Resolution No. 04-2005-117

RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

(Objecting to Bureau of Indian Affairs Ft. Apache Agency Budget Deficit and the Tribe's Subsidizing P.L. 93-638 Programs)

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been informed by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent for the Ft. Apache Agency that there is a projected budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2005, which could be as high as \$134,932, according to the Agency budget as attached and incorporated by this reference; and
- WHEREAS, this would be the first time in the history of the Ft. Apache Agency in which a budget deficit has occurred; and
- WHEREAS, a total of \$236,831 in short-falls is projected for Tribal Services (\$58,010), GIS (\$94,418), Environmental Quality Services (\$36,288), Executive Direction (\$48,115), programs that provide vital services to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, at the same time, the Agency projects a savings of \$101,899 for Agriculture (\$7,613) and Forestry (\$94,286); and
- WHEREAS, the projected budget deficit for the Ft. Apache Agency is a direct result of the President's Budget for FY 2005, which cut the U.S. Department of Interior's budget overall by \$23 million or 0.6 percent, which in turn resulted in decreases in P. L. 93-638 funds budgets for Tribes being cut; and
- WHEREAS, while Tribal P.L. 93-638 budgets were cut, budgets for Regional Area Offices and the Office of the Special Trustee were increased, which is especially ironic given the fact that P.L. 93-638 funds provide a large share of the services that Tribes depend on; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2006 Tribal Priority Allocation base funding shows a cut of \$265,225 or 1.1 percent for P.L. 93-638 contract funds that the Tribe will receive; and
- WHEREAS, exacerbating the Ft. Apache Agency's deficit is the transmittal of P.L. 93-638 funds, which are typically delayed until December, March, or even May, which results in the Tribe spending its own revenues, in effect subsidizing the federal government's responsibility with the Tribe's own scarce resources; and

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- WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2005, the Tribe subsidized its P.L. 93-638 programs by \$4.27 million due to the late transmittal of federal funds, including Fire and Rescue (\$748,151), Law Enforcement (\$2.34 million), Education (\$423,335), Land Operations (\$267,930), Forestry (\$107,265) and Summer Camp (\$136,202); and
- WHEREAS, both the Agency deficit and the Tribe's subsidizing P.L. 93-638 defeat the trust responsibility of the U.S. Secretary of Interior to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

- 1. A decrease in FY 2006 Tribal Priority Allocation for P.L. 93-638 funds that the Tribe will receive is unacceptable.
- 2. The U.S. Congress must recognize the trust responsibility of the U.S. Secretary of Interior under P.L. 93-638 and increase Tribal Priority Allocation appropriations accordingly.
- 3. The Tribal Council hereby directs the Secretary of Interior to immediately make available \$236,831 to the Ft. Apache Agency in order to meet the trust responsibility of the U.S. Department of Interior.
- 4. The Tribal Council further directs the Secretary of Interior to timely disbursement of P.L. 93-638 contract funds.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>April 13,2005</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Counci

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REMARKS: These funds are authorized under H.R. 4819, P.L. 108-477, 118 Stat. 2809, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005. Funds are available until September 30, 2006.

Statement of Need

Information Management Services (Geographic Information System) Branch

H52400-05-39605 Natural Resources General

The program funding for this service branch at the Fort Apache Agency has been under-funded FY-03, FY-04 (the Branch ended up nearly \$30,000 in the red), and FY-05 (which starts the year without funding to even meet salaries)

The primary reason for this deficit is the addition of two staff members without adding funding to cover their salaries and EBC.

An IT Specialist (Mr. Mike Markle) was hired without adding salaries, and Ms. Faith Beatty-Johnson (GIS Specialist) was brought back from a tribal IPA without adding any funding to the program to cover her salary and EBC.

Although Mr. Inman and Mr. Markle were re-organized to lines of authority under the OCIO, funding will continue to be provided by the local branch program. If Herdon could be persuaded to fund all their positions, that would end our crisis.

In a nominal year the GIS Branch spends around \$40-50,000 on non-salary costs of training/travel, office supplies, maintenance, and equipment.

The budget needed to run the GIS Branch would be around \$380,000. Since our allocation is around \$285,000 that leaves us almost \$100,000 in the Red at the start of the fiscal year.

Reprogramming from other programs and fire assignment lapse has helped the branch stay in the black in FY03 and reduce the deficit in FY04.

The depth of the deficit in FY-05 is such that there are no quick fixes that can be applied that will keep the branch out of deficit.

For FY-06 either the branch will need to be sufficiently funded or RIF actions initiated to keep from another year of deficit spending.

R.Inman 3/14/05

330.0 needed
? salaries (does not show)
285.0 actual allocation