

**Indian Affairs Commission
Budget 316
Senate Bill No. 2005; House Bill No. 1399**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 legislative appropriation	4.00	\$684,585	\$18,000	\$702,585
2007-09 legislative appropriation	<u>4.00</u>	<u>566,594</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>571,594</u>
2009-11 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriation	0.00	\$117,991	\$13,000	\$130,991

NOTE: The 2009-11 legislative appropriation amounts include \$2,000 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

Item Description

American Indian Language Preservation Committee - Section 1 of House Bill No. 1399 provided for the creation of an American Indian Language Preservation Committee. Committee responsibilities include developing a process for the orderly preservation of American Indian languages spoken by the members of tribes located in North Dakota, the pursuit of working relationships aimed at American Indian language preservation with public and private sector entities, and attaining the active participation of American Indians residing in this state on an individual basis and a tribal basis. Section 5 of the bill provides for the committee to report to the Legislative Management by September 2010 regarding the work of the committee.

Federal fiscal stimulus funding - Section 4 of House Bill No. 1399 appropriated \$18,000 of federal fiscal stabilization - other government services funds available to the Governor from federal fiscal stimulus funds to the Indian Affairs Commission to be used to provide matching funds to the American Indian Language Preservation Committee at the rate of \$3 of nonstate funds for each \$1 provided to the committee through the appropriation. The Indian Affairs Commission may seek Emergency Commission and Budget Section approval for authority to spend any additional federal funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in excess of the amounts appropriated for the 2009-11 biennium. This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for the 2011-13 biennium. Any program expenditures made with these funds will not be replaced with state funds after the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds are no longer available.

Gifts, grants, and donations - House Bill No. 1059 authorizes the Indian Affairs Commission to accept gifts, grants, donations, legacies, and devises from any source which are appropriated for the purposes of the commission.

Status/Result

The Indian Affairs Commission is in the process of filling the nonspecified positions of the American Indian Language Preservation Committee as provided for in House Bill No. 1399. These positions include an individual employed as a faculty member at a tribal college and one individual with experience in the development of curriculum pertaining to and the teaching of American Indian languages at the elementary or high school levels. Both positions are required to be appointed by the Governor. The committee's first meeting is tentatively planned for May or June 2010. The committee will complete and deliver a report to the Legislative Management by September 2010.

The Indian Affairs Commission does not anticipate generating the required matching funds to access the \$18,000 in federal fiscal stimulus funding.

Through March 2010, the Indian Affairs Commission has received one grant in relation to House Bill No. 1059. A grant of \$1,200 was received to cohost a youth leadership meeting in September 2009 in conjunction with the United Tribes Summit.