



In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed Indian tribes' inherent rights to operate gaming on Indian land. In 1988, Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) affirming Tribal sovereignty and establishing the statutory framework for Indian gaming. IGRA is intended to:

*“Provide a statutory foundation for Indian gaming operations as a means of promoting economic development, tribal self-sufficiency and strong tribal government.”*

**IGRA promotes Tribal economic development as federal policy. IGRA also established the regulatory framework and standards for the conduct of Indian gaming, including:**

- Federal regulation through the National Indian Gaming Commission
- Requirement of a tribal-state compact between a state and each tribe engaged in gaming
- Tribal regulation through respective Tribal gaming regulatory agencies
- State review through state agencies, e.g., the Arizona Department of Gaming

**The Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA):**

- Maintains and supports a strong commitment to Tribal sovereignty and governmental authority.
- Protects and promotes the welfare of Tribes by supporting Tribal gaming enterprises on Arizona Indian lands
- Serves as an educational, legislative and public policy resource for Tribes, policy makers, and the public on Indian gaming issues
- Is committed to maintaining and protecting Tribal sovereign governmental authority

**AIGA Key Objectives**

- Protect sovereign rights to operate Tribal government gaming and exclusivity
- Inform the public of the many benefits of Tribal government gaming
- Educate the public on the distinction between Tribal government gaming and commercial gaming
- Share economic impact data and personal stories of those that benefit from Tribal government gaming

# Over **\$2 Billion** in contributions to date and counting.

## Tribal Gaming shares with Arizona

Since 2004, Arizona Tribes share a portion of revenues with all Arizonans through the Arizona Benefits Fund. These funds are dedicated to the following areas:



..... **Education** .....  
**\$899 MILLION\***

- Teacher compensation
- Reducing class size
- Dropout prevention
- Improved instruction



**Emergency Services & Trauma Care**  
**\$448 MILLION\***

- Improved patient care and survival rates
- Cover unfunded trauma and emergency services
- Support the education of healthcare workers
- Provide community programs for injury prevention



..... **Cities, Towns, Counties** .....  
**\$219 MILLION\***

- Tribes in the urban areas contribute to support social, cultural, and infrastructure needs. Rural communities contribute funds for essential services, like police and fire



..... **Tourism** .....  
**\$128 MILLION\***

- Arizona marketing efforts, domestic & international advertising in print, broadcast and social media
- Promote the Tourism industry in Arizona
- Enhance research to benefit the Industry



..... **Wildlife Conservation** .....  
**\$128 MILLION\***

- Restoring native landscapes
- Promoting nature-based tourism
- Conserve wildlife
- Support shooting ranges and sports

### The impact of Tribal Gaming

#### SELF-RELIANCE

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires that funds from gaming must be used to promote economic development, self-sufficiency and strengthen tribal governments.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tribal Gaming brings economic development to Arizona reservations, helping tribes meet longstanding deficits in social and economic conditions. In doing so, it also engenders new economic activity for the households and businesses that supply labor, goods, and services to Tribal casinos and governments, helping especially the economies of remote and rural counties.

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\*Arizona Department of Gaming – Tribal contributions to the State (Arizona Benefits Fund) as of June 23, 2023.