



**HHS-2021-IHS-EPI-0001**  
**Epidemiology Program for American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Urban Indian Communities**  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 Indian Health Service

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**


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**Opportunity Number:** HHS-2021-IHS-EPI-0001

**Opportunity Title:** Epidemiology Program for American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Urban Indian Communities

**Opportunity Category:** Discretionary

**Opportunity Category Explanation:**

**Funding Instrument Type:** Cooperative Agreement

**Category of Funding Activity:** Health

**Category Explanation:**

**Expected Number of Awards:**

**CFDA Number(s):** 93.231 -- Epidemiology Cooperative Agreements

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**Estimated Post Date:**

**Estimated Application Due Date:**

**Estimated Award Date:**

**Estimated Project Start Date:**

**Fiscal Year:** 2021

**Archive Date:**

**Estimated Total Program Funding:**

**Award Ceiling:**

**Award Floor:**

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**ELIGIBILITY**


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**Eligible Applicants:**

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)  
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)  
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)  
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** To be eligible for this Competing Continuation Opportunity Eligible Applicants must be one of the following as defined by 25 U.S.C. 1603: • A Federally-recognized Indian Tribe as defined by 25 U.S.C. 1603(14). The term "Indian Tribe" means any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or group or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688) [43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.], which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. • A Tribal organization as defined by 25 U.S.C. 1603(26). The term "Tribal organization" has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304): "Tribal organization" means the recognized governing body of any Indian Tribe; any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities: Provided that, in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform services benefiting more than one Indian Tribe, the approval of each such Indian Tribe shall be a prerequisite to the letting or making of such contract or grant. Applicant shall submit letters of support and/or Tribal Resolutions from the Tribes to be served. • An Urban Indian organization as defined by 25 U.S.C. 1603(29), that currently has a grant or contract award from the IHS under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1651-1660h. The term "Urban Indian organization" means a nonprofit corporate body situated in an urban center, governed by an urban Indian controlled board of directors, and providing for the maximum participation of all interested Indian groups and individuals, which body is capable of legally cooperating with other public and private entities for the purpose of performing the activities described in 25 U.S.C. 1653(a). Applicants must provide proof of non-profit status with the application, e.g., 501(c)(3). Current Tribal Epidemiology Center grantees are eligible to apply for competing continuation funding under this announcement and must demonstrate that they have complied with previous terms and conditions of the Epidemiology Program for American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Urban Indian Communities grant in order to receive funding under this announcement.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Agency Name:**

Indian Health Service

**Description:**

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) cooperative agreement is to strengthen public health capacity and to fund Tribes, Tribal and urban Indian organizations, and intertribal consortia in identifying relevant health status indicators and priorities using sound epidemiologic principles. Work plans submitted in response to this announcement must incorporate the grantee's desired objectives and all of the required activities of the four goal sets covering the Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TEC) core functional areas as outlined in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) at 25 U.S.C. 1621m(b). The seven core functions of the TECs are:

1. Collect data relating to, and monitor progress made toward meeting, each of the health status objectives of the Service, the Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in the service area;
2. Evaluate existing delivery systems, data systems, and other systems that impact the improvement of Indian health;
3. Assist Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in identifying highest-priority health status objectives and the services needed to achieve those objectives, based on epidemiological data;
4. Make recommendations for the targeting of services needed by the populations served;
5. Make recommendations to improve health care delivery systems for Indians and urban Indians;
6. Provide requested technical assistance to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in the development of local health service priorities and incidence and prevalence rates of disease and other illness in the community; and
7. Provide disease surveillance and assist Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian communities to promote public health.

The required activities form the foundations of four goal sets:

**Goal Set 1: Public Health Promotion**

Collect health status data, provide disease surveillance and assist Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations to promote public health.

**Goal Set 2: Evaluation**

Evaluate existing delivery systems, data systems, and other systems that impact the improvement of Indian health.

**Goal Set 3: Recommendation**

Assist Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in identifying highest-priority health status objectives and the services needed to achieve those objectives, based on epidemiological data. Make recommendations for the targeting of services needed by the populations served. Make recommendations to improve health care delivery systems for Indians and urban Indians.

**Goal Set 4: Technical Assistance**

Provide technical assistance to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in the development of local health service priorities and incidence and prevalence rates of disease and other illness in the community.

Grantee objectives may include activities beyond the core, required activities, but must address them. Additional activities must still fall within the core functional areas.

This is only a forecast. The synopsis and application package are not yet posted, and we have not yet finalized the application due date. This opportunity will be updated when it is published in the Federal Register.

**Link to Additional Information:**

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