

October 24, 2022

Nevada Indian Commission Executive Director Report

BUDGET

Nevada Indian Commission - 2600

FY2023 Starting Balance = \$ 359,532

Current balance = \$ 277,308

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center - 2601

FY2023 Starting Balance = \$ 304,789

Current Balance = \$ 156,687

Gift Fund

FY2023 Starting Balance = \$ 163,801

Current balance = \$ 84,005

Totals as of 07/20/22 - The funding for NIC budget account 2600 is 75% General Fund and 25% Transfer from Tourism. The funding for SISCC&M budget account 2601 is 38% General Fund and 62% Transfer from Tourism.

COVID-19

- On July 12, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak ending the Declaration of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Since the middle of July, most state meetings have been held with an option for in-person attendance as well as virtual participation. The Nevada Indian Commission has held hybrid meetings, mostly for convenience rather than safety.

- Two of our Tribal Health Centers, Pyramid Lake and the Southern Bands Health Center continue to publicly announce vaccination data including active COVID-19 cases. As of Oct. 17, Southern Bands Health Center reported no active cases.

NATIVE VOTE

- As requested by the Interim Joint Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections the NIC and the Secretary of State's Tribal Liaison collaborated to provide sample Tribal ID cards (appendix a) issued by our Tribal Nations to make available for county election workers and poll workers. To meet the threshold of a valid ID for same-day registration per NRS 237.200 a Tribal ID card can only be used to identify a person if it contains:
 - The full legal name of the holder of the card;
 - The date of birth of the holder of the card;
 - A unique number assigned to the holder of the card;
 - A digital photograph of the full face of the holder of the card;
 - The address of the principal residence of the holder of the card;
 - A physical description of the holder of the card, including, without limitation, the height, weight, hair color and eye color of the holder of the card;
 - The usual signature of the holder of the card;
 - The date on which the card is issued; and
 - A reference to the tribal government which issued the card

- As requested by our Tribal communities and leadership, all voting locations on Tribal lands now may be found on the Nevada Secretary of State's website at the following links:
[2022 General Election Tribal Voting Polling Places - All Counties.](#)(appendix b)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

- Scheduled to appear before the Nevada Legislature's Interim Finance Committee (IFC) on Thursday, Oct. 20 to request a work program to transfer \$20 million of State ARPA to the NIC budget to provide grants to our Tribal Nations. The request from the NIC comes with the understanding that should the work program be approved by the IFC, then in full consultation with all our Tribes, a formal work plan will be developed in compliance with federal and state requirements, and submitted to the IFC at a later date.
- During the October 18 Inter-Tribal Council Executive Leadership meeting, three Tribal Chairs said that our Tribal governments should not be told how to spend any ARPA funds which the State shares, as well as two Chairs stated that \$20 million (item 134, page 29) is not enough funding for our 28 Tribes.

US SECRETARY OF INTERIOR INITIATIVE INTO INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

- We continue to follow and distribute information through social media, in public meetings, and in leadership meetings regarding the Secretary's "Road to Healing" Tour during which Department of Interior officials are documenting abuse in federal Indian boarding schools. Thus far, Secretary Deb Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland have met with boarding school survivors at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma; in Holy Childhood School near Pellston, Michigan in the Indigenous lands of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa and on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota where the federal government operated 31 boarding schools in that state.
- In June of 2021, Secretary Haaland launched the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to shed light on the true history of federal Indian boarding school policies and their legacy for Indigenous peoples. In May 2022, the Department released Volume 1 of an investigative report as part of the Initiative, which calls for connecting communities with trauma-informed support and facilitating the collection of a permanent oral history.
- Records compiled by the former NIC Executive Director Sherry Rupert, and the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum staff indicate that at least 20,320 Native American children spend time at the Stewart campus.

INDIAN EDUCATION

- The Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) continues to develop an Indian Education Strategic Plan. IEAC Chair Fawn Hunter has facilitated three meetings organized by the NIC staff since the July directive from the NIC Commissioners to make such a plan a priority.

NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION STAFFING

- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has committed technical support *and* annual funding to create a Tribal Liaison to focus on DHHS issues while embedded at the NIC office. This is one of two positions DHHS Director Richard Whitley has collaborated with the NIC to create to directly support our Tribal communities.

STANDING MEETINGS

- * Governor's Cabinet
- * National Delegation Staffers (Senator Catherine Cortez-Mastos and Senator Jacky Rosen)
- * Naval Air Station-Fallon Withdrawal Updates, Intergovernmental Executive Committee
- * Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN)
- * Internal Executive Branch on Lithium Topics (change in leadership has temporarily halted these)
- * University of Nevada Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee (new)
- * Environmental Justice CAT
- * Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition Tribal Communities Steering Committee
- * Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council
- * Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources Tribal Consultation
- * Weekly meeting with Governor's Office Liaison Tim Robb (new contact as of August 13)
- * Nevada Joint Military Affairs Committee Meeting
- * Governors' Interstate Indian Council (GIIC)
- * Executive Directors Meeting: NIC, ITCN, UNR

MEDIA

July 28 — Participated in panel interview with United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, University of Nevada President Brian Sandoval, City of Lovelock Mayor Mike Giles, and Uprise Fiber's CEO, Sam Sanders.

<https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/rural-lovelock-to-get-internet-speeds-thousands-of-times-faster-after-27m-federal-grant>

August 10 — Sat for an interview with free lance journalist and storyteller Bill Donohue regarding the Remembrance Run 2022

<http://billdonahue.net/stories/>

August 25 — Sat for an interview with Miles Brady, Indigenous Affairs Reporter, *KNPR* radio about the Stewart Indian Boarding School History

<https://knpr.org/knpr/2022-10/some-nevada-stewart-indian-school-monument-indigenous-resilience>

August 25 — Sat for an interview with Gustavo Sagrero, bilingual reporter, *KUNR* radio about the Stewart Indian Boarding School History

<https://www.kunr.org/local-stories/2022-09-02/stewart-indian-boarding-school-finding-justice-complicated-traumatic-history>

October 4 — Sat for video interview with Zach Bragdon of *Visit Carson* for voice overs to be added to footage taken during 2022 Stewart Father's Day Powwow; Edited piece will be used to promote the 2023 Stewart Father's Day Powwow

<https://visitcarsoncity.com/events/fathers-day-powwow/>

PRESENTATIONS / WELCOMES

July 26 — Welcomed Commission on Women; Organized by Ann Silver of the Reno+Sparks 35 visitors from all over U.S.

July 27 — Welcomed Sacred Circle Health Board; Leadership used SISCC&M space for its retreat. Helped arrange tour of RSIC Health Center and meeting for Confederate Tribes of Goshute Chair Rupert Steele with the Nevada Museum of Art Director David Walker

August 4 — Presented to 25 college students in Dr. Greg Nielsen, Humanities Course: The American Experience at the University of Nevada

August 18 — Welcomed and provided guided tour to Peter Gower and Jaina Moan of The Nature Conservatory

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS / ONGOING PROJECTS

- Attended State Public Works Division meeting on July 26 regarding upcoming Capital Improvement Projects Board meetings
- Introductory meeting with newly appointed Director of Governor's Office of Finance, Amy Stephens on July 27
- Attended closing art reception at WNC for Jack Malotte (Western Shoshone/Washoe) Great Basin Native Artist on July 29
- Introductory meeting with newly appointed Director of Nevada State Museum, Dr. Joshua Bonde (Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone) on August 12
- Attended meeting on August 15 organized by the Governor's Chief of Staff with the People of the Red Mountain
- Attended the 26th Annual Tahoe Summit on August 16th at Sand Harbor; Hosted by United States Senator Jacky Rosen with White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy serving as the keynote speaker
- Attended meeting with United States Attorney Jason Frierson and Penelope Brady of the U.S. Department of Justice to discuss Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives
- Attended meeting on August 18 with Washoe County Sheriff Darin Balaam, University of Nevada Tribal Relations Director Daphne Emm Hooper and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Chair Janet Davis to discuss community policing and how to build positive relationships between our Tribes and law enforcement
- Attending a meeting on August 18 with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tax Commission to discuss gasoline fuel tax/administration fees levied on sales conducted on Tribal land; Follow up meeting August 28 with State Directors; Follow up with September 23 call with Governor's Office staff; Revisited issue with NIC Liaison on Oct 13
- Presented to the State of Nevada Public Works Board on August 24 about the NIC's capital improvement priorities for the 2023 CIP requests
- Attended/organized meeting with ITCN Executive Director, University of Nevada Indigenous Relations Director, Governor's Office Staff, including Infrastructure Advisor Nelson Araujo Governor's Office of Energy, Cassidy and Associates to strategize on applications to and administration of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA); Follow up virtual meeting held on September 15 with all Tribal governments invited; Follow up with sub cabinet staff on October 13;
- Attended meeting on September 1 with Brenda Scolari of Nevada Department of Tourism and Tim Robb from the Governor's Office to evaluate if and how the NIC might become a standalone agency; Follow up with fiscal staff to strategize becoming standalone agency

OTHER OUTREACH

- July 28 — Participated in USDA's Re-Connect Program (broadband connectivity) at Reno small business office Uprise Fiber LLC. United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack moderated the roundtable discussion.
- August 9 — Attended and arranged for Tribal leaders to participate Clean Energy Round Table at the University of Nevada. Sponsored by the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) and facilitated/moderated by UNLV Center for Business and Economic Research and the Ginn Center for Policy Priorities the event was intended to better understand the opportunities and challenges of the clean energy ecosystem and generate new ideas that can be considered in the future, with a particular focus on the lithium-ion battery industry.
- August 14 — Co-Hosted dignitaries who joined the Remembrance Run 2022 for its arrival at the Stewart campus. Dignitaries included: Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak, U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills, dozens of Stewart alumni and their descendants, Tribal elders, NIC Commissioner Staci Emm, and members of the media.
- September 13 — Attended a listening session organized by the Sho-Pai Nations of Duck Valley for Tribal leaders, Nevada legislatures, Tribal advocacy groups, and community organizers. The main topic was mining and how Tribal Nations can leverage their strength to be included in mining taxes. This event was held in Elko, Nevada.
- October 14 — Attended Gemini Solar + Storage Showcase in Moapa, Nev. Along with leaders from the Moapa Band of Paiutes, including Chair Laura Parry, Governor Sisolak discussed this model of Tribal consultation which features a 6,000 acre project which annually will offset, 1.5 million tons of CO2 and provide enough clean energy to power 400,000 homes every year



Report to the Nevada Indian Commission Board

October 19, 2022

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum:

Museum Director Bobbi Rahder and Curator Chris Ann Gibbons

Leadership, professional development, and organization structure

- Working on strategic short-term and long-term plans.
- Updating the Plan of Operations with new policies and procedures.
- Chris is attending Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums Conference in Temecula, CA, Oct. 24-27.
- Chris completed a 4 week online professional development course entitled "Moving Museum Collections."
- Requested three full-time staff positions for NIC director to submit to Legislature for funding in January 2023: administrative assistant to greet visitors, answer the phones, and maintain the gift shop; archivist to conduct research on missing student records required by Secretary of Interior Haaland's federal initiative; and education coordinator to manage school requests.
- Bobbi is serving as appointed board member of the Cultural Tourism Authority Board for the City of Carson City and appointed board member of Nevada State Historical Records Advisory Board.
- Bobbi is serving on Planning Council and grant reviewing for Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums and the National Endowment for Humanities.

Financial Stability

- Keeping the Welcome Center Gift Shop open on Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm. We have Stewart gear: t-shirts, hoodies, coffee cups, and caps. We also purchase art from local Native artists who sign an agreement that we follow the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990. All proceeds go to purchase more art from local Native artists. To support local Native artists, we purchased art from these artists since the last quarterly report: Wesley Dick, Northern Paiute; Darlene Graham, Western Shoshone; Bhie-Cie Zahn-Nahtzu, Te-Moak Shoshone & Washoe, Melanie Smokey, Washoe & Yomba Shoshone; Raelyne Thomas, Pyramid Lake Paiute; Monica Sigala, Lakota; Gracie Dick, Northern Paiute; Richard Saukteoma, Hopi-Sho-Pai; Dale Bennett, Washoe; Josephine David, Jazmine Kennison, and Julie Charlie, Walker River Paiute; Kenneth Kite, Western Shoshone, Theo Steele, Goshute; Joey Allen, Fallon Paiute Shoshone.

Complying with Department of Interior Boarding School Initiative

- Staff from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) visited Stewart and the Nevada State Museum Curatorial Center in April 2022 to review the BIA Stewart collections. We asked them to give us access to the collections and to approve SISCCM as the repository for the Stewart collections. We have not heard back from BIE or BIA about the results of their visit here or their response to our requests.
- Working with National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition to document the students who attended Stewart to create digital archive of records.

Collections Stewardship

- Completed 8 research requests.
- Volunteer Kathy Geiser completed inventorying a donation of items from Linda McCauley. The items belonged to her late father Marco McCauley. Marco graduated from Stewart in 1938.
- Temporarily accepted a painting of Colton Kochampanasken. The donor would like Colton to have the painting. Working with Billie Jean Guerrero at the Pyramid Lake Museum to give the painting to Colton's family.
- Accepted a beaded bag on loan. Once research is done on its origin, may decide to permanently add it to the collection.
- Cultural Advisors Mary McCloud, Melanie Smokey, Gracie Dick, Leah Brady, Ross Stone, and Goshute Chairman Rupert Steele helped the SISCCM identify baskets from the Bently estate.
- Consultant Tera Bruhn completed scanning three scrapbooks of Stewart Indian School related photos that are on loan. Two scrapbooks belong to the family Stewart Superintendent Frederick Snyder and one scrapbook belongs to the family of Edna Mae Johnson.
- Accepted two donations to the permanent collection. A set Robert Caples prints and a scrapbook that belonged to Mrs. Lippy, a teacher at Stewart from 1975-1980.
- Chris is providing outreach services to staff at Pyramid Lake Paiute Museum and Visitors Center and Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Historic Preservation Office. Chris is assisting the Bently estate with finding permanent homes for pottery, basketry, and other items in their collection.

Education and Interpretation

- Made presentations/tours to 27 organizations.
- Hosted 20 students from Susanville Rancheria, 20 middle school students from Legacy Christian Academy, and 35 high school students from Churchill County School District.
- A total of **8,403** people have signed the sign-in sheets since the soft openings in December 2019 (taking into account being closed for five months in 2020 and closed for the holidays from Dec. 20-January 2, 2022).

Great Basin Native Artists Gallery

- Melissa Melero-Moose curated new exhibit for Great Basin Native Artists Gallery: The exhibition, *Dancing for the Earth, Dancing for the People: Pow Wow Regalia and Art of the Great Basin* displays contemporary pow wow dance regalia, photography, mixed media sculptures, Great Basin beadwork, digital graphic design, and more. Some of the

participating artists include: Phil Buckheart, Bucky Harjo, Linda Eben Jones, Jack Malotte, Lyndah Steele, Theo Steele, Janice Eben Stump, Chad Yellow John, and Bhie-Cie Zahn-Nahtzu. The exhibition will run from October 12, 2022 – May 26, 2023.

Outreach

- Hosted Great Basin Native Basket Weavers workshops on July 16, Sept. 10, and Oct. 15, led by Leah Brady.
- Hosted Goshute Sacred Circle Health Clinic Board retreat with Chair Rupert Steele, July 27-29.
- Hosted Remembrance Run August 14 with Kutoven Stevens and family, fellow journeyers, Governor Sisolak, Billy Mills, and several tribal leaders and distinguished guests.
- Held book signing Sept. 9 for *Assimilation, Resilience, and Survival: A History of Stewart Indian School 1890-2020*, written by Samantha Williams and published by the University of Nebraska Press in May 2022. We sell copies in the gift shop.
- Stewart alumni decided they want to be open on Nevada Day October 29 from 1- 5 pm. They want to invite Stewart alumni to bring in their memorabilia to donate or photos to scan. Volunteers will help out with exhibits and the gift shop.
- A large exhibition about Stewart Indian School will be installed Nov. 2nd and will be on display in Concourse C at the Reno-Tahoe Airport. This exhibition is a partnership between the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum, Nevada State Museum, and Great Basin Native Artists Collective. Stewart alumni have reviewed and approved exhibit concept. We will be displaying large photographs from Stewart's past, emphasizing the student artists who sold their art in the 1930s as part of the Wa-Pai-Shone Craftsman Co-op, as well as the student artwork in our collections from the 1960-1980. We also will display items about Stewart's history on loan from the Nevada State Museum and 10 original paintings by Great Basin Native artists. This exhibition will occupy 156 feet of wall space and six display cases. The exhibition will run from Nov. 3, 2022, through Feb. 1, 2023.
- Continuing to work with Analiesia Delgado, Tohono O'odham graduate student in UNLV's Public History Program, on internship to digitize Stewart records housed at UNLV library.
- Working with Tiffany DeRosa, Shoshone student from Western Nevada College on paid internship for 100 hours fall semester.
- Working with Samantha Williams (author of Stewart book) on a new book project highlighting the Stewart student writings. Samantha is working with living Stewart alumni to write essays for the book. She received a grant to pay them honorariums.
- Working with Caddie Dufferrena, University of Nevada Press, to consider book proposals from Dale Bennett, Washoe; Linda Eben Jones, Paiute; Melissa Melero-Moose, (Fallon Paiute/Modoc); and Samantha Williams.
- Meeting with Ripple Project, volunteer organization that worked with Billie Jean Guerrero to install medicinal garden at Pyramid Lake Paiute Museum and Visitor's Center. Several people at Stewart are interested in installing a medicinal garden at Stewart: Darlene Graham, Western Shoshone; Melanie Smokey, Yomba Shoshone and Washoe; Lorraine Cook, Apache; and Melissa Melero-Moose, Fallon Paiute/Modoc.
- The Archive Bag has been checked out to two families who want to record oral histories of their relatives and information on how to preserve their family collections of photos, documents, and textiles.

Facility and risk management

- Held meetings with H+K Architects, State Historic Preservation Office, and State Public Works to begin renovation of Stewart bakery/post office building for museum environmentally controlled collection storage using American Rescue Plan funds of \$1,145,320. According to the projected timeline, this is the design development phase. Construction documents will be submitted by March 2023, that will be approved by the Board of Examiners, with construction beginning by Sept. 2023 and a completed project by May 2024.
- Notified by Brian Wacker at State Public Works that the Stewart CIP project for the old gym was approved by Kent LeFevre and was forwarded to the Governor for approval to be considered for funding in the 2023 Legislative session.
- National Historic Landmark Application update from Dr. Gregory Smoak. Due to the Department of Interior's initiative to document the students who attended Indian boarding schools, the National Park Service offered to provide funding to complete the Stewart application. The National Park Service agreement with the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers has been executed. The RFP for completing the work is being finalized and work on revisions began on October 1, 2022.

Communication and Marketing

- Updated Stewart Indian School website.
- Posting updates to Stewart Facebook page and Stewart Instagram account.
- Working with Tourism Dept. staff for press releases, social media, and marketing.
- Posting information to Carson City-Reno-Tahoe regional app called MOPO.
- Working with American Indian/Alaska Native Tourism Assn. to create a page for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum on their NativeAmerica.travel website.
- News features:

<https://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/2022/oct/09/pow-wow-art-exhibit-opens-monday-stewart-center/>

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/carson-city-nevada-invites-travelers-130000742.html>

<https://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/2022/aug/10/remembrance-run-ends-stewart-school-sunday/>

Financial Report:

BA 2601

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (July 2022-June 2023)

\$115,720 General Fund

\$189,069 Transfer of funds from Dept. of Tourism and Cultural Affairs

Total FY 22 budget: \$304,789

Current Balance: \$156,687.26

BA 3286 Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum's Portion of Gift Fund (CAT 69)

\$55,016.46 donations via check and purchases

\$7,191.95 gift shop sales via check

Total: \$62,208.41

SISCCM Petty Cash and Change Account (authorized by NRS 233A.300)

Balance: \$1,835.00





STEWART FATHER'S DAY POWWOW

The Stewart Father's Day Powwow Committee is preparing for the 2023 powwow.

2023 Powwow Parking

Director Montooth and I met with Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) Deputy Director Chris Carter, and Executive Assistant Amanda Socha on 07/26/22 to discuss options for increasing parking for Stewart Father's Day Powwow 2023. The Powwow Committee, POST and Nevada Department of Corrections will work together to ensure POST vehicles are secure and extra parking spaces are available for powwow attendees.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

- **Christmas Craft Fair – November 18th & 19th** – Stewart Gym 10 am to 6 pm both days.
- **Vendors** – 10x10 booth spaces being sold at \$70.00 each.
- **Applications** – being received/vetted
- **Raffle Prize** - \$500 gift card -tickets will sell \$5.00 each
- **All booth fees will go to support the 2023 Stewart Father's Day Powwow Budget**

Committee Meetings

- In person committee meetings will resume October 2022 to plan event and additional fundraising.
Items for Discussion:
 - a. Days/Times of Events
 - b. What events to include – specials, Fun Run, etc.
 - c. Alumni BBQ
 - d. Advertising – Downtown Carson City banner
 - e. Host Hotel
 - f. New Purchases – construction of new stage, banners
 - g. Host Drum

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STEWART FATHER'S DAY POWWOW

2023 Stewart Father's Day Powwow:

Powwow Committee meeting set for Thursday October 27, 2022, NIC Conference Room. If you or someone you know would like to join, please let me know and I will reach out prior to the next meeting.

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