

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Public Health Service

Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

January 12, 2024

Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate Urban Confer to seek your guidance and recommendations on the potential implementation of \$250 million included in the Administration's recent supplemental request to support funding for fentanyl and opioid abuse prevention, treatment, recovery services, and harm reduction interventions. Congress has not taken action on the enactment of this potential funding. If enacted, this potential funding would be used to combat the ongoing fentanyl and opioid crises in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Your input is essential to inform Agency planning related to potential allocation methodologies in anticipation of potential action by Congress on the supplemental funding.

Please make plans to join us for a virtual Urban Confer on the proposed supplemental funding request on **Friday, February 2, 2024**. Session details follow:

DATE:	Friday, February 2, 2024
TIME:	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., EST
TELEPHONE:	(833) 568-8864 (Toll Free) Meeting ID: 161 570 6994 Passcode: 064807
	https://ihs- gov.zoomgov.com/j/1615706994?pwd=TUR3VzZWb2ZKYkdtRVF5VGNsd1dT Zz09

I encourage you to e-mail your written comments to <u>urbanconfer@ihs.gov</u>, with the following **SUBJECT LINE: Supplemental Request for Fentanyl and Opioid Abuse Funding**. The comment submission deadline for this Urban Confer is **Monday March 4, 2024**.

Thank you for your valuable input, partnership, and ongoing support. Should you have questions about the Urban Confer or related matters, please directly contact Ms. Jillian Curtis, Chief Financial Officer, IHS, by e-mail, at jillian.curtis@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

-S Digitally signed by Roselyn Tso -S Date: 2024.01.12 14:18:44 -05'00'

Roselyn Tso Director