

# Budget Brief – Indian Affairs

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**SUMMARY**

The Division of Indian Affairs was established in statute in 1953. The Division is charged with being the Indian Affairs authority for the State as well the liaison between Tribes, the Governor, federal, state, and local agencies. The division monitors legislation which impacts tribes and also works with the Native American Remains Review Committee to determine the disposition of human remains found on state or school trust lands. Detailed information related to the budget can be found in the Compendium of Budget Information for Economic Development and Revenue page 34.

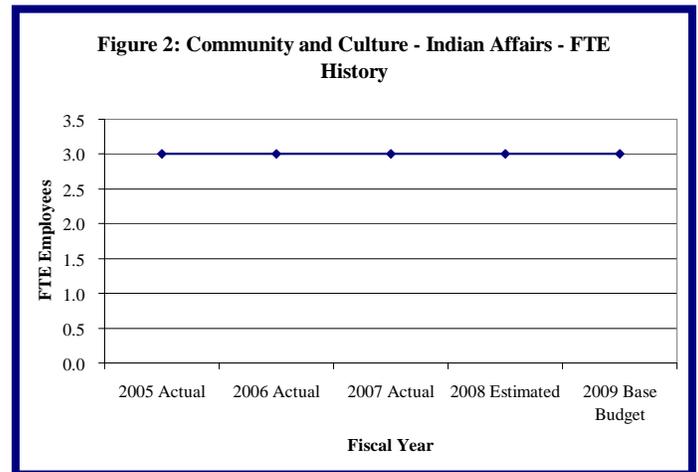
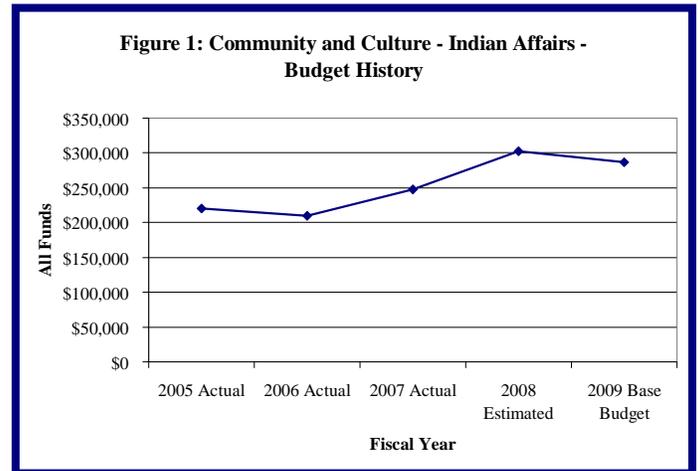
**ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

***Repatriation of Indian Remains***

The Native American Remains committee met four times in 2007. A key decision made by the committee was that human remains in any state collection that had no provenance would be placed in the State’s burial vault until a specific site for Ancient American Indian human remains is designated. SB 204 “Ancient Human Remains Amendments” appropriated funds to State History to excavate and process remains found on private land. An average of 15 discoveries of human remains annually have been made over the past five years. Removing the expense of dealing with those remains is expected to save developers, landowners, and agencies a considerable amount of cost, in addition to significant time savings. All Native American human remains will now be protected under the state Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

***Indian Housing***

A statewide housing plan has been developed by the Utah American Indian Housing Advisory Board. The plan attempts to help American Indians overcome housing barriers. Among the problems the group is considering are the population shift from rural to urban settings, language barriers, and credit problems.



**ACCOUNTABILITYDETAIL**

The primary responsibility of Indian Affairs is to address the needs of the American Indian community. To do this the Division is focusing on three areas:

1. Create, preserve, and promote access to community and cultural resources through tribal government participation in division-sponsored events.
2. Create and execute a strategic communications plan by ensuring that statutes and rules related to human remains repatriation are modified to facilitate the repatriation process.
3. Seek and maintain strategic partnerships. In the past year the Division of Indian Affairs has partnered with the Governor's Office of Economic Development to assist two businesses.

**BUDGET DETAIL**

Funding for the Division of Indian Affairs is used mainly for staff support and some current expense. The majority of their funding comes from the General Fund.

***Budget Recommendation for FY 2009***

The Analyst recommends a base appropriation of \$287,000 for the Division of Indian Affairs.

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLES**

<b>Community and Culture - Indian Affairs</b>						
<b>Sources of Finance</b>	<b>FY 2007 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2008 Appropriated</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>FY 2008 Revised</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>FY 2009* Base Budget</b>
General Fund	238,700	249,300	0	249,300	0	249,300
General Fund, One-time	(300)	0	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	7,200	15,000	0	15,000	10,000	25,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	52,900	0	50,900	50,900	(38,200)	12,700
Closing Nonlapsing	(50,900)	0	(12,700)	(12,700)	12,700	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,600</b>	<b>\$264,300</b>	<b>\$38,200</b>	<b>\$302,500</b>	<b>(\$15,500)</b>	<b>\$287,000</b>
<b>Programs</b>						
Indian Affairs	247,600	264,300	38,200	302,500	(15,500)	287,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,600</b>	<b>\$264,300</b>	<b>\$38,200</b>	<b>\$302,500</b>	<b>(\$15,500)</b>	<b>\$287,000</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Personal Services	189,100	195,900	8,800	204,700	0	204,700
In-State Travel	9,600	7,200	2,500	9,700	0	9,700
Out of State Travel	9,400	2,800	7,000	9,800	0	9,800
Current Expense	35,200	51,700	(7,800)	43,900	10,000	53,900
DP Current Expense	2,300	4,300	23,100	27,400	(20,500)	6,900
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2,000	2,400	4,600	7,000	(5,000)	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,600</b>	<b>\$264,300</b>	<b>\$38,200</b>	<b>\$302,500</b>	<b>(\$15,500)</b>	<b>\$287,000</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	3.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0

\*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.