National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup’s Recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2020 IHS Budget

ALL TRIBES AND URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS CALL

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Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Recommendations

Partnering to Build a Strong and Sustainable Indian Health System:
Honoring Tribal Sovereignty to Fulfill the Federal Trust Responsibility

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To Change Outcomes, New Resources ARE Required: Recommend Phasing in FULL Funding of IHS of $36 Billion for Medical Care and Replacing & Modernizing Health System Infrastructure over 12 Years
I. Commit to fully fund IHS at $36 Billion phased in over 12 years

II. Increase the President’s Budget Request to a total of $7 billion for the IHS in FY 2020 by adding at a minimum:

- +$189.1 million for full funding of current services
- +$276.1 million for binding fiscal obligations
- +$1.5 billion for program increases for the most critical health issues (~36% above FY2017 Enacted).
Increase 36% over FY2017 IHS Enacted Budget: +$1.6 Billion
*Represents a Request of $7 Billion for IHS in FY2020*

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<th><strong>Recommended:</strong> +$189.1 Million</th>
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<td><strong>Binding Agreements:</strong></td>
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<td>• Health Care Facilities Construction Projects (Planned): +$83.3M</td>
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<td>• Staffing Costs for New Facilities (estimate): +$68.8M</td>
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<td>• New Tribes (estimate): +$0</td>
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<td><strong>Contract Support Costs (Estimate):</strong></td>
<td>+$100 Million</td>
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<td><strong>Program Increases (Total):</strong></td>
<td><strong>+$1.52 Billion</strong></td>
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<td>(Services: +$1.3M &amp; Facilities: +$220M)</td>
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**TOP 15 PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION:**

- Hospital & Clinics: +$409.0 Million
- Purchased/Referred Care: +$407.0 Million
- Mental Health: +$157.2 Million
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse: +$123.8 Million
- Dental Services: +$ 98.3 Million
- Health Care Facilities Construction/Other Authorities: +$ 81.4 Million
- Sanitation Facilities Construction: +$ 72.5 Million
- Urban Indian Health: +$ 32.7 Million
- Maintenance & Improvement: +$ 32.5 Million
- Equipment: +$ 24.1 Million
- Public Health Nursing: +$ 21.9 Million
- Health Education: +$ 20.0 Million
- Community Health Representatives (CHR) s: +$ 18.9 Million
- Indian Health Professions: +$ 16.2 Million
- Direct Operations: +$ .6 Million
III. Support the Preservation of Medicaid, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and other Indian-specific provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-48)

IV. Fund Critical Infrastructure Improvements which impact patient care including

- Health IT
- Health Facilities and Construction Funding and Equipment

V. Advocate that Tribes and Tribal programs be permanently exempt from sequestration
VI. Support Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service

VII. Allow federally-operated health facilities and IHS headquarters the same flexibility to adjust programmatic funds across accounts to maximize efficiency and effective use of federal dollars at the local level

VIII. Support funding of Tribes outside of a grant-based system
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