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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to provide an update on how the Indian Health Service (IHS) will move forward regarding the Urban Indian health budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 increase of \$2.875 million.

On March 23, the IHS sent a letter to Urban Indian Organization Leaders requesting input on the distribution of and principles for budget allocation methodologies regarding the \$2.875 million increase in accordance with the *Indian Health Service Policy on Conferring with Urban Indian Organizations*. I want to thank all of the Urban Leaders who submitted input through letters and e-mails. After consideration of the confer comments received and review of other distribution methodologies utilized by IHS, the Agency will move forward with distribution of the funds as outlined below:

FY 2015 Increase – Category	Total Amount	Percentage of Increase
Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHP) Funding:		
6 Outreach and Referral Programs - \$87,500/program	\$ 525,000	18.3%
27 Limited/Full Ambulatory Programs - \$75,000/program	\$ 2,025,000	70.4%
UIHP Emergency and Innovation Fund	\$ 200,000	7.0%
Cooperative Agreement	\$ 75,000	2.6%
UIHP Data Reporting	\$ 50,000	1.7%
Total	\$ 2,875,000	100%

With this distribution, 89% of the increased funds will be transferred on a non-recurring basis, directly, to the UIHP via the UIHP's contract. The outreach and referral programs will receive a slightly higher portion to support the growth and development of these programs.

The remaining 11% of the increase will be utilized for various support services for the UIHP. The IHS will establish an emergency fund for the UIHP in an amount of \$200,000. Similar to the Director's emergency fund to support Tribes, this fund will be a limited reserve to address UIHP emergencies and disaster relief. \$75,000 will be transferred to the Cooperative Agreement, currently awarded to the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH), to support travel of urban representatives to attend IHS advisory committee meetings and listening sessions. Lastly, \$50,000 will be dedicated to establishing a new data reporting system for UIHP by the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs.

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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