

Budget: need for new revenue

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Question: What is the reduction in government operations?

Answer: Total government operations is being cut by nearly 38 percent in 2014. This is the largest incremental decrease to the government in a single budget period. In 2013 a 15-percent reduction was made, and in 2012 a 12-percent reduction. In nearly three years the organization is being forced to downsize to reflect reducing revenues. The changes we are making are moving the organization to a "balanced budget;" however, to do so, jobs are being lost and services cut back. No other options are available, if the revenue is not increased.

Question: What is the estimated job loss related to this reduction?

Answer: Currently, the reduction is estimated to be anywhere from 40 to 60 positions. It is hard to finalize the total job loss at this time; however, to reach the required \$2.65 million additional reduction to operations needed, inevitably jobs will be lost due to the lack of revenue sources. Tribal member preference will be considered

at all times when determining positions being eliminated.

Question: What is the reserve balance?

Answer: It is currently \$9.2 million, drawing \$3.9 million in 2014. This is the lowest balance the reserves have ever been...

Question: What new revenue sources are the tribes currently working on?

Answer: Warm Springs Ventures initiatives such as unmanned vehicles, and expansion of Geo-Visions. The tribes are also analyzing all off reservation lands to utilize for potential development to generate funding for the tribes. We realize revenue generation is key to the sustainability of the organization, and Warm Springs Ventures, all enterprises, and the tribal government are exploring options wherever possible to generate new revenue.

Question: Where did all the money go?

Answer: The tribes have been operating a deficit budget for some years now. The decline in revenue was never reflected through cuts in operations or tribal distributions. The money went to pay per

capita, bonuses, senior distributions, and to cover some operational shortfalls. In 2011 and 2012, the bonuses were directly paid from revenue reserves.

Question: What is the indirect revenue, and why are some departments not taking as large of cuts as others?

Answer: Indirect departments are those departments that provide in-direct services to carry out grants and contracts. Utilities, Human Resources, Finance, Tribal Council, Mail and Reception, are a few to mention that are direct support services to those grants and contracts. The tribes sign assurance agreements when accepting any outside funding that a certain level of services will be provided by the tribes in conjunction with the grants and contracts. We are legally obligated to maintain levels of services in these in-direct areas if we wish to continue being supported by outside funding sources. The indirect revenue to the tribes in 2014 amounts to \$4.2 million. This is the largest operating revenue source to the tribes at this time.

On Veterans Day



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Veteran Harvey Jim, Eliza Brown Jim and family joined the Veterans Day Parade in Madras on Monday. Their parade float included commemorative cards for Chester VanPelt Sr. (1950s and Korea), Reggie Jim (Vietnam), Johnny George (1950s and Korea), Henry Jim (Vietnam, Germany - 1969-1972), Lawrence Brown (WWII), and Curtis Brown (WWII and Korea).

At the Art Show



Painted drum by Charlene Dimmick. The Tribal Member Art Show is on display in the Changing Exhibits Gallery. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday.

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 - Friday, Nov. 15th Precious Byrds Band
 - Saturday, Nov. 16th DJ Medina
 - Friday, Nov. 22nd DJ K9
 - Saturday, Nov. 23rd Party Code Band
- Mondays - Canned Food Drive, bring in 2 canned food items and receive Slot Play \$'s
- Tuesdays - Nifty Fifty Club - 55 years + receive \$7 Slot Play & \$2 off Cottonwood Meal, Slot Tournament, and Young at Heart Cash Drawings for \$500
- Friday - Harvest Cash Days, win up to \$750
- Saturday - Gobbles of Cash, win up to \$900
- Thanksgiving Buffet, 11am-8pm, \$17 Adults, \$8.95 5-12 years old and free for 4 & under.