

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**  
**August 8, 2008**

**HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD**  
**BOARD REPORT #09-07**  
**2009-2011 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES**  
**TRIBAL COLLEGES**

## **Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) Tribal Appropriation**

Recommendation of Executive Secretary Connie Hutchison

Increase WHEG – Tribal from \$440,000 to \$475,000 in 2009-2010 and to \$500,000 in 2010-2011.

### **Rationale**

WHEG Tribal was increased in 2007-09, from 404,000 TO \$440,000. In the past two years, new awards have been suspended before the academic years have begun. While the number of students who qualify for aid has increased each year, financial aid funding has not kept pace with that need. Administrators of both Tribal Colleges indicated that WHEG assists only about 50% of eligible students. Funds for the appropriation are not GPR funds, but rather from Gaming Revenues remitted to the state.