



California Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer

May 3, 2018

Purposes of Today's Webinar

- Discuss how the SDPI Support and SDPI Data Infrastructure Support funds are utilized.
- Make recommendations to the IHS Director from the Tribal consultation/Urban confer regarding the SDPI FY 2019 funding distribution.

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee

Tribal Representatives

Current Representatives:

Primary: Rosemary Nelson
(Pit River Tribe)

Alternate: Dominica Valencia
(Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians)

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to initiate a Tribal Consultation on the distribution of funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in fiscal year (FY) 2019. The SDPI has been funding diabetes treatment and prevention activities in Tribal, Urban Indian, and Indian Health Service (IHS) health programs since FY 1998.

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) recommended that Tribal Consultation on the distribution of SDPI funding for FY 2019 be conducted in all 12 IHS Areas. Tribal Leader input is welcome on any aspect of the SDPI, but would be especially helpful in response to the following questions:

Should there be any changes in the SDPI national funding distribution? If so, in what way? Currently, the SDPI funding distribution is as follows:

Community-Directed grant program	\$130.2 million
Urban Indian Health Programs	\$ 8.5 million
SDPI Support	\$ 6.1 million
Data Infrastructure Improvement	\$ 5.2 million

The SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds provide important support for SDPI at the national, Area, and local levels. The funding supports diabetes data collection, validation, and analytics, as well as associated training and support systems. Should there be any changes in the SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funding allocation? If so, how could SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds be allocated to better support local grant- related data and infrastructure needs by SDPI grantees?

I am requesting that each Area Director identify an upcoming Area meeting or schedule a conference call to Consult with Tribes on the SDPI FY 2019 funding distribution. Per the TLDC's recommendation, I am requesting that as part of these meetings, each Area's Information Technology program will provide information on how it uses the SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds allocated to that Area. Tribal Leaders are welcome to contribute to these Area discussions, and/or to submit written comments to consultation@ihs.gov within the Consultation period, which will close 30 days from the date of this letter.

SDPI Status

- SDPI received two separate authorizations, each for 25% of the usual \$150 million/year
 - First quarter (\$37.5 million): P.L. 115-63 on Sept 29, 2017
 - Second quarter (\$37.5 million): P.L. 115-96 on Dec 22, 2017
- SDPI then received funding for all of FY 2018 and FY 2019 at current \$150 million/year
 - P.L. 115-123 on Feb 9, 2018

SDPI FY 2018 & FY 2019 Funds

At the February 21-22, 2018 meeting, TLDC voted to:

- *Not* recommend Tribal consultation/Urban confer for the SDPI FY 2018 funds
 - To avoid a delay in getting funds to grantees
- Recommend national Tribal consultation/Urban confer be held for the SDPI FY 2019
 - Before making specific recommendations regarding the process and questions, TLDC requested information on the uses of the SDPI Support and Data Infrastructure Support funds.

FY 2016 Funding Distribution

• Community-Directed Grants	\$130.2m
• Urban C-D Grants	\$8.5m
• SDPI Program Support	\$6.1m
• Data Infrastructure Support	<u>\$5.2m</u>
	\$150.0m

SDPI Program Support: \$6.1m

- It takes considerable resources to run the SDPI grant program, protect the grant amounts, support grantees and clinicians, provide data that show progress, run conferences and training webinars, etc.
- No two years of SDPI Program Support expenses are the same, but they fall into categories:
 - Fixed, predictable expenses
 - Variable, expected expenses
 - Unplanned expenses, some of which could otherwise reduce grant amounts



SDPI Program Support:

Fixed, Predictable Expenses: \$5.7m

- Multiple Services Contract: \$2.65m (+ DDTP Data funds)
 - Division of Diabetes (DDTP) contract staff
 - Do much of the work to support SDPI, data, trainings, website, patient education materials, online catalog
 - SDPI/Diabetes Conference (venue, logistics, web platform)
- DGM grants management specialists for SDPI: \$1.02m
- ADC support: \$1.02m (divided among 12 Areas)
- GrantSolutions and ARMS: \$460k
- DDTP online catalog clearinghouse: \$300k
- TLDC support: \$250k

SDPI Program Support:

Variable, Expected Expenses

- SDPI/Diabetes national conference (speakers, printing): \$85k
- DDTP travel to TLDC, Area/SDPI meetings, conferences: \$85k
- Objective Review Panels: \$60k
- National DMS Training for local site staff: \$36k
- Printing materials for online catalog: \$35k
- Shipping special catalog orders, conference materials: \$25k
- Equipment, supplies, software: \$15k
- Staff Training: \$10k
- Fees for contracts, funds transfers, etc.: \$10k

SDPI Program Support:

Unplanned Expenses

- Necessary costs that SDPI Support funds helped cover to avoid reducing grants:
 - Sequestration: 2013, 2014, 2017
 - Provided supplements to cover 3 months for Cycle 1 grantees when SDPI changed from 4 budget cycles to one for FY 2016
 - Sub-grantee changed primary grantee affiliation: 2017
- Opportunities
 - American Diabetes Association invited IHS to produce video on SDPI to be shown at their annual conference, then is ours to use

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Data Infrastructure Support: \$5.2m

- National Office of Information Technology (OIT): \$2.6m
- Area IT Programs: \$2m
- DDTP Data: \$600k



National OIT Funding: \$2.6 million

Cost	Item/Service	Description
\$9,600	Adobe Connect License	Enables communication and training between the DDTP and SDPI grantees
\$137,649	Quality Measures and Clinical Care tools	Development and maintenance of quality measures that enable RPMS users to run quality reports, submit data to Congress, and report to HRSA to maintain grants Reminders to assist providers in providing care to patients with diabetes and gestational diabetes Measure and decision support logic is made available to external programs to promote unified reporting
\$384,000	Diabetes Management System	Updated the RPMS application that maintains the Diabetes Audit logic and reporting functionality
\$237,287	User support	Training and user support for diabetes related questions, problems, and issues related to RPMS or other OIT functions

National OIT Funding: \$2.6 million (cont'd)

Cost	Item/Service	Description
\$1,375,000	HealthShare License	Enables RPMS and other EHR users to aggregate patient data to improve patient care (provides clinicians with information from multiple EHRs or sites. Provides a diabetes-related dashboard to focus on needs of the population as well as the individual patient
\$12,250	National Data Warehouse	Enable RPMS and non-RPMS programs to better submit medical record data to the National Data Warehouse and to develop and maintain new quality measures to assess diabetes care for AI/ANs
\$390,000	First Data Bank contract	Pharmacy medication and medication education handout database used by RPMS



Area IT Funding: \$2 million

Funds are apportioned based on the number of SDPI grantees in each area.

Area	Amount
Alaska	\$155,416
Albuquerque	\$135,416
Bemidji	\$165,416
Billings	\$125,416
California	\$165,417
Great Plains	\$195,417
Nashville/USET	\$185,417
Navajo	\$190,417
Oklahoma City	\$245,417
Phoenix	\$185,417
Portland	\$175,417
Tucson	\$75,417



Area IT Funding: \$2 million

- Area reports have shown funding is used to assist with:
 - IT staffing
 - Travel to sites to assist with health IT services
 - Health IT support for documentation and reporting
 - Maintenance and support services for IT hardware
 - Software licensing for various applications
 - Backup software and storage for contingency of care operations
 - Access to clinical resources such as UpToDate
 - Software and services to enhance billing and reimbursement
 - Training
 - Performance improvement services

Data Infrastructure Support

- DDTP Data Funds: \$600k
 - Multiple Services contract: \$480k for DDTP data and programming staff
 - Informatics/Pharmacy Consultant: \$110k
 - Data software, etc.: \$10k

Current SDPI Grant Cycle

- SDPI is in the middle of a 5-year grant cycle (project period), made up of 5 budget periods:
 - FY 2016
 - FY 2017
 - **FY 2018**
 - FY 2019
 - FY 2020

Current SDPI Grant Cycle

- The current funding opportunity announcement (FOA) came out in 2015 for FY 2016-FY 2020. To prepare for this:
 - Full national Tribal consultation/Urban confer processes took place
 - TLDC made recommendations to the IHS Director
 - Changes were made to the SDPI funding distribution
- Any changes made during a project period are difficult to incorporate
 - Grantees need to know how much money they are applying for and how to design their programs

Consultation/Confer Timeline

- **March 26:** TLDC virtual meeting; finalize recommendations to IHS Director on process, questions
- **April:** IHS Director decides process, questions; DTLL/DUIOLL drafted/sent opening consultation/confer
- **April-May:** 30-day national consultation/confer period
- **May:** DDTP collates input, presents to TLDC at in-person meeting May 21-22; TLDC makes recommendations to IHS Director on SDPI FY 2019 funding distribution
- **June:** IHS Director makes final decisions; DTLL/DUIOLL drafted/sent; any changes calculated, grantees notified
- **September 2:** SDPI FY 2019 continuation applications due

1) Should there be any changes in SDPI national funding distribution? If so, in what way?

Yes/No

Comment

2) Should there be any changes in the SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funding allocation?

Yes/ No

If so, how could SDPI Data Infrastructure Improvement funds be allocated to better support local grant-related data and infrastructure needs by SDPI grantees?

Comments:

Next Steps

Please send your responses to IHS Headquarters directly by email to: consultation@ihs.gov

Deadline: May 11, 2018

TLDC will review input and provide final national recommendations to the IHS Director

IHS Director will then update all Tribal Leaders with the final decisions on the SDPI FY 2019 funding distribution

Thank You!

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