

Department Mission & Vision

- *Mission:* To develop and foster relationships between the Nine Tribes and the State of South Dakota to advance diplomatic government-to-government partnerships.
- Vision: Mutually beneficial government-to-government partnerships that meet the challenges and enhance the well-being of our communities.



DTR Current/Ongoing Projects, Services, & Events:

- Coordinate and facilitate communications for state, federal, and tribal agencies
- Provide analysis on key issues as they are related to state-tribal relations
- Provide cultural awareness services to agencies across state government
- Facilitate government-to-government meetings
- Encourage participation in Mutual Aid Agreements

- Assist Tribal leaders with information requests
- STOMP Summit (Formerly known as Meth Summit) (Annual)
- Suicide Prevention Event Booth
- Contribute to state-driven initiatives
- Provide direction for constituents
- Partnership with LET for a Tribal Training Session



OIED Current/Ongoing Projects, Services, & Events:

- Provide training for teachers to teach the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings & Standards (OSEUS) via the Wóokiye program
- Implement programming to assist public school teachers when teaching the OSEUS
- Promote the OSEUs
- Direct the South Dakota Indian Education Advisory Council
- Collaborate with the South Dakota Department of Education, Region 8 Comprehensive Center and other agencies
- Indian Education Summit (Annual)
- OSEUS Online Training Course
- OSEUS Cultural Kits for Schools



We have started the final phase of the Wóokiye Project. This project assists teachers and pilot schools in implementing the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understanding Standards (OSEUS).

Funded by a grant from the Bush Foundation.

Wóokiye Project – Conclusion

- Draft and submit final summary of project to Bush Foundation
- Continue to promote OSEUS Online Training Course for all educators in South Dakota
- Facilitate continued cultural awareness through education kits for schools
- Provide OSEUS training to South Dakota schools



State Tribal Opioid and Methamphetamine Summit (STOMP)

- Purpose: to bring Tribal and State
 partners together to have conversations
 regarding substance use, treatment resources,
 and law enforcement partnerships to share
 successes and areas of improvement, and
 connect tribes with resources to assist in
 their local community efforts
- Average attendance of 78



Agency Workforce

- Department Secretary full-time/exempt
- Executive Assistant *full-time/exempt*
- Public Information Officer *full-time/exempt*
- Senior Policy Analyst full-time/exempt
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- Director of Indian Education (Office of Indian Education) full-time/exempt
- State-Tribal Law Enforcement Liaison- full-time/exempt

Department of Tribal Relations Budget Request

Change From FY2025	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	By Fund Category
\$0	\$879,899	\$914,899	\$879,899	\$857,438	\$835,180	\$766,746	General
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Federal
\$0	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$68,287	Other
\$0	\$1,075,899	\$1,110,899	\$1,075,899	\$1,053,438	\$1,031,180	\$835,033	Total
Change From FY2025	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	By Program
\$0	\$1,075,899	\$1,110,899	\$1,075,899	\$1,053,438	\$1,031,180	\$835,033	Office of Tribal Relations
\$0	\$1,075,899	\$1,110,899	\$1,075,899	\$1,053,438	\$1,031,180	\$835,033	Total
Change From FY2025	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs
\$0	\$685,080	\$685,080	\$685,080	\$661,452	\$661,449	\$603,876	
\$0	\$529,036	\$529,036	\$529,036	\$508,688	\$520,560	\$474,246	Salaries
\$0	\$156,044	\$156,044	\$156,044	\$152,764	\$140,889	\$129,630	Benefits
Change From FY2025	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	Operating Expenditures
\$0	\$390,819	\$425,819	\$390,819	\$391,986	\$369,731	\$231,157	
\$0	\$54,037	\$54,037	\$54,037	\$51,083	\$50,088	\$43,945	Travel

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Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
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
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
Total	\$835,033	\$1,031,180	\$1,053,438	\$1,075,899	\$1,110,899	\$1,075,899	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	6.62	6.44	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.00



Communications

Newsletter and YouTube Account

- In 2022, DTR created a newsletter and YouTube account to promote historical and cultural knowledge about South Dakota's Native American history. The videos also give updates from the Office of Indian Education and other state agency programs.
- As of January 2025, the DTR YouTube account has 1,357 subscribers and 94 published YouTube videos.

Website Analytics

• DTR had 1,723,423 clicks on our website in 2024. For comparison, there were 1,507,750 in 2023 and 1,117,110 in 2022.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

