

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# State Tribal Economic Development Commission Biennium Report

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Activities During FY13 Biennium

8/27/2012

This report provides information on the activities of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission during the FY13 biennium as required in MCA 90-1-132, (2)(h), MCA



## STATE-TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

### **Commission Responsibilities**

Launched under the Native American Economic Development Act of 1999 and permanently established by the 2007 Legislature, the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission is administratively attached to the Department of Commerce.

Among other things, the commission is tasked with;

- Helping to develop business enterprises on reservations,
- Identifying the availability of federal, state, and private sector funds for tribal governments, Indian business enterprises, and communities located on Indian reservations in Montana,
- Conducting a comprehensive assessment of economic conditions on each of the Indian reservations in the state,
- Applying for or assisting tribal governments in applying for grants listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance for which either the commission or the tribe are considered eligible and would supply tangible economic benefits to any or all Indian reservations in Montana,
- Working cooperatively with tribal government officials, the state Coordinator of Indian Affairs, and appropriate state officials to help foster state-tribal cooperative agreements (Title 18, Chapter 11, part 1) that enhance the economic development on Indian reservations and to help the Department of Commerce fully implement and comply with the economic development provisions tasked to the Department of Commerce at MCA 90-1-105.

## **Board Membership:**

The commission is comprised of one member from each of the seven federally recognized tribes in Montana and one member from the Little Shell band of Chippewa Indians. A tribal government may advertise for individuals interested in serving on the commission and develop a list of applicants from which it may choose its nominee to recommend to the governor. In place of choosing from a list of applicants, a tribal government may select an elected tribal official to recommend for membership on the commission. If a tribal government nominates or otherwise recommends more than one person for membership on the commission, the governor shall select one individual from among those recommended persons. Governor Schweitzer has appointed the following Board members:

**Shawn Real Bird**, Chairman (Crow)

Crow Agency

Alternate: Yolanda Old Dwarf

**Richard Sangrey**, Vice Chairman

(Rocky Boy)

Box Elder

**Terry Pitts**, (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe) Pablo

Alternate: Leonard Gray

**Gerald Gray** (Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana)

Billings

Alternate: Clarence Silversten

**Tracy Robinson** (Northern

Cheyenne)

Lame Deer

Alternate: Jennie Small Lafrainer

**Cheryl Reeves** (Blackfeet)

Browning

Alternate: Jay Wells

**Rodney Miller** (Fort Peck)

Wolf Point

Alternate: Forrest Smith

**Delina Cuts The Rope** (Fort

Belknap)

Harlem

Alternate: Loren 'Bum Stiffarm

**Lesa Evers** (Turtle Mountain and Blackfeet descendant)

Montana Coordinator of Indian Affairs

**Evan Barrett** (Governor's Office)

Chief Business Development Officer

**Andy Poole** (Department of

Commerce)

Deputy Director

## **Commission Activities and Projects FY 12/13 Biennium**

### **Ongoing Activities of the Commission:**

The Commission;

- works with the tribal Governments and the State of Montana to support, develop, and grow Indian-owned private sector businesses on Montana Indian Reservations and elsewhere in the State,
- works with tribal governments and the State of Montana to support, develop, and grow Tribal government-owned businesses on Montana Indian Reservations,
- provides the Department of Commerce information and advice on investments of economic development funding in Indian Country,
- consults with each member Nation of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission and the State of Montana on avenues to improve the economic well-being of Indian citizens and businesses,
- discusses and shares best practices in economic development that have been implemented by Tribal Governments in Montana, and
- provides a venue for Indian people and tribal governments to learn about local, state and federal resources that are available for projects and activities in Indian Country.

### **Comprehensive Assessment on Montana's Indian Reservations:**

Working with the Montana Department of Commerce, Census & Economic Information Center, an update of the economic impact of each reservation economy is currently underway. The Commission and the Department are currently evaluating the receipts and payments received by and made by each of the Tribal Governments in Montana. Following the completion of that activity, an analysis of the economic impact of private sector activity on each of Montana's reservations will be conducted.

### **Evaluation and Assistance with Adoption of Uniform Commercial Codes:**

The State Tribal Economic Development Commission of the Montana Department of Commerce initiated the collaboration between the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Federal Reserve of Minneapolis, and the Office of the Montana Secretary of State to strengthen the Model Tribal Secured Transaction Act of the tribe and

develop a Joint Sovereign Filing System between Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and Office of the Montana Secretary of State. This historic signing of the tribe's first banking agreement with the state of Montana will spur economic development on the reservation. This agreement improves the access to affordable credit to lending institutions.

### **Funding Recommendations to the Montana Department of Commerce - Indian Country Economic Development (ICED)**

In House Bill 2, the Legislature appropriated \$800,000 each year of the biennium to the Indian Country Economic Development Program to promote economic development activities in tribal communities.

The Commission and the Montana Department of Commerce have approached economic development in Indian Country with three specific activities. Those activities include support for priority Tribal Government economic development activities, funding for private sector business efforts, Indian entrepreneurship training.

#### **1) Tribal Government Priority Economic Development Projects (\$560,000)**

- \$70,000 per tribe
- Minimum 1:1 match
- Governing body of the tribe is the eligible applicant; a tribal resolution is required
- Application and detailed proposal are due no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year

#### **2) Montana Indianpreneur Equity Fund (\$126,000)**

- \$7,000 per successful applicant
- Minimum 1:1 match
- Enrolled Native-owned business owner is the eligible applicant
- 2 awards per Tribe and 2 at large award for a total of 18 slots (one additional award was included for FY2012)
- Applications are due at the beginning of December of the fiscal year

#### **3) Indianpreneur Training & Technical Assistance (\$24,000)**

- \$3,000 stipend per reservation served
- Training conducted locally on each reservation

The remaining funds are used for administration, and marketing assistance designed to provide marketing consultations, technical assistance, and wholesale marketing opportunities to Native American owned businesses.

**COMMERCE INDIAN COUNTRY PROGRAM FUNDING AND PERFORMANCE BY FISCAL YEAR:**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011*</u>	<u>2012*</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
<b>Tribal Government Funding</b>	\$ 440,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 567,600	\$ 560,350	\$560,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 560,000	<b>\$3,647,950</b>
<b>Indian Equity Fund Funding</b>		63,000	55,125	112,000	119,953	132,047	126,000	<b>\$608,125</b>
<b>Indian Entrepreneur Training</b>		21,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	<b>\$141,000</b>
<b>Total ICED Grant Funding</b>	\$ 440,000	\$ 484,000	\$ 646,725	\$ 696,350	\$ 703,953	\$ 716,047	\$ 710,000	<b>\$4,397,075</b>
<b>Match &amp; Loan Combined</b>	\$ 2,741,909	\$ 3,882,584	\$ 6,122,055	\$ 3,579,191	\$ 5,589,427	\$ 1,236,298	\$ 1,950,765	<b>\$24,609,069</b>
<b>Match Ratio</b>	6.23	8.02	9.47	5.14	7.94	1.73	2.05	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Jobs Created/Retained (Tribal Government)</b>	13.00	16.00	23.00	32FTE; 7+PTE	9.3 FTE; 23+ PTE	14.5 FTE; 5 PTE; 3 Temp; 28 BUS	6 FTE; 1 PTE; 14 Temp; 18 BUS	<b>113.8 FTE; 36 PTE; 17 Temp; 46 BUS</b>
<b>Jobs Trained (Tribal Government)</b>	523	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>523</b>
<b>Businesses Supported (Indian Equity Fund)</b>	0	10	8	17	19	19	18	<b>91</b>
<b>Indian Entrepreneur Attendees</b>	0	85	89	67	113	126	187	<b>667</b>

\*Note: Job creation figures are actual up to 2010, figures for 2011 and 2012 are projections based on current projects