

CHAPTER 4 – USE OF TRIBAL GAMING NET REVENUES – TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

Section 19-4-1. Tribal Operations and Programs.

In order to provide supplemental funding for tribal operations, the Executive Committee hereby allocates henceforth, FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) of net gaming revenues to be paid into a tribal account called the "tribal operations fund."

If it deems it necessary, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to revise and increase the allocated percentage of net gaming revenues paid into the "tribal operations fund" by allocating a larger percentage to the fund. Any revision of the allocated percentage herein shall be documented by an Executive Committee resolution, a copy of which shall be provided to the Secretary of the Interior for review and approval.

Section 19-4-2. Budget Appropriations.

The Executive Committee or its appointed agent shall receive budget reports from each tribal program funded under this provision, thirty days prior to the commencement of the fiscal year. The budget reports shall detail at a minimum: past year and expected revenues and revenue sources, expenditures including a detailed accounting for expenditures. The budget reports shall also include budget supplement requests to be funded by the "tribal operations fund."

Tribal programs to submit budget reports under this section shall include: tribal administration, tribal court, finance department, legal department, social services program, tribal health department, tribal maintenance, and other programs hereafter developed and added to this provision by amendment.

The Treasurer shall within thirty (30) calendar days from receiving all budget requests make recommendations to the Executive Committee for allocation of those funds in the tribal operations fund by dividing the tribal operations fund on a percentage basis in divisions that shall be fair and best meet the budget supplement request submitted by each tribal program in light of projected gaming revenues. The Executive Committee shall have final approval over budget appropriations.

The Treasurer shall devise and disseminate budget report requirements that detail what projected expenditures are allowed to be included in the supplement budget requests. The budget report requirement shall require tribal programs to consider those essential duties, services and responsibilities of tribal programs which cannot be dependent on projected, yet uncertain, gaming revenues; further, the budget report requirements shall require tribal programs to prioritize items included in its supplement budget request to insure essential duties, services and responsibilities will be met by all projected revenues derived from whatever source.

Disbursements shall be made quarterly unless the Executive Committee adopts by resolution an alternative disbursement plan. Any disbursements made hereunder shall be received by the

receiving program and handled in a manner consistent with the programs generally accepted accounting methods.