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**AT A GLANCE**

- Serves the entire state and the eleven sovereign Tribal Nations.
- Approximately 59,000 American Indians statewide
- Two offices located in St. Paul and Bemidji
- 28 member board
- Five full-time staff: Executive Director, Cultural Resource Director, Executive Assistant/Education Specialist, Grants/Legislative Assistant, and Cultural Resource Specialist.

**PURPOSE**

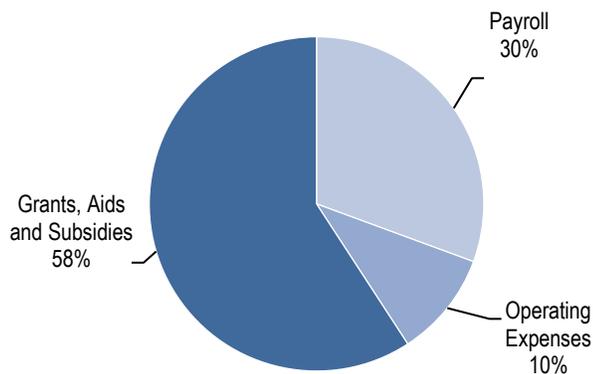
The mission of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) is to enhance the sovereignty of the 11 Minnesota Tribes and to ensure the well-being of American Indian citizens throughout the state. Established in 1963, the MIAC serves as a liaison office between sovereign tribal nations and state government. The Council also advises and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. The MIAC proposes the yearly agenda for the annual Governor/Tribal Leaders summit. The MIAC also fulfills duties under MS 307.08 and MS 138.00, through its Cultural Resource program. The Cultural Resource program works in collaboration with the office of the State Archaeologist to protect American Indian gravesites and burial mounds statewide.

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council contributes to numerous if not all statewide outcomes by partnering with agencies focused directly on the statewide outcomes of the following: **Strong and stable families and communities; a thriving economy that encourages business growth and employment opportunities; Minnesotans have the education and skills needed to achieve their goals; all Minnesotans have optimal health; a clean and healthy environment with sustainable uses of natural resources; and people in Minnesota are safe.**

The MIAC contributes to the statewide outcomes by close partnerships with state agencies, citizen outreach through quarterly board meetings, public outreach, providing liaison services between governments, participating in and making recommendations in the development of reports and data for policy development.

**BUDGET**

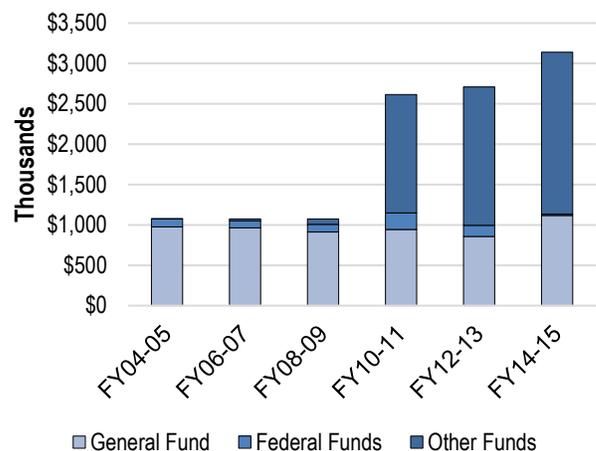
**Spending by Category  
FY 15 Actual**



*Grants Aid and Subsidies are the appropriations from the Arts and Cultural Fund for Language Revitalization.*

Source: BPAS

**Historical Spending**



*MIAC no longer receives any federal funds in FY 14-15*

Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council has a total biennial budget of approximately \$2.7 million. The biennial General Fund support is approximately \$1.1 million. Legacy Funding consisting of grants to communities for Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization is approximately \$1.4 million. .

### STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council uses the following strategies:

- Through the interaction with the MIAC executive board and bring together the eleven tribal leadership with state government officials and program staff.
- Make policy recommendations to the Governor and State Legislature.
- Educate the public and local governments on issues important to indian tribes and people.
- Citizen and public outreach
- Promote the revitalization of Dakota and Ojibwe Language preservation through the grants program.
- Educate the public and state employees with use of the Why Treaties Matter Exhibit.

### RESULTS

Through the interactions of our executive board that represents tribal nations within Minnesota and by the appointed state Commissioner’s and Legislative appointments, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council maintains its unique role as being a liaison between the state and with the tribal nations. Through working with other state agencies and their tribal liaisons we help bring forth issues that can directly benefit.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Dakota & Ojibwe Language Revitalization Grants Program	14 Awarded Grants	15 Awarded Grants	From 2015 to 2016
Quality	Increase public knowledge about Tribal relationships within the State through the Why Treaties Matter Exhibits.	55,000 visitors	60,000 visitors	2010 to 2016
Results	Grants awarded through Dakota & Ojibwe Grant program.	58 Awarded Grants	90 Awarded Grants	2010 to 2016

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The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council’s legal authority comes from MS 3.922 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=3.922>).