



Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to share the Indian Health Service (IHS) fiscal year (FY) 2021 Urban Indian Health Budget Report (FY 2021 Report).

The FY 2021 Report provides financial transparency and accountability of the Urban Indian Health Budget line. The Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) 2017-2021 Strategic Plan recommended increasing transparency for funds allocated to Urban Indian Health Programs.<sup>1</sup> The FY 2021 Report also aligns with the IHS's strategic goal, to improve communication with Urban Indian Organizations and other stakeholders, including the public.<sup>2</sup> In an effort to meet these goals, the FY 2021 Report identifies funds distribution by the OUIHP and IHS Area Offices for program administration, contract and grant awards, health information technology, and Urban Indian Health initiatives that build capacity to improve quality of care in Urban Indian communities.

Enclosed is a copy of the FY 2021 Report for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Mueller, Acting Director, OUIHP, IHS, by telephone at (301) 892-1746 or by e-mail at [rick.mueller@ihs.gov](mailto:rick.mueller@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: OUIHP – FY 2021 Budget to Support UIOs

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<sup>1</sup> IHS 2017–2021 Office of Urban Indian Health Programs Strategic Plan, Goal 2, Objective 2.2 (Sept. 6, 2016), available at [https://www.ihs.gov/sites/urban/themes/responsive2017/display\\_objects/documents/IndianHealthServiceOfficeofUrbanIndianHealthProgramsStrategicPlan.pdf](https://www.ihs.gov/sites/urban/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/IndianHealthServiceOfficeofUrbanIndianHealthProgramsStrategicPlan.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> IHS Strategic Plan FY 2019-2023, Goal 3, Objective 3.1 (Feb. 27, 2019), available at <https://www.ihs.gov/strategicplan/>.