

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Office of the Governor Tribal Affairs Component Budget Summary

Component: Tribal Affairs

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Component Mission

To improve government to government relationships between the federally-recognized tribes and the state by facilitating effective and respectful communication between tribal and state governments, working toward greater public understanding of, and respect for, tribal self-governance and self-determination.

Component Services Provided

- Respond to requests for information or assistance regarding tribal governments and state-tribal relations from all three branches of government, tribes and the public
- Provide public education regarding tribal cultures and governments and the importance of improving tribal-state relations for the future health and welfare of the state
- Provide informal assistance with the resolution of tribal-state issues
- Coordinate tribal-state governmental communication and cooperation
- Provide policy analysis to the Governor
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Component Goals and Strategies

Assist in development of formal mechanisms to improve communication between tribal and state governments

- Facilitate discussions among Alaskans regarding the relevance of tribes within Alaska culture, and the important role that tribal governments have in development of a healthy state-wide economy.
- Receive and respond to concerns of tribal members and tribal government leadership
- Compile and disseminate information to the public about tribal and state government services
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Serve as the lead advocate in the executive branch to improve tribal-state relations throughout all three branches of state government.

- Facilitate on-going education and training of departmental employees on all matters essential to positive, productive tribal-state governmental relationships.
- Recommend and monitor policies that will strengthen tribal-state relations
- Help develop programs to inform tribal members of the services available to them
- Help develop programs to make the needs and concerns of tribal communities known to the public and private agencies that offer programs and activities that serve and affect tribal communities
- Encourage improvement of public and private services to tribal members
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Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

- The executive branch has launched an educational effort to increase state employees' knowledge and appreciation of tribal cultures and governments, and the vital role that tribal governments already play in the overall health and future of the state.
- Statutory impediments continue to prevent full coordination and cooperation between state and tribal governments on many matters throughout state government. An analysis of these impediments must be conducted to provide the basis for proposing statutory changes where appropriate.
- A substantial effort must be made to coordinate with and support tribal governmental efforts to ensure that they are able to participate more fully in state government. Engage in joint state-tribal educational programs throughout the state, and ensure that tribal leaders are able to participate in meetings to problem-solve and strengthen state-tribal cooperation and communication.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

- Coordinated and conducted the first Tribal-State Forum in mid-May. This forum was the first time in the history of the state that the executive branch met with tribal leadership to ascertain how to improve communication between state and tribal governments and establish effective government to government relationships. It demonstrated the state's commitment to work directly with tribal leadership to jointly address matters of concern to tribal governments and communities.
- Coordinated Working Group meetings between state representatives and tribal leadership to begin implementation of the Millennium Agreement in the areas of Natural Resources, Public Health and Safety, and Government to Government Relations. Several departments have already successfully resolved numerous issues raised by tribal leaders in the context of these meetings.
- Established a committee of state and tribal leadership to recommend how best to provide an on-going structure for coordinating state-tribal affairs.
- Established daily communication between key tribal and state leaders, reinforcing a true partnership that recognizes the important policy-making role that tribal governments play in matters that affect their communities and all Alaskans.
- Conducted a training session for state department representatives with an overview of Alaska Native issues, and recommendations from tribal government leaders regarding how to work effectively with tribal governments.
- Coordinated an ongoing effort between the executive branch and tribal leaders to present a unified state-tribal response to proposed amendments to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.
- Assisted departments in drafting policies to facilitate consultation between state and tribal governments on significant matters affecting tribal governments. Departmental representatives have already begun to work informally with tribal governments on matters that significantly affect tribal governments.
- Made numerous presentations to various communities and organizations on the terms and importance of the Millennium Agreement, and the importance of improving government to government relationships between federally recognized tribes and the state.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Not applicable.

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

Non-Formula Program:	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	290.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	95.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	5.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	0.0	390.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	390.0
Funding Totals	0.0	0.0	390.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

No service changes.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Establish the Office of Tribal-State Affairs and implement the Millennium Agreement	390.0	0.0	0.0	390.0
FY2003 Governor	390.0	0.0	0.0	390.0