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## Arizona Benefits Fund is supporting education, trauma and emergency care, wildlife conservation and economic development through tourism.



**EDUCATION:** Directly funding school districts statewide to support students and teachers. Since 2002, almost \$332 million has been contributed to the Instructional Improvement Fund.

In 2006, the Tucson Unified District used funds from the Arizona Benefits Fund to limit classroom size to 25 students instead of 35. In 2005, the Blue Ridge Unified School District in Lakeside used funding from the Arizona Benefits Funds to hire a new teacher for the first grade to reduce class size.



**TRAUMA & EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Positively impacting the quality of trauma care for patients statewide. Since 2002, almost \$166 million has been contributed to the Trauma & Emergency Services Fund.

*"Without the money made available to the trauma centers from tribal leaders, the trauma center in Tucson would not be where it is today."*

— Peter Rhee, M.D. medical director, UMC Trauma Program and chief, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Emergency Surgery, UA Department of Surgery.



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TOURISM:** Partnering to promote the very best of Arizona. Since 2002, almost \$48 million has been contributed to the Tourism Fund.

*"For the past 10 years, funding from proposition 202 has significantly contributed to our overall statewide marketing efforts. As a vital component of economic development, tourism is the only export-oriented industry in Arizona that impacts all 15 counties. It is responsible for generating thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in earnings and billions of dollars in tax revenues. Funding from Prop 202 will continue to help us leverage our marketing dollars, stay competitive against other travel destinations, and gain those valuable visitor dollars."*

— Sherry Henry, Director, Arizona Office of Tourism



**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION:** Working to preserve and support the natural beauty of our state. Since 2002, almost \$48 million has been contributed to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Wildlife Conservation Fund supports bi-national wildlife projects with Mexico. It conserves important habitat for birds and helps manage Arizona's two native trout species, the Apache and Gila trout. Revenue supports nature tourism, birding and nature festivals and is used for field operations, such as restoring the once-native Gould's turkey and studying and tracking big game.



**TRIBAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CITIES, TOWNS & COUNTIES:** Making a difference to communities throughout Arizona. Since 2002, tribes have contributed \$82 million of these "12%" funds.

Tribes in urban areas contribute funds to cities, towns and counties to support social, cultural and infrastructure needs. Rural communities contribute these funds directly to cities, towns and counties to fund essential services like police and fire.

*"Our fire department was aware of 12% funding. We are a small community in the southeast corner of the state, and we are on a state contract to protect wildlands. This is the largest grant we ever received. Our trucks are 25 to 30 years old and the City of Willcox has never before purchased a brand new piece of firefighting equipment. This is the first time for us."*

— Captain Jake Weaver, Willcox Fire Department

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## Cumulative Tribal contributions from gaming revenue:

**Arizona Benefits Fund . . . . . \$676,198,507.04**

Includes:

\$70,628,644.17 to the Arizona Dept of Gaming

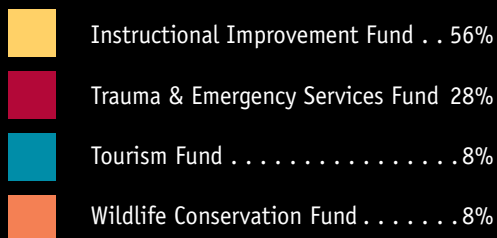
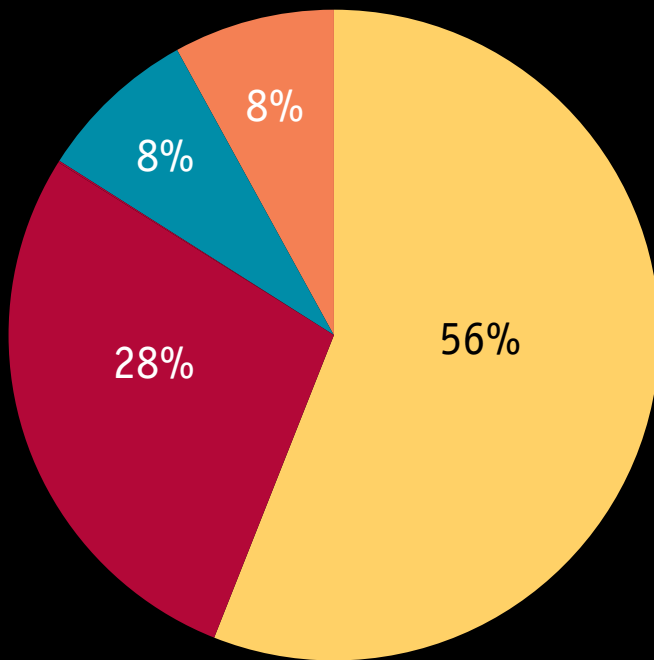
\$13,523,969.65 to Problem Gambling

Tribal contributions to Cities,

Towns and Counties . . . . . \$ 81,182,878.91

**Total cumulative contributions . . . . . \$757,381,385.95**

## Cumulative Arizona Tribal Contributions To Arizona Benefits Fund



## Instructional Improvement Fund \$ 331,545,689.04

Funds are distributed on a per capita basis to all state public and charter schools to:

- provide teacher compensation
- reduce class size
- prevent student drop out
- enhance and improve instruction

## Trauma & Emergency Services \$ 165,772,845.06

Sixty-four hospitals statewide receive funding for trauma centers and ER departments to:

- improve patient care and survival rate
- cover unfunded trauma and emergency services
- support the education of health care workers
- provide community programs for injury prevention

## State Tourism Fund \$ 47,363,669.56

This fund is administered by the Arizona Office of Tourism to:

- support the State's marketing efforts domestically and internationally
- leverage advertising dollars in print, broadcast and social media
- promote the tourism industry in Arizona
- enhance research projects to benefit the industry

## AZ Wildlife Conservation Fund \$ 47,363,669.56

This fund is administered by the Arizona Game & Fish Department to:

- conserve wildlife
- restore native landscapes
- promote nature-based tourism
- support shooting ranges and shooting sports



## DESCRIPTION OF AIGA

The Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) a 501 (c) 6 non-profit organization has a membership of 19 tribes representing 90% of the Indian people living on reservations in Arizona. AIGA was established November 21, 1994 by Arizona tribal leaders. The Association is committed to advancing the lives of Indian peoples – economically, socially and politically – so Indian tribes in Arizona can achieve their goal of self-reliance.

## MEMBER TRIBES OF AIGA

Ak-Chin Indian Community, Cocopah Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Havasupai Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Kaibab-Paiute Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yacqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tohono O’odham Nation, Tonto Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Zuni Tribe.