

# Department of Tribal Relations

## Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Brief Detail

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### Major Items Summary - Department of Tribal Relations (DTR)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
<b>FY 2026 Base Budget</b>	<b>\$879,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$196,000</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>\$879,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$196,000</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>7.0</b>
1. Increase for Indian Education Summit	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Increase for Suicide Prevention Booth	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
<b>FY 2026 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$914,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$196,000</b>	<b>\$1,110,899</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>\$879,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$196,000</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Change from Base Budget	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

### Department of Tribal Relations Budget Request

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Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$68,287	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$835,033</b>	<b>\$1,031,180</b>	<b>\$1,053,438</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>\$1,110,899</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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Salaries	\$474,246	\$520,560	\$508,688	\$529,036	\$529,036	\$529,036	\$0
Benefits	\$129,630	\$140,889	\$152,764	\$156,044	\$156,044	\$156,044	\$0
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Travel	\$43,945	\$50,088	\$51,083	\$54,037	\$54,037	\$54,037	\$0
Contractual Services	\$103,454	\$197,729	\$239,803	\$235,682	\$235,682	\$235,682	\$0
Supplies	\$23,465	\$54,487	\$13,100	\$13,100	\$48,100	\$13,100	\$0

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Grants	\$57,650	\$67,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$2,642	\$427	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$835,033</b>	<b>\$1,031,180</b>	<b>\$1,053,438</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>\$1,110,899</b>	<b>\$1,075,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>6.44</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Reversions and Unutilized FTE (07)			
	General	Federal	Other
Original Appropriation FY2024	\$762,053	\$0	\$196,000
Pool Distributions	\$61,376	\$0	\$0
Supplemental Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Adjustments	\$34,009	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reorganizations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Appropriation FY2024	\$857,438	\$0	\$196,000
FY2024 Expenditures	\$835,180	\$0	\$196,000
<b>Reversion of Authority</b>	<b>\$22,258</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Unutilized FTE</b>			<b>0.6</b>

## Office of Tribal Relations (0710)

The Office of Tribal Relations was established in 2011 during the Daugaard administration. The Office works closely with other state agencies on issues involving or affecting Indian country. We have strong communication channels to tribes and tribal partners and are leaned on to assist connecting other state and federal agencies to tribal leaders and tribal offices.

Our mission is to develop and foster relationships between the Nine Tribes and the State of South Dakota to advance diplomatic government-to-government partnerships. Our ongoing initiatives and support roles include the promotion of Law Enforcement Agreements, the State-Tribal Opioid and Methamphetamine Prevention Summit, Stronger Families Together, and the Suicide Prevention Initiative.

Also included in this budget unit is the Office of Indian Education, which was established to support initiatives in order that South Dakota's students and public-school instructional staff become aware of and gain an appreciation of South Dakota's unique American Indian culture. Working with state and tribal partners, the Office has enhanced the awareness and implementation of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings.

Collectively, the Department of Tribal Relations and the Office of Indian Education are active in over thirty different work groups, providing insight and expertise on working with tribal communities.

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The agency requests an increase of **\$25,000** in **general funds** for additional expenses associated with putting on the Indian Education Summit.

Since 2007, this summit has been put on for state educators, prospective teachers, and youth with the primary goal of developing academic achievement, along with mental, social, and spiritual growth. The summit also supports creating networks and providing resources for sustaining Indian cultural pedagogy in the state.

[The 2024 summit was held in Pierre on November 14, with a Youth Day being held on November 15.](#) The cost for the event was \$100 per adult ticket. Previously, the cost was \$150 per adult ticket, but at that time, the summit was two days long. On average, 147 people have attended the summit each year over the last three years.

There is \$20,000 currently in DTR's ongoing budget for this summit. This request would go toward the contract for event registration, the venue, rooms, speakers' fees, and emcee fees.

*The governor does not recommend this request.*

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The agency requests an increase of **\$10,000** in **general funds** for additional expenses associated with the Suicide Prevention Initiative.

The initiative is led by the Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, taking place each year since 2022. In the last few years, DTR has leaned on the Department of Health (DOH) to purchase items for DTR's suicide prevention booth.

It is uncertain if DOH will be able to continue to purchase these items for DTR; therefore, this request would allow the agency to cover this cost itself. Examples of expected expenses include 9-8-8 promotional items and booth decor, along with travel to and from from different tribal communities, state and tribal events, and schools.

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Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
TRIBAL RELATIONS OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$196,000	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$879,899	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Budget History

FY 2025 Budget		General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
		No Changes				
Totals		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
Session 2024 Supplemental and Special Appropriations		General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
		No Changes				
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