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BIA Budget Advisory Council Meeting -- The next meeting of the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council will occur on July 12th and 13th in Seattle, WA at the Seattle Airport Hilton and will be open to the public. The Managing Data/Reporting Committee, which is a merge of the BIA Data/Reporting workgroup with the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council's Data Management Subcommittee, will also meet at the Seattle Airport Hilton on July 14-16. The number for the Seattle Airport Hilton is 1-206-244-4800 to make reservations.

FY 2005 Appropriations Update -- Seven bills have passed out of the House Appropriations Committee: 1) Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies; 2) Commerce-Justice-State, Judiciary, and Related Agencies; 3) Defense; 4) Homeland Security; 5) Energy and Water; 6) Interior and Related Agencies; and 7) Legislative appropriations. NCAI Broadcast #04-040 outlined funding for the relevant tribal programs in the Interior Appropriations bill (H.R. 4568, H. Rept. 108-554), which the full House passed on June 17. This update will provide key funding and legislative provisions in the FY05 Commerce-Justice-State bill, which is slated to receive House floor consideration when Congress returns from the 4th of July recess.

Department of Justice

(in thousands)	FY04 Enacted	FY05 President's Request	FY05 House Committee	Change from FY04 Enacted	Change from FY05 Request
State & Local Law Enforcement Asst.					
Indian Assistance	14,842	4,240	15,000	158	10,760
Tribal Prison Construction	1,979	---	2,000	21	2,000
Indian Tribal Courts Program	7,916	---	8,000	84	8,000
Alcohol and Substance Abuse	4,947	4,240	5,000	53	760
Community Oriented Policing Services	481,932	43,618	330,914	(151,018)	287,296
Enhancement Grants	---	---	113,000	113,000	113,000
Tribal Law Enforcement	24,737	20,000	---	(24,737)	(20,000)
Juvenile Justice Programs					
Title V---Incentive Grants					
Tribal Youth	19,769	---	20,000	231	20,000

COPS Program -- As authorized by H.R. 3036, the Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004-2006, the Committee recommended \$113 million for the new COPS Enhancement Grants program. The Administration's FY05 request did not include funding for this program and instead requested \$20 million for Tribal Law Enforcement, \$10 million for a police integrity training program, and \$17.6 million for a training and technical assistance program. The Committee expects Indian tribes and regional community policing institutes to be eligible to apply for funding under the COPS Enhancement Grants program. This program "is designed to create a flexible discretionary program that is available for hiring, training, including police integrity training, equipment, overtime, school security, information technology, and forensic technology." Under this new program, a police department can apply for funding of multiple activities in one application to address their most pressing needs in a comprehensive manner (H. Rept. to accompany H.R. 4754, p. 41).

Gaming Law Enforcement -- The report includes language related to Indian gaming. On page 23 of the report, the Committee recommends an increase of \$5.5 million above the Administration's request and 53 positions for "the Indian Country Unit to investigate crimes in Indian Country including crimes related to Indian gaming."

Department of Commerce

(in thousands)	FY04 Enacted	FY05 President's Request	FY05 House Committee	Change from FY04 Enacted	Change from FY05 Request
Economic Development Administration	315,327	320,327	320,327	5,000	---
Minority Business Development Agency	28,556	34,461	28,899	343	(5,562)

Small Business Administration

(in thousands)	FY04 Enacted	FY05 President's Request	FY05 House Committee	Change from FY04 Enacted	Change from FY05 Request
Small Business Development Centers	88,063	88,000	90,000	1,937	2,000
Native American Outreach	---	---	1,000	1,000	1,000

Native American Outreach – The Committee recommends \$1 million under non-credit programs for a Native American Outreach initiative, funding for which is in addition to amounts planned for this program in the operating budget. The purpose of this initiative is to assist small businesses in tribal areas on the basis of need. “The Committee realizes that not all Native American tribes, particularly those in remote areas experiencing severe economic hardship, may be aware of this and other SBA programs. The Committee expects the SBA to include a strong outreach component of this initiative to ensure that underserved Native American tribes have the opportunity to participate in the program” (H. Rept. to accompany H.R. 4754, p. 125).

In the week after the July 4th recess, House Subcommittee action is expected on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Young intends to pass all 13 appropriations bills out of the House in the thirteen legislative days before the six-week August recess. In the Senate, due to the absence of a final FY05 budget resolution over PAYGO requirements, spending bills are moving at a slower rate than in the House. No bills are scheduled for Senate floor action before the August recess. Five Senate Appropriation Subcommittees are expected to act on their spending bills after the July 4th recess: Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-State, Energy and Water, Foreign Operations, and Military Construction.

Contact NCAI at 202-466-7767 if you have any further questions regarding FY 2005 appropriations information available at this time.