



STATE OF ARIZONA  
SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD

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**School Facilities Board FY2021 Tribal Annual Report**

**Agency Overview**

The charge of the School Facilities Board (SFB) is to maintain, manage, and administer the capital finance program known as Students FIRST (Fair and Immediate Resources for Students Today.) This program is funded by appropriations from the State General Fund. The School Facilities Board (SFB) consists of nine voting members appointed by the Governor. The Superintendent of Public Instruction also serves as a non-voting member. The SFB is supported by an Executive Director and a small professional and administrative staff. The Board is charged with the administration of three capital funds: 1) New School Facilities Fund (A.R.S. §15-2041); 2) Building Renewal Grant Fund (A.R.S. §15-2032); and 3) Emergency Deficiencies Correction Fund (A.R.S. §15-2022). The SFB funding is only available for Arizona K-12 School Districts and is not available for BIE, charter, or private schools.

**Tribal Liaison**

The SFB has designated Liaison Debora Norris to serve as the Tribal Liaison to the 22 Tribal Nations of Arizona.

**Tribal Government Consultation Policy**

The SFB's adopted Tribal Government Policy (policy book Section X) was updated in March 2020 and is available on the agency's website at <https://sfb.az.gov/board-information/policies-opinions/sfb-policy-book>.

**Tribal Consultation Activities**

The Arizona School Facilities Board is charged with the construction of new school facilities; administering the distribution of building renewal monies; and inspecting school buildings to ensure compliance with the building adequacy standards prescribed in ARS §15-2011 for all K-12 public school districts including those that are on Tribal Nations. All public K-12 School Districts, including those on Tribal Nations, are treated equally by the School Facilities Board. All districts follow the same statutes, guidelines, and procedures as related to facilities.

- SFB liaisons met with school districts on Tribal Nations on a regular basis which has led to a 20% increase in Building Renewal Grant awards in FY 2021.
- The SFB participated in the Arizona State Agency Tribal Liaison Introduction & Overview for Tribal Officials on May 14, 2020.
- The SFB updated the Tribal Consultation Policy on March 2, 2020.
- The SFB Tribal Liaison participated regularly in the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations meetings to highlight services, funding, and economic development opportunities.

### **New School Facilities Fund**

School districts may submit an annual capital plan for analysis of enrollment projections to determine their need for new school facilities pursuant to A.R.S. §15-2041. School districts that are over capacity in the current fiscal year are awarded a new construction project and the Legislature appropriates the funding based on the new construction cost index, including funding needed for land and site conditions. The New School Facilities awards in FY2021 did not include any that were on Tribal Nations.

### **Building Renewal Grant Fund**

In FY2021 the Legislature appropriated \$107,500,000 and an additional Supplemental Request of \$38,759,000 to the Building Renewal Grant fund for the School Facilities Board to administer and distribute to school districts for the purpose of maintaining the adequacy of existing school facilities. School districts may request Building Renewal Grant funding for primary building renewal projects. In FY2021, the SFB approved 43 Building Renewal Grant projects for school districts on Tribal Nations totaling \$3,817,818.15.

### **Total BRG District Funding FY2021**

<b>District</b>	<b>Project Awards FY2021</b>
<b>Ganado Unified District</b>	<b>\$2,332,021.75</b>
<b>Red Mesa Unified District</b>	<b>\$36,940.00</b>
<b>Window Rock Unified District</b>	<b>\$82,091.07</b>
<b>Baboquivari Unified District</b>	<b>\$387,095.52</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>\$327,098.10</b>
<b>Kayenta Unified District</b>	<b>\$510,050.84</b>
<b>Tuba City</b>	<b>\$142,520.87</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,817,818.15</b>

### **Emergency Deficiencies Correction Fund**

The Emergency Deficiencies Correction program is application-based; school districts must apply by submitting an application on the SFB website. The Emergency fund does not normally receive an annual appropriation, rather excess funds in the New School Facilities fund may be transferred to the Emergency Deficiencies Correction fund pursuant to A.R.S. §15-2022. There were no school districts on Tribal Nations awarded Emergency Deficiencies Correction funding in FY2021.

### **5-Year Assessments**

A.R.S. §15-2002.A.3 requires the SFB to inspect school buildings once every five years to ensure the compliance with building adequacy standards as prescribed in A.R.S. §15-2001. These inspections are designed to verify the reported size of each school and to ensure that each school continues to meet all school facility minimum adequacy guidelines. Each fiscal year, SFB staff performs 5-year assessments of randomly selected school districts. The school districts selected for FY2021 did not include any that were on Tribal Nations.

### Preventative Maintenance Inspections

A.R.S. §15-2002.A.3 requires the SFB to randomly select twenty school districts every thirty months and inspect them with regard to routine preventative maintenance. Prior to performing any inspections, the SFB provides the school district staff with a self-evaluation questionnaire, the inspection criteria, and the forms SFB staff will use during the inspection process. The school districts selected for FY2021 did not include any that were on Tribal Nations.

Goal	Objective	Activity & Performance Measure
Address school facilities issues affecting Tribal Nations in Arizona	Build relationships between the State and Tribal Nations	<p>The SFB participated in the Arizona State Agency Tribal Liaison Introduction &amp; Overview for Tribal Officials on May 14, 2020.</p> <p>SFB liaisons scheduled online meetings with school districts on Tribal Nations to address facilities needs and to increase BRG grant eligibility. This has led to a 20% increase in awards to districts located on Tribal Nations compared to last year.</p>
	Increase awareness of design and construction bidding opportunities for local and American Indian owned businesses	<p>Updated the Tribal consultation Policy in March 2020 to include items 7 :</p> <p>7. THE SFB WILL WORK WITH TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS TO PROMOTE INFORMATION ON BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES TO LOCAL AND TRIBALLY OWNED BUSINESSES.</p>
	Update SFB Tribal Consultation Policy	The SFB updated the Tribal Consultation Policy on March 2, 2020.

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