

Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to you to announce the new solicitation for the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Indian Health Service (IHS) Long-Term Care Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP)**. This IHS FY 2025 JVCP is exclusively for long-term care facilities. The Phase 1 Application deadline is **April 10, 2025**.

The authorization for the JVCP is in Section 818(e) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, P.L. 94-437, and codified at 25 U.S.C. 1680h(e).

Under a JVCP agreement, a federally recognized Tribe or Tribal Organization expends Tribal, private, or other available non-IHS funds for the acquisition or construction of a long-term care skilled nursing facility or home that meets the IHS planning, environmental review, sustainability, design, and construction requirements. In exchange, the IHS will request that Congress fund the staffing and operations of the long-term health care facility under a nocost, 20-year lease.

The application kit for long term care JVCP, is available on the IHS Web site at https://www.ihs.gov/sites/dfpc/FY2025Long-TermCareJVCPApplicationKit. Additional information can be found at https://www.ihs.gov/dfpc/programs/#jvcp.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim White, P.E., Division of Facilities Planning and Construction, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-1851 or by email at <u>jim.white@ihs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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