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IHS Invests Nearly \$136 million for Special Diabetes Program for Indians

The Indian Health Service is announcing an investment of nearly \$136 million in funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 [Special Diabetes Program for Indians](#) to provide diabetes treatment and prevention services for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Individual award amounts for the first budget year are anticipated to be between \$12,500 and \$7.5 million.

“We are excited about this new round of funding for Indian Country to address diabetes-related health issues in our American Indian and Alaska Native communities,” said Acting Director Elizabeth Fowler. “Since its inception in 1997, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians has helped to dramatically increase access to important diabetes treatment and prevention services throughout Indian Country. With this new round of funding, the IHS is committed to continuing its support for diabetes treatment and prevention for IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health programs.”

SDPI program sites have successfully implemented evidence-based and community driven strategies to prevent and treat diabetes within American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Using guidance from tribal leaders, the SDPI has also engendered a national diabetes network for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

SDPI continues to be a key factor in the improvements seen in diabetes-related health problems in American Indian and Alaska Native people, including reductions by at least one-half in the rates of new cases of diabetes-related kidney failure and eye disease. These outcomes show remarkable progress in the treatment and prevention of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The [IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention](#) provides programmatic leadership for the SDPI overall, as well as extensive training and resources, which are widely used by SDPI sites and clinicians across the country. Under the last competitive SDPI announcement, IHS made awards to 301 tribal, urban, and IHS SDPI program sites in 35 states.

The SDPI Fiscal Year 2023 application is available on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Applicants have until October 7, 2022 to submit their SDPI applications.

The IHS, an agency in the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](https://www.hhs.gov), provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to [574 federally recognized tribes](https://www.ihs.gov) in 37 states. Follow the agency via social media on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IHS), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/IHS), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ihs).

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