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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to update you on the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Indian Health Service (IHS) Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant application process.

Funding: The SDPI is currently authorized through September 30, 2023. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized SDPI funding at \$147 million for FY 2023, a \$3 million decrease due to mandatory sequestration. The status of funding for SDPI FY 2024 and beyond is unknown at this time.

Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer: As you know, the IHS conducted a national Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer regarding proposed changes to the SDPI in preparation for the FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement. Based on recommendations from the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and final decisions from the IHS, it was determined that the SDPI funding distribution and national funding formula would remain the same in FY 2023, as it was in FY 2022 (see Tribal Leader Letter/Urban Indian Organization (UIO) Leader Letter dated August 26, 2022, at

https://www.ihs.gov/sites/newsroom/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/2022_Letters/DTLL-DUIOLL-08262022.pdf).

Grant Eligibility: The August 26, 2022, Tribal Leader Letter/UIO Leader Letter also defined the eligibility requirements for the SDPI grant cycle beginning in FY 2023, stating that all of the following Tribal, urban Indian, and IHS entities that met the eligibility requirements in the statute were welcome to apply – those who:

1. Received SDPI funding during the last grant cycle (FY 2016 to FY 2022);
2. Received SDPI funding any time prior to the last grant cycle (prior to FY 2016); and
3. Never received SDPI funding, since the inception of SDPI.

Grant Application and Review Process: The SDPI FY 2023 grant application process opened on July 26, 2022, and closed on October 7, 2022. All eligible applications were reviewed via an Objective Review Committee (ORC) process, which the IHS completed on December 5, 2022. All eligible applicants who received a score of at least 50 points (out of a possible 100) in the ORC process were awarded funding. Under these criteria, the vast majority of applicants were successful in achieving this threshold and awarded SDPI FY 2023 funding, including 302 primary grantees (256 are Tribes; 31 are Urban Indian Organizations; and 15 are IHS sites). Of the total grants awarded, 11 are new to SDPI (have never received SDPI funding in the past). A list of the FY 2023 SDPI grantees is provided in the enclosure.

FY 2023 Funding Amounts: I am happy to announce that the FY 2023 SDPI grantees who received SDPI funding in the past (during the last grant cycle [FY 2016 to FY 2022] or prior) did not experience a decrease in funding for FY 2023. In addition, grantees new to the SDPI in

FY 2023 were initially awarded \$12,500 and will subsequently be awarded additional funding, based on Area Funding Formula calculations over the next few months.

The IHS accomplished this by utilizing the SDPI grant funding authorized by Congress for FY 2023 and additional, one-time, unobligated SDPI funds from prior-year grant offsets that have accumulated over the last 3 years.

Congratulations to each of the SDPI FY 2023 grantees. We look forward to working together over the course of this 5-year grant cycle (pending SDPI reauthorization for FY 2024 and beyond).

If you have any programmatic SDPI-related questions, please contact Ms. Carmen Hardin, Director, IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, by telephone at (844) 447-3387, or by e-mail at diabetesprogram@ihs.gov. For questions pertaining to SDPI grant management issues, please contact Ms. Marsha Brookins, Director, IHS Division of Grants Management, by telephone at (301) 443-5204, or by e-mail at dgm@ihs.gov.

Thank you for your partnership with the IHS in the important work of diabetes treatment and prevention in the American Indian and Alaska Native communities that we serve.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Special Diabetes Program for Indians 2023 Grant Programs