATING THE DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH EPIDEMIC

HEART FUND

In his first two and a half years in office, Governor Gianforte has partnered with tribal leaders to address the substance use epidemic in Indian Country. Together with the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), the governor invested \$500,000 annually in substance abuse prevention and treatment programs for tribal communities through the HEART Fund.

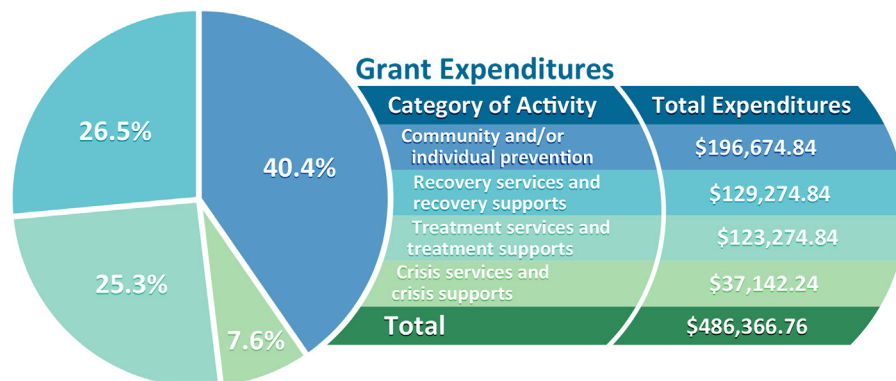
The HEART Fund, or Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment Fund, was the single largest new expenditure of the governor's first budget. In addition to supporting nonprofits and non-governmental organizations that serve Montana's urban, rural, and tribal communities, the HEART Fund 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.

Many Tribal Nations, including Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Northern Cheyenne, welcomed the ability to use the grant funds to fill gaps across the continuum with culturally appropriate activities and programs. This included community events, culturally appropriate traditional healing modalities, and existing treatment services.

Other tribes used funds to pay for treatment services and data management. The Chippewa Cree and Blackfeet Tribes paid for substance use disorder treatment for Medicaid ineligible individuals who had no other payment source, enabling them to receive the treatment they needed but otherwise may not have been able to access. The Little Shell Tribe used the funds to purchase a data management system to give it the tools and infrastructure to assess, track, and help meet the behavioral health needs of its dispersed, newly federally recognized tribal members.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) used the funds to support their creation of a Healing Court that promotes the healing of CSKT individuals, families, and community as a whole by directing court participants to treatments programs rather than to jail.

The following table displays the first year of grant expenditures of all the tribes combined, broken down into the four categories of the behavioral health continuum of care.



Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
Designed by Darin A. Williams

ZERO SUICIDE

Zero Suicide is an approach to suicide prevention within health and behavioral health 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. DPHHS staff provide supportive services, technical assistance, suicide prevention tools and resources, and oversee the fidelity of the Zero Suicide model and its relationship to implementation in each tribal and urban community.

The program aims to establish practices that reduce suicide deaths and behaviors, including creating a confident and competent workforce where at-risk individuals are identified, ensuring all patients who are at risk receive immediate, safe, and personalized treatment, providing continuous care for patients after treatment to ensure their successful transitions to safe environments, ensuring support and comfort for staff and the community in the wake of a suicide death, and working to decrease stigma and increase community resiliency through outreach and education.

Results of Zero Suicide

2,191 people have received Zero Suicide Training

15,610 patients have been screened

3,250 patients screened positive for depression and were referred to mental health services

2,246 patients were referred access services

UNIVERSAL MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING IN SCHOOLS

In February 2023, Governor Gianforte announced a \$2.1 million investment to increase access to universal screening for mental health and substance use issues among young Montanans. Using a Governor's Emergency Education Relief grant, DPHHS awarded the Rural Behavioral Health Institute (RBHI) funding to support the Screening Linked to Care Program through the 2024-25 school year.

With a \$2.1 million investment from the state, RBHI will reach up to 40 percent of all middle and high school students across the state. Thirty-seven schools committed to implementing the program that spring.

988 LIFELINE

Launched in July 2022, Montana 988 is part of the National 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline network of over 200 local, independent crisis centers equipped to help people in mental health related distress or experiencing a suicidal crisis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the U.S.

While serving in Congress, then-Representative Gianforte, introduced the bill to designate the new, easy-to-remember 988 number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Veterans who dial 988 are given a prompt to dial "1" to be routed to the Veteran Crisis Line.



If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call 988 to be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or 911 if a person is in immediate danger.

"As we all know, Montana faces a tragic epidemic of suicide, devastating far too many families and communities," Governor Gianforte said. "Thanks to heroic Montanans answering the call to serve others in crisis, the 988 Lifeline number is helping save lives. To any Montanan who might be struggling, know that you are not alone, and you can find folks ready to help by dialing 988."

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 reservations in Montana 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 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.

TOBACCO WARRIOR SUMMIT

The American Indian population in Montana continues to have the state's highest commercial tobacco use rate. While youth conventional cigarette use rates have continued to drop over the past 15 years, youth rates for vaping are on the rise for both native and non-native students. The use rate is consistent for both population groups.

To discourage youth initiation, education specialists host the Tobacco Warrior Summit every June, bringing together youth ages 13-17. The summit rotates to a different reservation or urban location each year. The event provides three days of cultural teachings by local elders, commercial tobacco education, leadership skills, native games, art, walks, and relationship building.

In 2023, the event was hosted by the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and held at MSU Billings. Over 80 students attended, including students from Wyoming partner tribes and the Billings Native American Development Corporation.

A Northern Cheyenne education specialist received a Health Equity Grant from Montana State University to cover additional event costs. Many participants return annually and work up to being a chaperone, as well as become youth leaders in the community.



Participants at the Tobacco Warrior Summit at MSU Billings
Ilsa Ryan-Gorman

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

MONTANA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

Representative Jonathon Windy Boy introduced, and the legislature passed, the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act, applying parts of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act to state law. The new law prioritizes placements for foster care or adoption of Native children with Native families.

ESTABLISHING ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

The high cost of adoption is often an obstacle for families looking to adopt a child. According to the Family Equality Council, the cost of adoption can exceed \$40,000.

To make it easier for Montanans to open their homes to children, the governor secured an adoption tax credit of \$5,000, or \$7,500 if the child is adopted from within Montana's foster care system.

ENHANCING CHILD SUPPORT AND PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS

Four tribal governments in Montana operate their own child support programs – CSKT, Blackfeet Nation, Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC), and the Chippewa Cree Tribe. 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 committed to holding biannual summits to ensure continued collaboration, with the most recent face-to-face summit occurring in Helena on April 26 and 27, 2023.

Information sharing and communication has been vital to ensure the State and Tribal child support programs are providing the best possible service to the families of Montana. CSSD offered to provide the tribal child support programs modified access and training on SEARCHS, the state program system. The CSSD provided training to FBIC on in October 2023, and to the Chippewa Cree Tribe in November 2023.

CSSD leadership also recognized the need to provide training to our staff regarding Montana tribes. It's important CSSD staff have a fundamental understanding of Montana tribes and how CSSD intersects with them. CSSD staff were provided an introduction to Montana tribes by DPHHS' Tribal Relations Manager. To ensure continued opportunity to enhance our staff's understanding of tribal/ state relationships and regarding the importance of collaboration, this training will be provided quarterly to new CSSD employees.

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

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. 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 Tribes are running Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs. CSKT and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe are running Tier 1 programs and working on Tier 2 proposals. Fort Peck Tribes has submitted a Tier 3 proposal to DPHHS for consideration.

Crow Nation was able to initiate T-HIP on February 1, 2023, implementing care coordination services to their respective communities.

Tribe	Number of Medicaid Eligible Participants
Blackfeet Tribe	5,401
CSKT	5,316
Fort Belknap Tribes	1,414
Fort Peck Tribes	4,606
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	2,440
Chippewa Cree Tribe	2,097
Crow Nation	3,521
Total Members Attributed to T-HIP	24,795

MEDICAID REDETERMINATION

In April 2023, DPHHS began the process of redetermining Medicaid eligibility as a result of the end of the public health emergency for all individuals receiving Medicaid/Healthy Montana Kids in Montana.

In preparation, DPHHS met with tribal partners and Indian Health Services (IHS) to help clarify the redetermination process and collaborate on ways to support tribal members on Medicaid.

This included several webinars to provide an understanding of the timeline for renewals, how Medicaid members will be notified, what communications will be sent to individuals, and how tribes will know when redeterminations are due.

Additionally, DPHHS met with IHS to discuss how to best share information between agencies and what information would be most helpful. As a result of these conversations, DPHHS developed reports to share with IHS and tribal Medicaid offices to increase outreach and responsiveness.

CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

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 (MAI-WHC), 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.

PINK BINGO FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Montana American Indian Women's Health Coalition members, in partnership with the Rocky Boy Diabetes Program, Rocky Boy Tobacco Prevention Program, and Blaine County Breast and Cervical Screening Program regional contractor Deb Anderson provided a Pink Bingo/Women's Health Fair in Box Elder in October 2022.

The goal was to bring awareness of services in the community aimed at screening for cervical cancer, breast cancer awareness, healthy lifestyles promotion, cultural practices in the Chippewa Cree community, and survivor testimonies.

The DPHHS Comprehensive Cancer Control program provided \$1,000 in funds, which were used to help with the cost of event speakers and the purchase of materials to create ribbon skirts and red dresses. The ribbon skirts were created by two elder women from the community. Red dresses representing heart health awareness and ribbon skirts representing breast cancer awareness were displayed.

The event began with a prayer from a community elder and participants had the opportunity to visit 10 booths. Pharmacy students from the University of Montana measured 125 women for bone density, blood pressure, and A1C. Four bingo games were held with prizes donated by different organizations in the community.

Between the games, the invited speakers provided education about women's health issues and awareness about the signs of breast and other cancers. Participants were also surveyed at the conclusion of the event and a vast majority of the 160 individuals who were surveyed said they would be making a health screening in the near future.



Red dresses and Ribbon skirts at the Pink Bingo/Women's Health Fair Event in Rocky Boy in October
Terrie Stump

FOOD ON THE TABLE

IMPROVING SNAP SERVICE

On June 7, 2023, DPHHS Human and Community Services Division held a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Tribal Consultation for all tribes across the state.

The consultation with tribal partners took place in person in Helena and virtually through Zoom. The one-day meeting focused on several key areas.

First, DPHHS officials and tribal partners discussed how SNAP benefits and administration have changed over the past year and the impact of those changes to tribal communities. This included discussions on access to SNAP, outreach to specific geographic areas, opportunities through commodities programs, and the ability to use SNAP through online retailers. Second, DPHHS provided information on how SNAP-Education can benefit tribal communities, and how the SNAP-Education program can meet the cultural needs of tribal families. Last, officials discussed removing barriers to tribal members participation in the program.

DPHHS will continue to collaborate with its partners on these valuable programs to better serve tribal communities.

SAFE COMMUNITIES

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY

Governor Gianforte proclaimed May 5, 2023, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day to encourage collective action to bring the MMIP crisis to an end.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS TASK FORCE

The Montana MMIP Task Force was established in 2019 and is accountable to the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee (STRC) prior to each Legislative Session. Appointed by the Attorney General, the task force comprises representatives from each of Montana's eight Tribal Nations. The urgency of this issue stems from the alarming fact that Indigenous persons are reported missing in Montana at a rate four times higher than non-Indigenous individuals.

By law, the MMIP Task Force is entrusted with four essential responsibilities:

- Identify jurisdictional barriers that exist among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Identify underlying causes contributing to the high number of missing Indigenous persons.
- Devise strategies to enhance interagency cooperation and collaboration to address this pressing issue effectively.
- Oversee the administration of the Looping in Native Communities (LINC) grant program.

To inform their efforts, the Task Force relies on a comprehensive four-year data analysis of cases from the Montana Missing Persons Clearinghouse, which serves as a factual foundation for their work. Through the LINC grants, the Task Force has supported the Blackfeet Community College in developing the mmipmt.com website portal, a new mechanism for reporting missing Indigenous persons.

Given the importance of their mission and the ongoing significance of this issue, Governor Gianforte and the 2023 Legislature reauthorized the task force to continue its work for an additional 10 years, through 2033.

REDUCING RECIDIVISM

In the 2022-23 Academic Year, the Montana Department of Corrections (DOC) and its partners opened two new educational avenues for inmates to help them prepare to return to their communities — college classes through participating Montana colleges and The Last Mile computer coding program. Several Native American inmates are investing their time to further their education through these programs.

Montana State Prison

The first class of Montana State Prison students enrolled in classes at Helena College in the Certificate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology graduated in May 2023. They obtained funding to take the classes through the Second Chance Pell program, a form of federal student aid recently expanded to include incarcerated students.

Of the nine graduates in that program, three were Native American. Kalem Branson, a CSKT tribal member, was one of those.

"I think I just wanted to better my life and not be another statistic coming back to prison," he said.

In addition, two Native American inmates joined the DOC's first cohort in The Last Mile computer coding program and are on track to graduate in September 2023.

Twenty-two students were accepted into this demanding program that teaches web development fundamentals like HTML in the first half of the program, and transitions into the server side of coding (Mongo Express React Node) in the latter half.

"The Last Mile has meant opportunity," said Bruce Garay, a member of the Blackfeet Nation. "It has offered so much to me I can't even put it into words. It has given me dignity and self-respect. It has given

me a different path and changed me so much."

In Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22), the Native American population in the DOC's male prisons was about 21%



Gov. Gianforte congratulating incarcerated students who received their Certificate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology from Helena College
State of Montana

Montana Women's Prison

At Montana Women's Prison, four Native Americans are participating in college classes through MSU-Billings and Dawson Community College and are studying to earn their associate degrees in business and their Bachelor's of Science in Liberal Studies.

"The Pell Grant classes with Dawson Community College are a good opportunity for me and are challenging," said Carri Stands Over Bull, a member of the Crow Tribe. "They keep me sane. They let me know that I will pave the way for other ladies, my family, and my people. This will change my life and I will be able to give back."

In FY 22, the Native American population in the Montana Women's Prison was 37%

COMBATING DRUG OVERDOSES

The Montana Division of Criminal Investigation at the Department of Justice has an Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) team to combat drug overdoses. The team partners with five tribal law enforcement agencies, two tribal public health agencies, and three federal law enforcement entities with jurisdiction on tribal lands in Montana, as well as with the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council – Tribal Epidemiology Center.

Through this collaboration, ORS is facilitating effective communication, data sharing, and intelligence exchange among local, state, tribal, and federal agencies on the drug epidemic in Montana.

Currently, the team is focused on the implementation of overdose mapping software (ODMAP) to establish coordinated response plans for overdose incidents across the state, with special attention to occurrences within reservations. ODMAP provides near real-time data on suspected overdoses, enabling public safety and public health efforts to respond promptly to sudden increases or spikes in overdose events.

Already, more than 110 local, state, federal, and tribal public health and public safety agencies, along with several hospitals in Montana, use ODMAP for this purpose. The team is striving to extend ODMAP coverage and accessibility to each reservation.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently confirmed that an abandoned gas station along Highway 93 is ready for redevelopment. The Ravalli Store is a privately-owned property within the boundaries of the Flathead Reservation, surrounded by CSKT lands. Though the site is located along a heavily traveled highway for tourists and locals traveling between Missoula and destinations in Flathead County and northwest Montana, the abandoned gas station has been out of service since the 1990s.

When a new property owner stepped in with hopes of redeveloping the property, DEQ's Brownfields Program and partners worked to assess the environmental conditions at the site to determine whether any potential hazards would need to be addressed prior to redevelopment. Underground storage tanks were known to be buried at the site. DEQ was able to assist the new property owner in investigating the tanks and any other environmental hazards that might be present. As part of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, a 3,000-gallon gasoline and diesel tank was removed from the property.

Following this work, DEQ confirmed through sampling that the soil on site was not impacted by petroleum products. The issuance of a No Further Corrective Action letter in June 2023 opens the door for redevelopment of the site. The property owner plans to develop a new store, office and gallery space. Redevelopment of the abandoned property will attract travelers to Ravalli, increase local revenue, and possibly encourage redevelopment of other nearby structures.

Collaboration on this project enabled DEQ to form a solid partnership with the CSKT that will be instrumental to the success of future redevelopment sites in the area.

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

In the second half of Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023), Commerce used reserve ARPA technical assistance funding to help tribal public water systems on reservations prepare for additional funds available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

As of June 1, 2023, public water systems began applying for up to 100 hours of assistance to complete their lead service lines, which are due October 16, 2024. This technical assistance is available to all public water systems with fewer than 10,000 users, including tribes.

In May, Commerce outreach specialists met with tribal partners at several venues and presented on this program at the State Tribal Economic Development (STED) Commission meeting in April; an update is scheduled at the STED meeting later in the year.

By providing technical assistance to tribal communities, Commerce helped secure \$13,337,753 in state ARPA funding to improve water and wastewater infrastructure to the direct benefit of American Indian people. Approximately 33,750 residents of tribal communities are served by this technical assistance.

SAFER ROADS

The purpose of the Safe On All Roads (SOAR) program is to educate tribal communities on the dangers of impaired driving and the importance of seat belt use to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Program messages and communications are developed within the community to resonate with each individual culture. A local coordinator identifies outreach opportunities and acts as a spokesperson, advocating for traffic safety on each reservation.

Traffic safety stakeholders from all land-based tribes formed the Northern Tribes Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force. This group consists of a broad range of tribal members that focus on reducing impaired related traffic collisions through increased education and law enforcement. Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) funds are provided to tribal law enforcement agencies for high visibility enforcement activities through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

In FY 23, MDT's State Highway Traffic Safety Program awarded grants for the SOAR and STEP programs amounting to \$374,928, with an additional budget of \$90,000 for media campaigns.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

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 provide the greatest value, CSI prioritizes meeting people where they are and fostering relationships.

Commissioner Troy Downing continued serving Native American communities throughout Montana by developing educational tools and cultivating meaningful relationships with community members, elders, and tribal governments.

Working with Senator Jason Small, Commissioner Downing is spearheading a team of agency and external members to develop a youth (grades 6 through 12) financial literacy program focusing on everything from the basics of money management to advanced topics such as investments and raising capital to grow businesses. The program is tailored to the specific needs of tribal communities and individual groups.

Commissioner Downing, as Chairman of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Liaison Committee in 2022, led workgroups that produced tools discussing cultural awareness and communication in native communities, access to health insurance markets, and lessons learned during the pandemic. The agency is building upon the cultural awareness and communications tool for individuals seeking to improve effectiveness when engaging and collaborating with Montana's tribal communities.

Partnering with the state Tribal Relations Committee and the State Tribal Economic Development (STED) Commission, Commissioner Downing met with leaders sharing how our agency can be a resource to ensure access to insurance products, protect against fraud, and expand financial empowerment programs in Indian Country. Outreach activities included a tour and conversations with the Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribal leaders.



Downing meeting with Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribal leaders
CSI

APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

AMERICAN INDIANS SERVING MONTANA

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9-1-1 Advisory Council	Misty Kuhl	Gros Ventre
Aging, Governor's Advisory Council on	Roberta Bigback	Northern Cheyenne
	Audrey Finlayson	Blackfeet
	Jerry Thex	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
Board of Behavioral Health	Megan Bailey	Assiniboine Sioux
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
	Duane Reid	Little Shell Chippewa
	Erika Scheuring	Blackfeet
	Alvin Windy Boy Sr.	Chippewa Cree

Boards	Name of Appointee	Tribal Affiliation
Community Service, Commission on	Jim Swan	Chippewa Cree
Crime Control, Board of	Richard Kirn	Assiniboine Sioux
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 (CSKT)
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	Brian Molina	
Humanities Montana	Glory Highly	Sioux
Interagency Coordinating Council for State Prevention Pro	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
Land Information Advisory Council (LIAC)	Carl Healy	Fort Belknap Indian Community

Boards	Name of Appointee	Tribal Affiliation
Livestock Loss Board	Joseph Kipp	Blackfeet
Pardons and Parole, Board of	Kristina Lucero	Coastal Salish
Poet Laureate, Montana	Chris La Tray	Little Shell Chippewa
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
	Joshua Turnsplenty	Crow
Regents of Higher Education, Board of	Casey Lozar	Salish Kootenai
Rehabilitation Council, State (SRC)	Joleen Weatherwax	Blackfeet
State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB), Montana	Jason Small	Northern Cheyenne
	Amber Terry	Chippewa Cree
State-Tribal Economic Development (STED) Commission	Melissa Fisher	Northern Cheyenne
	Delina Cuts The Rope	Assiniboine Gros Ventre
	Lafe Haugen	Northern Cheyenne
	Shelly Fyant	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
	Gerald Gray	Little Shell Chippewa
	Shannon Martell	Fort Peck Tribes
	Shawn Backbone	Crow
	Cheryl Reevis	Blackfeet
	Richard Sangrey	Chippewa Cree
	Len Twoteeth	Salish Kootenai
Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)	Savanah Strauser	Fort Peck Tribes

Boards	Name of Appointee	Tribal Affiliation
Tourism Advisory Council (TAC)	Lane Spotted Elk	Northern Cheyenne
	Nathan St. Goddard	Blackfeet
Transportation Commission	Noel Sansaver	Assiniboine Sioux
Trauma Care Committee	Sara Bonanini	Blackfeet
Veterans' Affairs, Board of	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

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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) 2022 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2023 Reservation Program Enhancement Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-02	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
			East Glacier Mini Mall Improvements MT-TBDG-23-02	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Chewing Blackbones Campground Comfort Station MT-TTG-23-002	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Horse Track Restoration MT-TTG-22-002	Expired	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Portfolio for Tourism Enhancement Projects MT-TTEG-22-002	Expired	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	Blackfeet Hunting Lottery License	In Effect	Kuka, Kqyn	406-750-3574
			Elk Data and Research Collaboration MOU	In Effect	Kuka, Kqyn	406-750-3574
			Swift Fox Conservation Strategy Collaboration	In Effect	Kluge, Nathan	406-444-0042
			Wolverine Metapopulation Monitoring and Connectivity	In Effect	Anderson, Lee	406-751-4561
		Environmental - Water	Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections Agreement	In Effect	Woolf, Thomas	406-444-1230
	Historical Society	Historic & 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	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481

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BLACKFEET			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
			Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Werner, Derek	406-941-2090
	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 Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
			Working Friends One-Stop Workforce Employment Center	In Effect	Wagner, Barbara	406-444-5474
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY19 Operation Stonegarden Grant - Border Security	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			FFY20 Operation Stonegarden Grant - Border Security	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			FFY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant - Border Security	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			FFY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
			FFY22 Operation Stonegarden Grant - Border Security	In Effect	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Forestry	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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673

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BLACKFEET		Human Services - Family Services	Foster Care Services - Blackfeet Nurturing Center 20213SCHS0007	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
			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 23-25-8-41-184-0	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Community Based Prevention 20-332-74801-0	In Effect	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			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	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			Emergency Preparedness 23-07-6-11-003-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD	Expired	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Partnership for Success 20-332-74754-0	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Personal Assistance Program - 6901-22-0002-01	In Effect	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			State Opioid Response Grant SOR 22-332-74173-0	In Effect	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-001-0 Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			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	406-444-3929
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcoholic Beverages Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250

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BLACKFEET			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	5311 Operating Grants FY22	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Browning North - Secondary Route 464, Glacier Cty	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Browning West (IC) Multiple routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Browning West (IC) State Primary Route 58/US 89	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hudson Bay Divide South (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hudson Bay Divide South (PE) State Primary	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT MT - 44 Northwest, US-89 - Multiple Locations	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT US-89 - East Browning National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Luminaire Upgrades - LED - Multiple Routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Multi-use Path - Heart Butte - (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Multi-use Path - Heart Butte (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Multi-use Path - Heart Butte (RW)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			North of Kiowa - N - R/W	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			North of Kiowa (CN & CE) State Primary	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway Browning-Southeast (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Road Repairs Browning-Southwest (CN & CE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safe On All Roads (SOAR)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-89 Erision Repairs - Two Medicine (RW) Primary Route 3	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-89 Erosion Repairs - Two medicine (CN & CE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-89 Erosion RPR-Two Medicine (CN & CE) Primary Route 3	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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BLACKFEET		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CHIPPEWA CREE	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2022 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2023 Reservation Program Enhancement Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-03	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
			Meat Processing Facility Study MT-ICED-21-03	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio for Tourism Enhancement Projects MT-TTEG-22-003	Expired	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Powwow Grounds Rehabilitation MT-TTG-22-003	Expired	Brown, Rachelle	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	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Historical Society	Historic & Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
			Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	Expired	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agency Agreement	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
	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 Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
	Montana Board of Crime Control	Human Services - Crime Control	Chippewa Cree Tribe Juvenile Justice Program 22-J24-1128	Expired	Gemar, Rachel	406-444-2056
			Chippewa Cree Tribe Juvenile Justice Program 23-J24-1611	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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527

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CHIPPEWA CREE			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 23022280260	In Effect	Wilkins, Stephanie	406-444-0641
			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	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			County and Tribal Matching Grant (CTMG) - SAMSHA COVID Relief 21-331-74101-0	Expired	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness 23-07-6-11-010-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250010	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 22027250010	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 23027250010	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	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			Medicaid Administrative Match	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Partners for Success 20-332-74755-0	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Rocky Boy Health Center Home and Community Based Services Program	In Effect	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			Rocky Boy Health Center Medicaid Eligibility 18022120020	In Effect	Twardoski, Christie	406-444-1846
			Rocky Boy Health Center Personal Care Assistance Program	In Effect	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544

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CHIPPEWA CREE			Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 22022280260	Expired	Goetsch, Andrea	406-444-4559
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-020-0	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Treatment of Users of Stimulants (TRUST) Pilot Program	In Effect	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			White Sky Hope - Substance Use Disorders	In Effect	Geary, Dana	406-444-9657
			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
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	5311 Operating Grants - Public Transit	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway Box Elder-West (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway Rocky Boy Road S-334 (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safe On All Roads (SOAR)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES	Administration	Environmental - Forestry	Ecological Restoration Services	In Effect	Grotzke, Megan	406-444-5764
	Agriculture	Environmental - Environmental Health	State, CSKT, and Lake County MOU for Pesticides Containers Recycling	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-04	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Economic Development - Public Facility Infrastructure Construction	Blackfeet Spiritual and Heritage Center Construction Project	In Effect	Young, Rachel	406-841-2867
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio for Tourism Enhancement Projects MT-TTEG-22-004	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Cooperative Agreement	Clark Fork River Cleanup	In Effect	Banaszak, Jessica	406-444-6458
			Lake County Tire Depot Landfill	In Effect	Collins, Fred	406-444-9879

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES			Lake County Transfer Station	In Effect	Collins, Fred	406-444-9879
		Environmental - Environmental Health	Clark Fork River Superfund Cleanup	In Effect	Banaszak, Jessica	406-444-6458
			Flathead Lake Water Quality Standards Consultation	In Effect	Ulven, Andy	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
			Winter Storytelling Series Collaboration at Travelers' Rest State Park	In Effect	Flynn, Loren	406-542-5517
		Environmental - Data Sharing	Wildlife Migration Monitoring and Data-sharing Agreement	In Effect	Brooks, Adam	406-444-3032
		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 - Water	Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections Agreement	In Effect	Woolf, 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	Historic & 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

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES			Criminal Justice Information Network Agency Agreement with Tribal Police	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement with Flathead Tribal Police	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement with Tribal Prosecutor's Office	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			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
	Labor & Industry	Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Boiler Safety Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
			Lake County Transfer Station	In Effect	Collins, Fred	406-444-9879
		Environmental - Environmental Health	Clark Fork River Superfund Cleanup	In Effect	Banaszak, Jessica	406-444-6458
			Flathead Lake Water Quality Standards Consultation	In Effect	Ulven, Andy	406-444-2680
			Electrical Permitting and Inspections	In Effect	Cook, David	406-841-2303
		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 Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Forestry	Scoping Notice of Timber Sales	In Effect	Thomas, Shawn	406-444-4978
			Wildland Fire Protection Service Agreement	In Effect	Hall, Matt	406-542-4223

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES		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 Compact	Reserved Water Rights Compact	In Effect	Wick, Arne	406-444-5700
		Environmental - Water Quality	Herbicide control of Flowering Rush/Flathead Lake RITA-19-8875	In Effect	Anderson Folnagy, Heidi	406-444-6691
			Removal of Tailings Along Revais Creek & Placement in a Repository RIT-19-8871	In Effect	Anderson Folnagy, 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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	Education	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	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		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
			Foster Care Services - Second Circle Lodge 20213YGHSo005	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	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness 23-07-6-11-012-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 22027250020	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			Medicaid Eligibility Determination 23022120030	In Effect	Goetsch, Andrea	406-444-4559
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Partnership for Success 20-332-74756-0	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-021-0	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			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	406-444-3929
	Revenue	Finance - Revenue Sharing	Montana Alcohol Beverage Tax Agreement	In Effect	Gochis, Chelsey	406-444-1250
	Transportation	Economic Development - Highway & Facility Construction / Maintenance	Property Evaluation in Watershed 3 Lower Clark Fork River Basin STPX24(58)9212	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance MOU	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	5311F Operating Grants FY22	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Bridge Replacement - Crow Creek - Ronan - Route 24202	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Construction of Sidewalks - Round Butte Rd - Path (IC)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Construction Projects SF18g D1 CLRS	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Elmo West (CN & CE) Primary Route 36,	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Elmo-West, Primary Route 36	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Flathead River -1M E Perma	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hot Springs -N & S (CN & CE) Primary Route 36	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			HSIP Program JOC - Missoula - Various Locations	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Luminaire Upgrades - LED - Multiple Routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES			Mitigation - Right-of-Way - Property Evaluation, Lower Clark Fork River Basin Watershed 3	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			North of Kiowa North (CN & CE) State Primary 58	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Pablo Area Signals (OT) National Highway 5	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Perma Canyon North (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Polson Area Signals (OT) - Multiple Routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Property Evaluation Watershed 3 Wood AQ RES Mitigation (OT)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Roadway Construction Perma Canyon (CN)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Ronan - North (IC) National Highway	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Ronan - Urban (PE & R/W)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Ronan-North (CN & CE) National Highway 5	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Ronan-Urban (PE & RW) National Highway 5	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Roung Butte Road Path - Ronan (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safe On All Roads (SOAR)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safety Improvements SF 169 South of Pablo	In Effect	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)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Eagle Pass Trail Safety - Intersection Improvements	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 189 93N Rumble Strips (CN & CE) National Highway 5, Multiple Counties	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 189 Glover Rd Safety (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 199 Finley Point LTL (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF189 Curve South of Ravalli (PE) National Highway 5	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF189 D1 CLRS Kalispell Area (CN & CE) Multiple Routes	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES			SF18g Glover Road Safety Improvements (PE) Route 24234	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Sidewalks Construction, Round Butte Road/Path, Ronan (PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Spring Cr Rd - Minesinger Trail (PE) National Highway 5	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Spring CR RD-Minesinger TRL	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Timber Piling Preservation - JOC (CN & CE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Special Traffic Enforcement Program	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Tribal Special Traffic Enforcement Program	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 93 North-Wildlife Fencing	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-93 Peterson Mitigation Site (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			WS 3-Johnson Wetland Mitigation, PE	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Environmental - Weeds	PSA Weed Control	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
CROW	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-05	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
			Engineering Report for Trades Building MT-ICED-21-05	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Housing & Community Development	Federal Tax Credits-Apsaalooke HA Homes I	In Effect	Christensen, Amy	406-841-2800
			Federal Tax Credits-Apsaalooke HA Homes II	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 for Tourism Enhancement Projects MT-TTEG-22-005	Expired	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Economic Development - Job & Worker Training	Crow Coal Mining Program	In Effect	Lodman, Emily	406-444-2873
		Environmental - Cooperative Agreement	Crow Coal Collaboration	In Effect	Lodman, Emily	406-444-2873
		Environmental - Environmental Health	Hardin Landfill Expansion License	In Effect	Thompson, Rick	406-444-5345

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CROW		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
	Historical Society	Historic & Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Social Services	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
	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 Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
		Human Services - Veterans	Veterans Outreach Program Collaboration	In Effect	Altmaier, Dan	406-655-6065
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant	Expired	Honzel, Burke	406-417-9233
	Natural Resources & Conservation	Environmental - Water	Wastewater Collection System Improvement Phase 3C - RRG-19-1693	In Effect	Hoeglund, Sonja	406-444-0552
		Environmental - Water Compact	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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	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 (ICW/A) 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 23-07-6-11-013-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611

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CROW			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-015-0	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			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	Expired	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	Aberdeen Interchange - West (OT) State Highway 02418	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Crossing Signals - RR Xing - Woodley Ln - Hardin (PE) Route 2370	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Culverts - East of Hardin (PE) Secondary Route 384	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			D5 Interstate Fencing (PE) Multiple routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Dunmore-East (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Equip Upgrade - RR Xing 0.4M N Crow Agency (PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			I-90 Culvert - Lodge Grass PH2 (CN & CE) Interstate 90	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			I-94 Farm Fence-RP 0-78 D5 Interstate Fencing (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Little Bighorn R-Crow Agency (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Luminaire Upgrades - LED - Multiple Routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Overlay/Chip Seal - Aberdeen Interchange - West	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurface Roadway - Garryowen South	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurface Roadway - Lodge Grass North	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway - Garryowen	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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CROW			Resurfacing Roadway Hardin-East S-384 (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Retaining Wall - Lodge Grass (PE, CN & CE) Interstate 90	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Roadway Construction Hospital Road - Crow Agency (CN)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safety Improvements - I-90 - Wyola - Big Horn County	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safety Improvements SF229 North of Xavier CRV Reco - Secondary Route 313	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 169 Billings District Safety Improvements	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 169 District Safety Improvements (CN & CE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF 179 Lodge Grass Shld Widen (PE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF129-Billings CRV SIGN (CN & CE) Multiple routes/counties	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SW of Lodge Grass - SW (CN & CE) Secondary Route 463	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-212/I-90 Permanent VMS - Multiple Locations	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			West of Busby - West (PE) National Highway 37	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) 2023 Reservation Program Enhancement Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Mission Canyon Rest Area Improvements MT-TTG-23-006	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Environmental Quality	Environmental - Environmental Health	Zortman-Landusky Mine and Swift Gulch Drainage - Technical Working Group MOU	In Effect	Jepson, Wayne	406-444-0529
		Environmental - Water	Public Water Supply Operator Certification	In Effect	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Environmental - Cooperative Agreement	Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Agreement	Proposed	Reno, Shane	406-265-6177
	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	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement with Fort Belknap Tribal Police	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Fingerprint User Agreement	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481

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FORT BELKNAP			Fingerprint User Agreement with Human Resources Department	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Social Services	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
			Fingerprint User Agreement with Tribal Childcare Program	In Effect	Bright, Jason	406-444-3481
	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 Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
	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	Expired	Anderson Fohnagy, Heidi	406-444-6691
		Environmental - Water	Renewable Resource Grant RRG-21-1776	In Effect	Hoeglund, Sonja	406-444-0552
			St. Mary's Working Group	In Effect	Dailey, Mike	406-228-2561
			Reserved Water Rights Compact	Pending	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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	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	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			County and Tribal Matching Grant (CTMG) - SAMSHA COVID Relief 21-331-74099-0	Expired	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055

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FORT BELKNAP			DPHHS Master Agreement	Expired	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness 23-07-6-11-021-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250030	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 22027250030	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 23027250030	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act 20027190060	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation Cares Act 21027190500	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Fort Belknap Health Center Home and Community Based Services Program - 6901-22-0005-01	In Effect	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Medicaid Task Order	Expired	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Partnership for Success 19-332-74759-0	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Personal Care Assistance Program 6901-22-0004-01	In Effect	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-016-0 Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infants and Children Contract ECFS 22-25-5-21-028-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Zero Suicide 20-332-74776-0	In Effect	Tabb, John	406-444-3929
	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

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FORT BELKNAP		Economic Development - Project Specific Agreement	Hays - North & South (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hays - North & South (PE) Primary Route 66	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Hyas - North & South (CN & CE) Primary Route 66	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safe On All Roads (SOAR)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US-191 Slide Mitigation -N of DY Junction (RW) National Highway 61	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
FORT PECK	Agriculture	Environmental - Weeds	Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2022 Special Reservation Grant	Expired	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
			Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) 2023 Reservation Program Enhancement Grant	In Effect	Chaffee, Jasmine	406-444-3140
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-07	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio for Tourism Enhancement Projects 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 - Remediation	Wolf Point Refinery Remediation	Proposed	Olsen, Greg	406-444-0493
		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
		Environmental - Fish & Wildlife Management	Region 6 Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Trails	In Effect	Henry, Drew	406-808-7109
			Swift Fox Conservation Strategy Collaboration	In Effect	Hussey, Nicole	406-808-7111
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Historical Society	Historic & Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	In Effect	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388
	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

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FORT PECK			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
	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	McGarry, Brooklynn	406-653-1720
			State Workforce Investment Board Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
			WoRC Program Rental Agreement	In Effect	Elizandro, John	406-444-3299
	Military Affairs	Human Services - Homeland Security / DES	FFY22 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
			Renewable Resource Grant RRG-22-1833A	In Effect	Kulczyk, Ann	406-228-4129
	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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	Human Services - Family Economic Self-Sufficiency	Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD 23-25-5-41-173-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Vocational Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Conzelman, Lacey	406-655-7673
		Human Services - Family Services	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	Hansen, Jami	406-444-3055
			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness 23-07-6-11-022-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611

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FORT PECK			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250040	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 22027250040	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 23027250040	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	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			Fort Peck HPDP Wellness Waiver Program	In Effect	Brunett, Denise	406-444-4544
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			Home Visiting Support Services 16075010890	In Effect	Ackerman, Rubin J.	(406) 444-2587
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD 22-25-5-41-173-0	Expired	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Partnership for Success 20-332-74758-0	In Effect	Tracy, Gina	406-444-3023
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-017-0 Task Order Ft. Peck	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			Women, Infants and Children Contract Fort Peck ECFSD 22-25-5-21-023-0	In Effect	Isaly, Jacqueline	406-444-4743
			Zero Suicide 20-332-74772-0	In Effect	Tabb, John	406-444-3929
	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 in 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	5311 Operating Grants FY22	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Boc Elder Creek Bridge MT-13 (CN & Ce) State Primary 32	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Bridge Replacement - Big Muddy - W/ Medicine Lk - Route 46406	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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FORT PECK			Brockton - West (PE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Brockton-West (CN & CE) National Highway 1, Roosevelt County	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Construction Project Brockton - West (CN & CE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT MT - 25 North Wolf Point (IC) Primary Rte 32	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT MT-25 - North Wolf Point (PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT MT-25 - North Wolf Point (PE)	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			JCT SEC 250-North (IC) Primary Route 32	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Junction MT-25 - North Wolf Point (PE) Primary Route 32	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Junction SEC 250-North (CN & CE) Primary Route 32	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway JCT MT-25-North Wolf Point (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway Scobey-South (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Roadway Construction South or Scobey-South (CN)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			RR Xing-MT13 - Macon Signing (PE) Primary Route 32	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			SF18g Wolf Point Rodeo Road Safety Improvements (PE) Route 43090,	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Timber Bridges - Glasgow - Multiple Routes	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 - Poplar (CN & CE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 - Poplar (R/W)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2 Improvements - Poplar-Mill	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2-Poplar (CN & CE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			US 2-Poplar (RW) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Wolf Point - E & W (PE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Wolf Point E & W (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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FORT PECK			Wolf Point E & W (PE) National Highway 1	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Wolf Point-E & W (CN & CE) National Highway 1	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
LITTLE SHELL	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-01	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
			Commercial Building Construction in Belgrade MT-TBDG-23-01	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Tribal Enterprises LLC Economic Development Plan MT-ICED-21-01	Expired	Taylor, Liane	406-841-2732
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Hell Creek Website Development MT-TTG-22-001	Expired	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
			Portfolio for Tourism Enhancement Projects MT-TTEG-22-001	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
	Historical Society	Historic & 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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	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	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
NORTHERN CHEYENNE			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-018-0 Task Order	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
	Commerce	Economic Development - Business Development	Native American Business Advisor - Tribal Business Services MT-NABA-23-08	Expired	Robinson, Luke	406-841-2775
		Economic Development - Tourism Development & Promotion	Portfolio for Tourism Enhancement Projects MT-TTEG-22-008	In Effect	Brown, Rachelle	406-841-2734
		Economic Development -Supplies & Services	Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission Equipment 23-0943-CDD CB	In Effect	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	Chief Dull Knife Community College Research	In Effect	Volesky, Mike	406-444-4600
	Governor's Office	Economic Development - Gaming	Class III Gaming Compact	In Effect	Milanovich, Anita	406-444-3111
	Historical Society	Historic & Cultural Preservation	Digital Data and Information Use Agreement	Expired	Bush, Jessica	406-444-0388

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE	Justice	Justice - Law Enforcement - Cooperation	Criminal Justice Information Network Agency Agreement with Law Enforcement	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			Criminal Justice Information Network Agreement	In Effect	Frost, Bryan	406-444-2800
			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
			Law Enforcement Cooperative Agreement	In Effect	Ortley, David	406-444-2026
	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 Statewide MOU (All Tribes)	In Effect	Feist, Wes	406-444-4480
		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
	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	Wetzel Jr., Donnie	(406) 444-4527
			Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)	In Effect	Bell, Matthew	(406) 431-6626
	Public Health & Human Services	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	Expired	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813

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NORTHERN CHEYENNE			DPHHS Master Agreement	In Effect	Evers, Lesa	406-444-1813
			Emergency Preparedness 23-07-6-11-038-0	Expired	Callahan, Peter	406-444-1611
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 21027250050	Expired	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 22027250050	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Food Distribution on the Indian Reservation 23027250050	In Effect	Schulz, Keren	406-444-7921
			Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Fund Grant	In Effect	Bird, Natasha	406-444-3969
			HIV Prevention Program (PREP) ECFSD 20-25-5-11-014-0.	Expired	LaPiere, Jonelle	406-841-2477
			Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting ECFSD 22255411640	Expired	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Medicaid Reimbursement	In Effect	Peck, Casey	406-444-5778
			Northern Cheyenne ARPA Home Visiting	In Effect	Lee, Leslie	406-444-6940
			Tobacco Use Prevention Grant 22-07-3-31-019-0	Expired	Sucha, Janet	406-644-2428
			Tribal Health Improvement Program	In Effect	Roberts, Jacqueline	406-444-1292
			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	East of Busby (PE) National Highway 37	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Fire Repairs - Lame Deer Area - Rosebud County	Expired	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Resurfacing Roadway Busby-East & West (CN & CE)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
			Safe On All Roads (SOAR)	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058
		Finance - Revenue Sharing	Gasoline Revenue Sharing Agreement	In Effect	Clarkson, Eli	406-444-9058

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