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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces that the Tribal Management Grant (TMG) Program cycle will change beginning with Fiscal Year (FY) 2002. The change will enable the IHS to disperse the grants funds when they become available.

We anticipate that about \$2 million will be available for TMG funding in FY 2002. The FY 2002 application kit will be distributed later this month. Applications must be received by close of business, Friday, August 17, 2001. Awards will be made in January 2002.

The cycle change is effective for the FY 2002, therefore, it does not affect the FY 2001 funding cycle. The FY 2001 awards will be made in August 2001 as scheduled. The FY 2001 Tribal Management grantees and continuation grantees whose budget/project periods expire July 2002 are not eligible to apply for the FY 2002 application cycle.

The TMG Program assists tribes and tribal organizations in assuming the operation and management of their health programs. Grant funds are available for planning, development of tribal health management structures, evaluation of current programs, and/or Federal program analyses.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please feel free to contact Ms. Deanna Dick, Program Analyst, Office of Management Support, on (301) 443-6290 or Ms. Patricia Spotted Horse, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, on (301) 443-5204.

We look forward to working with you. Thank you for your interest and support of the Indian health programs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael H. Trugillo".

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