Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

## September 12, 2023

Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to share the Indian Health Service (IHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget to Support Urban Indian Organizations (FY 2022 Budget Report).

The purpose of the FY 2022 Budget Report is to provide financial transparency and accountability for the Urban Indian Health Budget line. This aligns with the IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) 2023-2027 Strategic Plan recommendations to increase the transparency of funds allocated to Urban Indian Health Programs. <sup>1</sup> It also supports the IHS's strategic goal of improving communication with Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) and other stakeholders, including the public. <sup>2</sup>

In order to meet these goals, the FY 2022 Budget Report details funds distribution by the OUIHP and IHS Area Offices. These funds have already been allocated for program administration, contract and grant awards, health information technology, and Urban Indian Health initiatives aimed at improving the quality of care in Urban Indian communities.

I have enclosed the FY 2022 Budget Report for your convenience. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Rose Weahkee, Ph.D., Director, OUIHP, IHS. She can be reached by telephone at (240) 994-9361, or by e-mail at rose.weahkee@ihs.gov.

We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment to delivering high-quality health care services to our communities.

Sincerely,

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Roselyn Tso Director

Enclosure: OUIHP - FY 2022 Budget to Support UIOs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IHS 2023–2027 Office of Urban Indian Health Programs Strategic Plan, Pillar 1, Objective 1 (January, 2023), available at

https://www.ihs.gov/sites/newsroom/themes/responsive2017/display objects/documents/2023 Letters/DTLL DUIO LLL 060523 Enclosure.pdf.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  IHS Strategic Plan FY 2019-2023, Goal 3, Objective 3.1 (July 9, 2019), available at  $\underline{\text{https://www.ihs.gov/strategicplan/}}.$