



December 26, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to inform you the Indian Health Service (IHS) will proceed with the competitive grant funding distribution method for the Community Opioid Intervention and Prevention Program (COIPP).

On December 18, 2023, the IHS released a Notice of Funding Opportunity to award \$9.5 million for new and existing grantees to better combat the opioid epidemic. In March 2024, COIPP grant awards were placed on hold while IHS explored the possibility of implementing a different funding mechanism in order to align with 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.*" Since that time, the IHS reviewed potential options to change the funding mechanism to a Tribal shares allocation distribution method. After careful deliberations, I have made the decision that the IHS will continue funding the COIPP through the current competitive grants process and not pursue a Tribal shares allocation distribution method.

**Funding:** The IHS receives \$11 million annually for the COIPP. We have designated \$9.5 million for grants, which includes funds for Tribes and a set-aside for Urban Indian Organizations. The remaining \$1.5 million is allocated for IHS headquarters national management.

**FY 2024 Funding Amounts:** In the coming weeks, we will notify selected grantees of their awards for the Fiscal Year 2024 COIPP.

If you have questions about COIPP-specific programming, please contact Glorinda Segay, D.B.H., Director, Division of Behavioral Health, IHS, by email at [glorinda.segay@ihs.gov](mailto:glorinda.segay@ihs.gov). For questions about COIPP grant management issues, please contact Ms. Marsha Brookins, Director, Division of Grants Management, IHS, by email at [dgm@ihs.gov](mailto:dgm@ihs.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership with IHS on the important work of opioid prevention and treatment in the Tribal communities that we serve.

Sincerely,

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