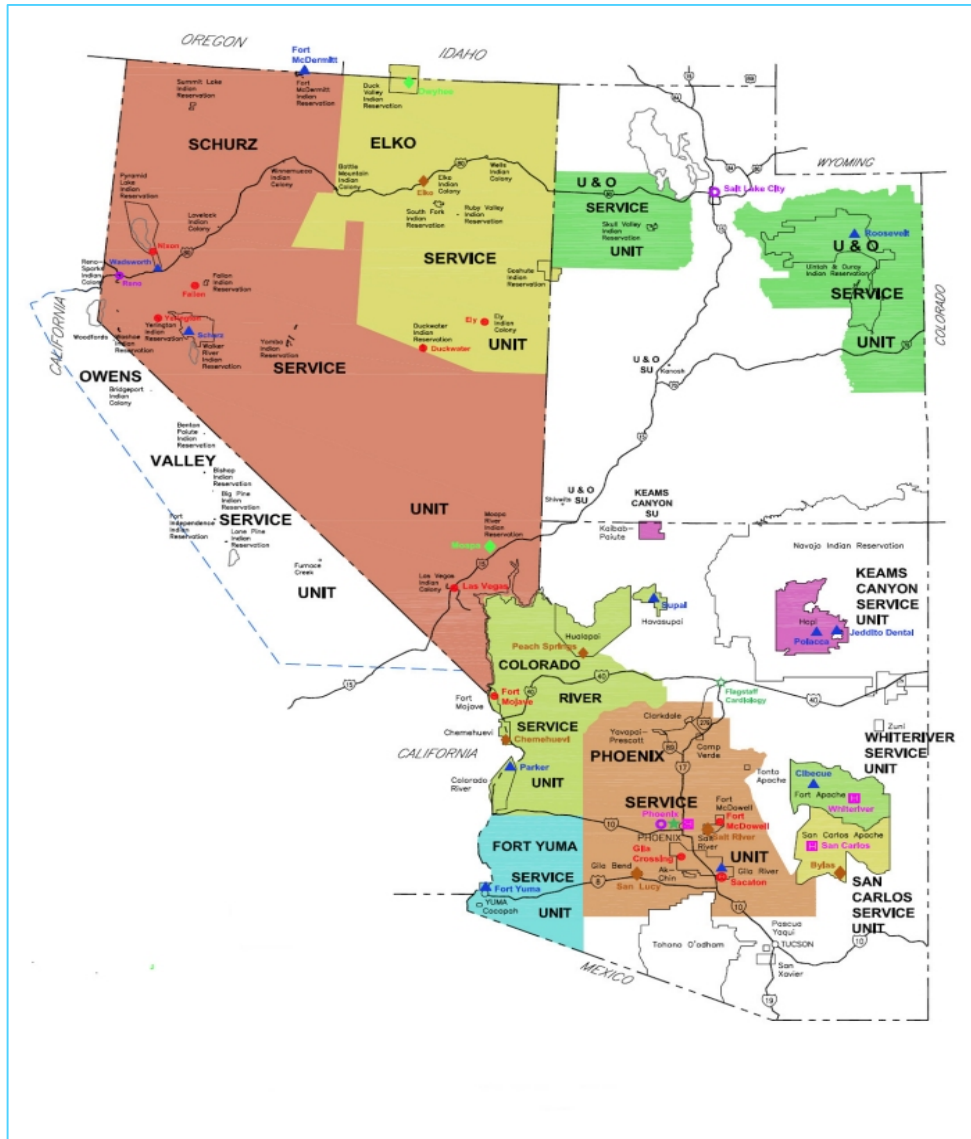


# **FY 2021 Indian Health Service Budget Recommendations from PHOENIX AREA**

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# Summary of Service Area and Demographic Information



▶ The Phoenix Area Indian Health Service serves American Indians and Alaska Natives in the states of Arizona, Nevada and Utah and portions of California. There are 49 Tribes and Bands in the Phoenix Service Area.

# Summary of Service Area and Demographic Information

- ▶ *There are 49 Tribes and Bands in the PAO Service Area; including 27 in Nevada\*<sup>1</sup>, 19 in Arizona\*<sup>2</sup> and 3 in Utah.\*<sup>3</sup>*
- ▶ *Currently, there are 10 Self-Governance Tribes, 11 operational Service Units including Schurz, Elko, Uintah & Ouray, Colorado River, Fort Yuma, Hopi, Whiteriver, Gila River, San Carlos, Duck Valley, and Phoenix. The 4 UIOs include Nevada Urban Indians, Inc. (Carson City, NV), Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake (Salt Lake City, UT), Native Health, Inc. (Phoenix, AZ), and a new addition this year of Native American Connections (Phoenix, AZ).*
- ▶ *There are 24 IHS/Tribal facilities in Arizona, 15 in Nevada and 5 in Utah. In 1975 there were 9 hospitals. Today there are 6 hospitals and they are located in Arizona. The IHS Youth Regional Wellness Center is in Sacaton, AZ and Nevada Skies is the satellite center located in Wadsworth, NV.*
- ▶ *In 2010, the U.S. Census\*\* reported the American Indian/Alaska Native population at 353,386 in AZ, 55,945 In Nevada and 50,064 in Utah. This is a total of 459,395.*
- ▶ *The Phoenix Area user population in 2018 was 177,668. There has been over 30% growth in the user population since 2001.*

\*1 <http://itcn.org/nevada-tribal-directory/>

\*2 Includes San Lucy Village of the Tohono O'odham Nation and villages of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe located in Guadalupe, Penjamo, High Town, Eloy and Coolidge in Maricopa County, Arizona

\*3 Includes Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. The Paiute Tribe of Utah includes the Cedar Band of Paiutes, the Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, the Kanosh Band of Paiutes, the Koosharem Band of Paiutes and the Shivwits Band of Paiutes

\*\* Total AI/AN combined with other races

# FY 2021 Area National Budget Recommendation

## Summary of Funding Priorities (+36%)

### ▶ Priority 1: **Hospital & Clinics** +\$772.3 million

Increases support full funding for IHS IT Infrastructure Improvements (+\$539M), Fund IHCIA for long-term elder care centers & hospice; traditional healing; Tribal 105(f) leases (each +\$50M), Telehealth, enhance emergency medical services operating by Tribes, Tribal Correctional Healthcare Services (+\$82M)

### ▶ Priority 2: **Mental Health** +\$185 million in support of Opioid abuse and suicide prevention

### ▶ Priority 3: **Dental** +\$180 million

### ▶ Priority 4: **Alcohol & Substance Abuse** +\$175 million

For Opioid abuse, prevention and treatment; Rehabilitation for alcohol related illness

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## Summary of Funding Priorities (+36%)

- ▶ Priority 5: **Health Care Facilities Construction** +\$303 million
- ▶ Priority 6: **Maintenance & Improvement** +\$27 million
- ▶ Priority 7: **Sanitation Facilities Construction** +\$77 million
- ▶ Priority 8: **Urban Health** +\$46 million
- ▶ Priority 9: **Community Health Representatives** +\$91.7 million
- ▶ Priority 10: **Indian Health Professions** +\$25.6 million

# FY 2021 Area National Budget Recommendation

## Hot Topics

- ▶ Hot Topic 1: *Fully Fund the Indian Health Service (\$32 billion)*
  - *Seek commitment to phase-in full funding over 12 years*
  - *Secure advanced appropriations for the IHS*
  - *Secure mandatory appropriations for the IHS*
  - *Increase HCFC in FY 2021, +\$303 million for Priority Projects (5 year plan)*
  - *Increase OEHE in FY 2021, +\$117 million for OEHE operations & to implement new HCFC priority system*
  - *Implement statewide CHSDA for Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota*
  - *Increase M&I in FY 2021, +\$27 million to reduce backlog of deferred maintenance*

# FY 2021 Area National Budget Recommendation

## Hot Topics

- ▶ Hot Topic 1: *(Continued)*
  - *Increase Equipment in FY 2021, +\$5 million*
  - *Change IHS annual estimate for New Staffing from \$75 million to \$125 million.*
  - *Increase Urban Health in FY 2021, +\$46 million*
  - *Address impacts of VA ending the use of VistA on IHS and determine resources required to replace or upgrade RPMS*
- ▶ Hot Topic 2: *Permanent reauthorization of SDPI and increase funding to \$200 million per year*
- ▶ Hot Topic 3: *Support CHR and Health Education program increases & implement National Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)*

# FY 2021 Area National Budget Recommendation

## Hot Topics

- ▶ Hot Topic 4: *Seek Tribal Correctional Health Care resources.*
- ▶ Hot Topic 5: *Continue major focus on Behavioral Health services; +\$10 million requested for Specialized Opioid Infant Care and Opioid prevention and treatment.*
- ▶ Hot Topic 6: *Enhance Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operated by Tribes. Change Medicaid fee-for-service rate to a non-capped rate.*
- ▶ Hot Topic 7: *Recruitment & Retention of Indian Health Professionals; +\$25 million request for Indian Health Professions line item.*
- ▶ Hot Topic 8: *Increase resources for Tribes impacted by Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) request +15 million in Health Education, Community Health Representatives, and Facility Support and Environmental Health Support.*