



# FY 2019 Budget Formulation Rocky Mountain Region Presentation March 21-23, 2017

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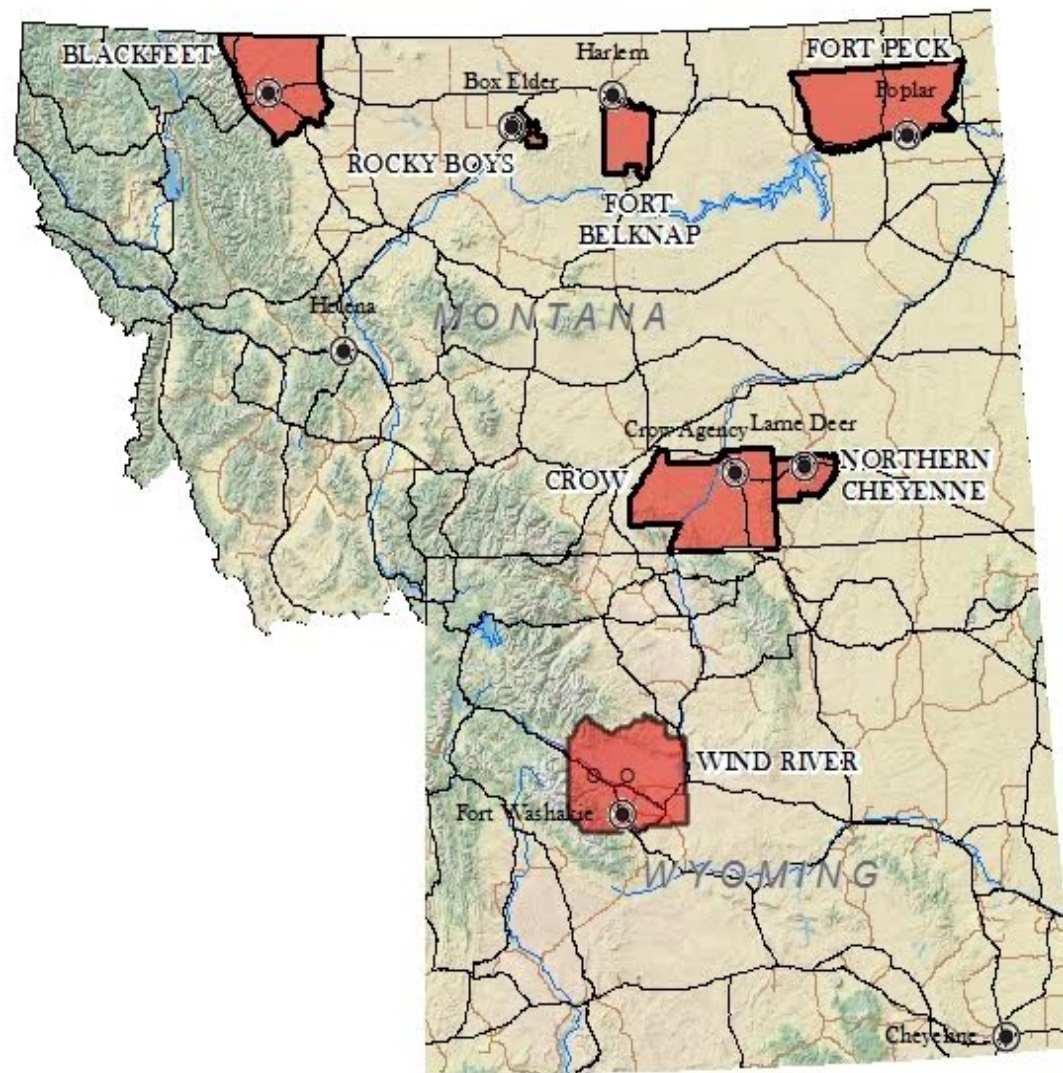
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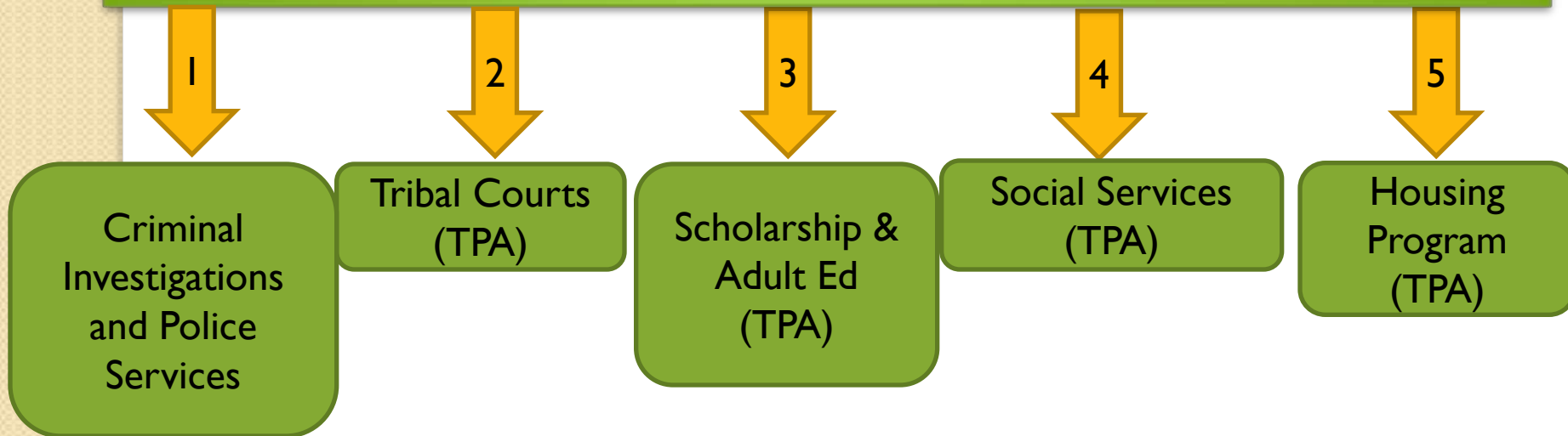
# Rocky Mountain Region's Tribes

- Montana:
  - Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet Agency
  - Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy Agency (Self Governance)
  - Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Belknap Agency
  - Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Fort Peck Agency
  - Crow Tribe, Crow Agency
  - Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Agency
- Wyoming:
  - Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Wind River Agency
  - Northern Arapaho Tribe, Wind River Agency



# Budget Increases FY2019

## TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION “T P A”







## Next 5 Increases

6. Indian Child Welfare Act (TPA)
7. Road Maintenance (TPA)
8. Aid to Tribal Government (TPA)
9. Detention/Corrections
10. Wildlife and Parks (TPA)

# Lack of Funding at All Levels

- Historically the funding we normally receive is not adequate. We have over-worked and under-paid staff which leads to inadequate professional services provided to our people. This is unacceptable at all levels.
- With 100% funding of our TPA we would be able to hire more tribal professionals, provide training and jobs which leads to less unemployment and will increase tribal capacity in Indian country.

# #1 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS & POLICE SERVICES

- Increase of Law Enforcement staff
  - Montana/Wyoming Reservations are large land based and not enough law officers to cover
  - Increased population (some due to oil development)
    - Increased drug related crimes
    - Increased number of alcohol related offenses – domestic violence
    - Gang-related activities
    - School truancy issues
- Some reservations in Rocky Mountain have lowest paid police officers – there is a high turnover rate therefore a major need to retain qualified staff
- Lack of Law Enforcement becomes a major safety issue on the MT/WY reservations

# #2 TRIBAL COURTS

- Increased Population = increased crimes = more individuals in the court system
- In critical need of additional qualified professional positions → key positions that our tribal people have the right to receive
- 2010 Indian Law And Order Act
- Amended Violence Against Woman Act



# #3 SCHOLARSHIP & ADULT ED

- Cost of education has increased while funding has decreased or remains the same
- To provide educational opportunity to our adults to be successful is a solid investment
- To improve our communities through education changes the quality of life of our tribal members
- Capacity building of tribes is not possible without education of tribal members

***\*\*\*Healthy careers provides for healthy communities***



# #4 SOCIAL SERVICES

- Protection of our children, disabled and elders  
- abuse and neglect
- Assist in continuation to provide services to abused victims. To conduct training and awareness to community and schools and be able to improve communication and coordination of cases between tribal, state and federal agencies.
- Higher rates of crime due to people moving in and through the communities (increased population)
- Services to assist children transitioning to adulthood – transitional living

More **FUNDING** to Social Services programs will help provide safe environment to our future generations



# #5 HOUSING IMPROVEMENT (HIP)

- Overcrowding
- Homelessness
- Health and Safety Issues
- Quality Standard Homes
- Crime, Alcohol and Drugs

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**Blackfeet –  
Renovation  
(before)**



**Blackfeet –  
Renovation  
(after)**





# Hot Issues

- Infrastructure – President's priority
  - Good time to start pushing
- Tribes should have priority over gov't budget
  - It should be "MANDATORY" (not Discretionary)
- Need Restoration of Sequestration reduction

\*Congress/Cabinet member need to be educated on the above

# Other RMR Tribal Concerns

- Formulas – BIA Budget
  - What is the formula when distributing base funding across the board to other tribes in both trust and people programs?
  - Need to update the variables
  - Need to consult with Tribes
- If continue with the priority system, at least provide option for tribes to distribute as they see fit between programs (within a subject area – ex. Human Services, Tribal Government and so on.)

# Other RMR Tribal Concerns, cont.

- Head count for JOM – Needs to be done more frequently
- Land Buy Back
  - Rocky Mountain would like to see a 2<sup>nd</sup> round
- Consultation in General
  - Recognize Treaty Rights

# Other RMR Tribal Concerns, cont.

- Budget Transparency:
  - Implement a website for tribes and budget formulation teams to include useful updated budget information
  - Provide expense reports and other fund status reports



# RMR Tribes agreed on 8% increase Distribution Strategy as follows:

- ▶ Consolidated Tribe's submissions
- ▶ Selected increases based on the number of Tribe's interest in programs
- ▶ Distribute - 80% (of 8% increase) to top 5, 20% (of 8% increase) to next 5
  - 8% of \$57,692,000 (RMR's 2016 Budget) = \$4,615,360
  - 80% of \$4,615,360 = \$3,692,000/top 5 increases = **\$738,458 spread across the higher 5 equally**
  - 20% of \$4,615,360 = \$923,072/lower 5 increases = **\$184,614 spread across the lower 5 equally**
- Reason? More towards top 5 will make it more effective/meaningful.