



**FY 2016 Budget Formulation
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Rocky Mountain Region's Tribes

- Montana:
 - Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet Agency
 - Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy Agency (Self Governance)
 - Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Belknap Agency
 - Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Fort Peck Agency
 - Crow Tribe, Crow Agency
 - Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Agency
- Wyoming:
 - Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Wind River Agency
 - Northern Arapaho Tribe, Wind River Agency

Budget Priority Crosswalk FY2016

TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION "TPA"

1

Scholarship &
Adult Ed

2

Criminal
Investigations
& Police
Services

Non-TPA

3

Housing
Improve
ment
Program
(HIP)

4

Social Services

5

Tribal
Courts



Next 5 Priorities

6. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) (TPA)
7. Aid To Tribal Government (TPA)
8. National Resources (TPA)
9. Fish, Wildlife and Parks (TPA)
10. Job Placement & Training (TPA)

Lack of Funding at All Levels

- **We cannot prioritize the financial disparities of our people. Our people are severely impacted by the lack of funding. Increasing TPA funding will help cover these financial disparities; however**
- **Historically the funding we normally receive is not adequate. We have over-worked and under-paid staff which leads to inadequate professional services provided to our people. This is unacceptable at all levels.**
- **You need to be in our shoes to see and feel the affect, it is and can be devastating.**
- **With 100% funding of our TPA we would be able to hire more tribal professionals, provide training and jobs which leads to less unemployment and will increase tribal capacity in Indian country.**

#1 SCHOLARSHIP & ADULT EDUCATION

- Cost of education has increased while funding has decreased or remains the same
- To provide educational opportunity to our adults to be successful is a solid investment
- To improve our communities through education changes the quality of life of our tribal members
- Capacity building of tribes is not possible without education of tribal members

******Healthy careers provides for healthy communities***



#2 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS & POLICE SERVICES

- Increase of Law Enforcement staff
 - Montana/Wyoming Reservations are large land based and not enough law officers to cover
 - Increased population (some due to oil development)
 - Increased drug related crimes
 - Increased number of alcohol related offenses – domestic violence
 - Gang-related activities
 - School truancy issues
- Some reservations in Rocky Mountain have lowest paid police officers – there is a high turnover rate therefore a major need to retain qualified staff
- Lack of Law Enforcement becomes a major safety issue on the MT/WY reservations

#3 HOUSING IMPROVEMENT (HIP)

- In 2013 there were 680 eligible applicants in which only 8 housing projects were funded
 - Overcrowding
 - Homelessness
 - Health and Safety Issues
 - Quality Standard Homes
 - Crime, Alcohol and Drugs
- ***Healthy homes provides for healthy communities***



**Blackfeet –
Renovation
(before)**



**Blackfeet –
Renovation
(after)**



#4 SOCIAL SERVICES

- Protection of our children, disabled and elders
 - abuse (physical and sexual)
 - neglect
- Assist in continuation to provide services to abused victims. To conduct training and awareness to community and schools and be able to improve communication and coordination of cases between tribal, state and federal agencies.
- Higher rates of crime due to people moving in and through the communities (increased population)
- Services to assist children transitioning to adulthood – transitional living

More **FUNDING** to Social Services programs will help provide safe environment to our future generations



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#5 TRIBAL COURTS

- Increased Population = increased crimes = more individuals in the court system
 - In critical need of additional qualified professional positions:
 - Public defenders
 - Prosecutors
 - Judges
 - Administrators
 - Court Clerks
 - Technical Support staff
- **All are key positions that our tribal people have the right to receive**

#5 Tribal Courts

- Violence Against Woman Act
 - Required legislation
 - Required mandates

NEEDS BASED PRIORITIES

- Self Determination - \$270,000
- Real Estate Services - \$150,000
- Lease Compliance - \$1,352,108
- Probate - \$175,000

Hot Issues

- Land Buy Back:
 - Would like to increase tribal participation and management of the Land Buy Back priorities and funding
 - Response time from the Land Buy Back program **MUST** improve
- Road Maintenance:
 - Safety is a concern due to:
 - Highly increased use of reservation roads: Oil field
 - Snow removal



Other RMR Tribal Concerns

- **Formulation Process**
 - Revamp formulas for allocation of funding
 - Steer away from the priority system
 - OR, prioritize based on Program Activity and let the tribes distribute funds to the sub-activities and program elements where they see fit
- **Budget Transparency:**
 - Implement a website for tribes and budget formulation teams to include useful updated budget information

**In the Rocky Mountain Region
Everything are our PRIORITIES!!!!**



OR Else you become Confused!!!