



May 21, 2026

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to share important news regarding the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). The U.S. Congress has reauthorized SDPI funding at \$200 million for fiscal year (FY) 2026, representing an increase of \$41 million above the previous FY funding level. In addition, Congress provided \$50 million for the first three months of FY 2027, extending authorization through December 31, 2026.

This reauthorization reflects the continued recognition of the significant impact SDPI has had in improving diabetes prevention and treatment outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

I also want to inform you that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has decided to award administrative supplements to the current 310 SDPI grant recipients for calendar year (CY) 2026, using one-time, unobligated (carryover) SDPI funding. The supplements will be 25 percent of each recipient's annual grant award amount and will be distributed in the next few weeks.

As a reminder, while the SDPI appropriation is funded on a federal FY cycle, SDPI grants are awarded on a CY cycle. Current SDPI grant recipients have already received funding for the first six months of CY 2026, covering January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. The remaining annual funding for CY 2026 is being awarded and will be available to grant recipients on or before June 30, 2026.

Considering the additional funding provided through the FY 2026 reauthorization, the IHS is planning to conduct Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer regarding the use of these additional SDPI funds. Information regarding this process will be forthcoming.

The IHS values our ongoing partnership with Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations and remains committed to supporting your efforts to address diabetes-related health disparities in Native communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Carmen Licavoli, Acting Director, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, by email at carmen.licavoli@ihs.gov.

Thank you for your continued leadership, partnership, and commitment to improving the health and well-being of Tribal communities.

Sincerely,

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