DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Indian Health Service
Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to confer on the distribution of the urban Indian health budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 increase in accordance with the *Indian Health Service (IHS) Policy on Conferring with Urban Indian Organizations*. The balance of funds available for conferring in FY 2016 is $3,017,504.

The urban Indian health budget line item supports contracts and grants funding for the Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHP), support services for UIHP provided by the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) and IHS Areas, and the OUIHP administrative costs.

The IHS is requesting your input on principles for budget allocation methodologies for FY 2016 funds. As required by Congress, through the FY 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the Agency is directed to allocate funds from the FY 2016 increase to confer with urban Indians to develop a UIHP strategic plan in collaboration with the National Academy of Public Administration. This work is in progress to be completed by the end of December 2016.

Please submit your input no later than May 31, 2016. We appreciate your input and remain committed to working in partnership with Urban Indian Organizations. Thank you for your ongoing support, which has been critical in achieving progress for Urban Indians.

Sincerely,

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