



May 21, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer to seek your guidance and recommendations on funding methodologies for seven Indian Health Service (IHS) behavioral health initiatives, focusing on funds currently distributed through grants.

President Biden’s December 6, 2023-dated Executive Order 14112, “*Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations To Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination*,” directs Federal agencies to implement reforms to Federal funding and support programs to make them more accessible, flexible, and equitable. In accordance with Executive Order 14112, the IHS Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) is evaluating Agency-wide processes for distributing appropriated funding for behavioral health initiatives.

In fiscal year (FY) 2024, the IHS administers more than \$59 million in behavioral health initiatives funding, including the seven grant programs listed below.

CURRENT DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM FUNDING	
Program	Appropriated Funding
Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention (SASP) 1. Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Aftercare 2. Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention	\$31,975,137
Domestic Violence Prevention Program (DVP) 1. Domestic Violence Prevention 2. Forensic Healthcare Services	\$14,967,278
Behavioral Health Integration Initiative (BH2I)	\$7,179,435
Zero Suicide Initiative (ZSI)	\$3,600,000
Youth Regional Treatment Centers Aftercare (YRTC)	\$1,800,000
Total Funding Amount	\$59,521,850

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Please make plans to join us for a virtual Tribal Consultation on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, and Urban Confer on Thursday, June 20, 2024, to discuss behavioral health initiative funding distribution. Session details follow.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION	
DATE:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
TIME:	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., ET
ZOOM:	Please register in advance for this session at: https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdO2qrjgoE7Oz1IyDjCXB7XHHUbcYDUk#/registration

URBAN CONFER	
DATE:	Thursday, June 20, 2024
TIME:	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., ET
ZOOM:	Please register in advance for this session at: https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIscoqgj8vHM0Yez5_JHk6ezJ3HvIkL6Y

Please email your written comments and recommendations. Consultation comments should be directed to consultation@ihs.gov. Confer comments should be directed to urbanconfer@ihs.gov. Use the **SUBJECT LINE** that follows: **IHS Behavioral Health Initiative Funding**.

The comment submission deadline for both the Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer is on **Monday, July 22, 2024**.

I look forward to your feedback on the distribution of behavioral health initiative funding. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Glorinda Segay, Director, DBH, IHS, at glorinda.segay@ihs.gov. Thank you for your valuable input, partnership, and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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