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AT A GLANCE

- Serves the entire state of Minnesota and the eleven sovereign Tribal Nations
- Approximately 59,000 American Indians statewide
- Two Offices located in St. Paul and Bemidji
- 28-member board
- Four staff; Executive Director, Cultural Resources Director; Legislative Assistant, and Cultural Resources Specialist

PURPOSE

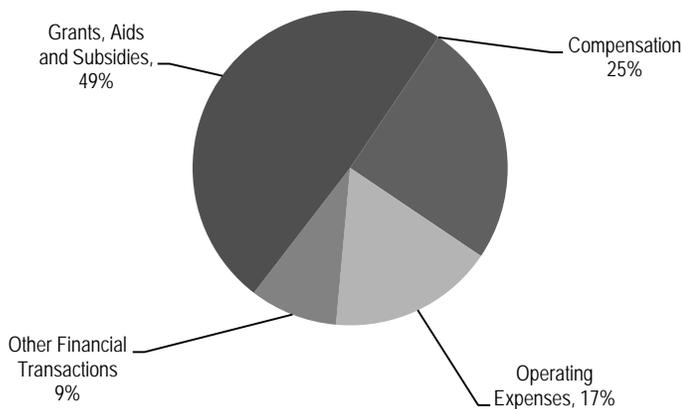
The mission of the Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) is to protect the sovereignty of the 11 Minnesota Tribes and to ensure the well-being of American Indian citizens throughout the state of Minnesota. Established in 1963, the MIAC provides a liaison office to the eleven sovereign tribal nations and state government. The council also advises and makes recommendations to state policy makers, including the Governor and Legislature. The MIAC proposes the yearly agenda for the annual Governor/Tribal Leader summit. The MIAC also fulfills duties found in MS 307.09, through its Cultural Resources program. The Cultural Resources program works to protect Indian gravesites and burial mounds statewide.

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 developing reports and data for policy development, co-managing the Why Treaties Matter Exhibit, and managing the Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization program.

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.**

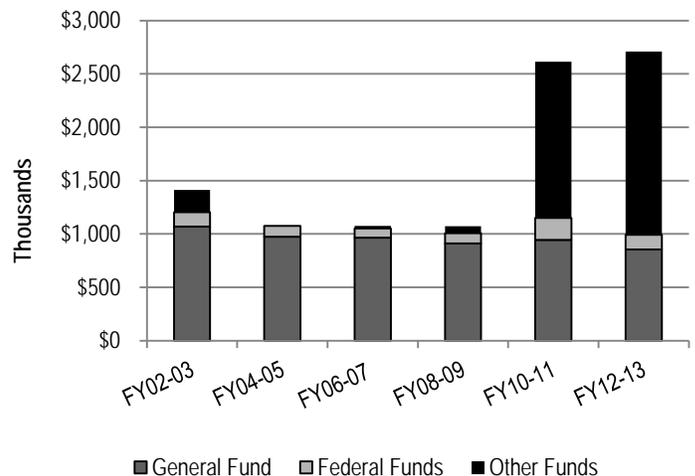
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 13 Actual**



Source: BPAS

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council has a total biennial budget of approximately \$2.7 million. General Fund is approximately \$855,000. Legacy Funding consisting of grants to communities for Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization is approximately \$1.7 million. The remaining \$138,000 is federal funding.

STRATEGIES

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

- Citizen and public outreach
- Liaison services to state government and tribes
- Policy advisement to the Governor and State Legislature
- Educating public on issues of importance to Indian Tribes and people

RESULTS

The liaison services and work of the MIAC are most effectively measured quantitatively. Research data and information obtained through sources and individuals outside of MIAC are crucial to its liaison work. MIAC operates several programs, such as the Why Treaties Matter Exhibit initiative led and in partnership with the Minnesota Humanities Center and the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institute. From its inception in 2010, outcomes show that over 55,000 constituents throughout Minnesota have taken part in the exhibit viewing and programming through 2014. The exhibit continues to travel within MNSCU institutions and the Blandin Foundation, Northern Minnesota region, but it is no longer primarily funded by the state or legacy funds.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization Grant Program with the goals of revitalizing the endangered languages of Dakota and Ojibwe	12 Grant Applications	30 Grant Applications	2010 and 2014

2010 and 2014 grant applications reflect the total number of applications received following the RFP issued for language programs statewide. Total amount of funding available for 2010 was \$1,250,000. Total amount of funding available for 2014 was \$1,400,000. Requests for grants funds exceeded the amount available.

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