



Request for Application (RFA) Indian Health Program Grants Informational Webinar

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Background

- » Restoration of the IHP grant program
- » Program will focus on improving the health of American Indians by addressing primary care recruitment and retention in Indian health clinics.

Activities to be Funded

- » IHP will provide grant funds to support the following combined activities:
 - » 1. Delivery of prevention oriented primary health care services that are responsive to the health needs of American Indian patients that are provided in a primary care clinic setting, including financial support to improve staffing recruitment and retention of primary care providers including but not limited to compensation considerations, signing or retention incentives, etc.
 - » 2. Access to Traditional Indian Health that further supports the health needs of American Indian patients.

Funding

- » A maximum amount of \$22,852,000 is available. Total program funding is anticipated to be limited to the following amounts:
 - » 1) \$11,426,000 for the budget period of 02/24/2023 through 06/30/2023
 - » 2) \$11,426,000 for the budget period of 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024
- » Funding is subject to state budget appropriation. DHCS reserves the right to initiate amendments as necessary to redistribute funds between fiscal years to meet the needs of the State.
- » Award amounts will be determined annually via an allocation formula.

Eligibility Requirements

- » Eligibility for this grant program is described in detail in the RFA
- » Applicants must meet all applicable requirements
- » Applicants who are deemed ineligible will not receive funding under this RFA

Proposed Award Schedule - Tentative Dates

- » Deadline to Submit RFA Questions - December 13, 2022
- » RFA Question Responses Published - December 19, 2022
- » Applications Due - January 30, 2023
- » Award Notice(s) Released - February 10, 2023
- » Appeals Due - February 17, 2023
- » Project Budget Documents Due - February 17, 2023
- » Tentative grant period begins - February 24, 2023
- » Grant period ends - June 30, 2024

Allocation Formula

- » IHP primary care funds are distributed in compliance with statute according to need and performance driven formulas that are comprised of three weighted factors to grantees that meet the minimal eligibility requirements.
- » The allocation formula is described in Appendix B and provides details regarding the three factors which are:
 - » *Factor 1: Primary Care Recruitment and Retention (55%)*
 - » *Factor 2: Population Service Index (15%)*
 - » *Factor 3: Quality Measures (30%):*

Factor 3

- Reporting can come directly from the clinic corporation's electronic health record system or via the GPRA reports.
- If data is not available by June 30, 2023, an action plan must be submitted with the RFA response that outlines how grant funding will be used to obtain it quarterly for the FY 2023-24 grant cycle.
- Awards in FY 2022-23 will be the same for all eligible applicants.
- Awards for this factor for FY 2023-24 will be determined using variables in the federal 2021 IHS Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) measures and must be submitted no later than June 30, 2023.

Budget Documentation

- » All applicants who are eligible for a grant award must submit a detailed project budget following the release of the RFA award amounts. An example of the budget table is included in Appendix E and detailed instructions are available in Appendix F.
- » Project budget information will be due within 7 days after the award notices are released and should be based on the funding approved for FY 2022-23.

Exhibits and Appendices

- » The Exhibits and Appendices associated with the RFA are included for informational purposes only. Please do not submit them with application packets.
- » The RFA is posted online for ease of use, however, please note that you will need to contact DHCS if you would like to request forms.

Application Submission

- » Please submit all information required in the RFA, including all attachments.
- » Applicants must return the application package according to the format and instructions stated in the RFA.
- » Failure to follow the format instructions or failure to return the required forms and materials may deem an application package as non-responsive and may cause that application to be eliminated from further consideration.

Application Submission Continued

Please use a staple, binder clip, or other means to bind your application.

Reminders:

- The type font size is to be no less than 12 points;
- The application should be single-spaced unless otherwise instructed in the RFA;
- Write "Original" on the front page of the original application set; and
- Write "Duplicate" on the front page of one additional copy.
- All RFA forms and attachments that require signatures may be signed electronically, unless noted otherwise. Signature stamps are not acceptable. The additional application set may reflect photocopied signatures.

Application Due Date

- » IHP must receive an original application package and one copy on or before January 30, 2022.
- » The package can be delivered, mailed, or electronically submitted.

Where to Submit Applications

» **U.S. Mail, Hand Delivery or Overnight Express:**

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Thank you!

- » Any additional questions or comments concerning this RFA may be submitted by December 13, 2022. They can be sent by email to TribalAffairs@dhcs.ca.gov or by mail to the address below:

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