Nevada Indian Commission

Mission

The mission of the Nevada Indian Commission is to ensure the well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native citizens statewide through development and enhancement of the government-to-government relationship between the State of Nevada and Indian Tribes and through education for a greater cultural understanding of the State's first citizens.
What We Do

• Strengthen the State-Tribal Relationship
• Provide Assistance to Tribes and the Public
• Provide Educational Programs/Presentations
• Support Indian Education Efforts Toward Academic Achievement and Success
• Preservation of the Stewart Indian School
• Encourage Tribal Tourism Development
Public Purpose and Critical Need

• Liaison between the State and the 20 federally-recognized tribes comprised of 27 separate tribes, bands and community councils.

• Assists State agencies and Tribes on issues affecting Nevada’s American Indian constituency and serves as a forum in which AI/AN needs are considered.

• Conduit where concerns involving AI/AN’s or Tribal interests are channeled through the appropriate network and serves as the point of access for Tribes to state government programs and policies.
## Performance Measures

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Accomplishments

• Tribal Legislative Forum (January before every Session)
• Nevada Tribes’ Legislative Day (2nd Tuesday of Session)
• Nevada AI/AN Education Summit Partner (March)
• Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference (April)
• Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee
• American Indian Achievement Award Banquet (November)
• Stewart Father’s Day Powwow (June)
Accomplishments

• Completed Stewart Master Plan
• Drafted National Historic Landmark Nomination Application
• Awarded $83,994 CCCHP Grant for Stewart Auditorium
• Assisted in Planning for Old Gym Reroofing - $1.2 Million CIP
• Completed Stewart Home of the Braves Documentary
Enhancement Decision Units

E 710 – Allows for purchase of routine replacement equipment
- FY 2021: $1,812
Strategic Priorities

- **Enhance** Organizational Development and Sustainability to Better Serve Constituents
- **Strengthen** the Government to Government Relationship Between the State and Nevada’s Tribal Governments
- **Increase** Educational Outreach on the NIC, AI/AN’s, the Stewart Indian School, Both Internally and Externally of State Government
- **Fortify** Efforts Toward Preservation and Development of the Stewart Indian School
- **Improve** Advancement of Cultural Heritage Tourism within the Tribal Communities
Challenges

• Growing Responsibilities within the Agency Requires Increased Staffing Levels

• Lack of Resources to Further Preserve the Stewart Indian School
  – Require the Authority for Revenue Generated by Stewart to Remain at Stewart to Further Preservation Efforts (SB 59)
Stewart Indian School Living Legacy
What We Do

- Develop Policies and Procedures for New Cultural Center
- Organize and Preserve Stewart Indian School Collections
  - Accept new donations
  - Inventory and catalog all artifacts into collections database
  - Provide environmentally controlled storage for collections
- Education and Research Services
  - Organize Tours and Volunteer/Docent Program
  - Develop Research Room (Stewart and boarding school history)
  - Create educational activities and programs
- Exhibit Design and Development
  - Permanent exhibit of Stewart history
  - Temporary exhibits of Great Basin contemporary art
  - Changing gallery of Stewart art
Accomplishments

• Hired Museum Director and Curator
• Blessing Ceremony July 2018
• $4.5 Million Construction Project (CIP) Underway on Welcome and Cultural Centers
• Completed 100% Stewart History Exhibit Design
• Hiring Exhibit Fabricators
Enhancement Decision Units

E 225 – Allows staff to register for two additional conferences
  - FY 2020: $750
  - FY 2021: $750

E 710 – Allows for purchase of Past Perfect maintenance agreement for existing software, which is necessary for cataloguing exhibits and artifacts
  - FY 2020: $446
  - FY 2021: $446
Challenges

• Require the Authority to Establish the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum in Statute and to Collect Revenue (AB 44)
  – Additional resources (staff and operating budget) will be required to open late 2019

• Additional Collections Storage Needed
  – CIP (C-16) to renovate Bakery Building at Stewart