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IHS awards \$15 million for eight tribal health facilities

The Indian Health Service has awarded funding totaling \$15 million to eight tribes and tribal organizations as part of a competitive [Small Ambulatory Program](#) to fund construction, expansion or modernization of small ambulatory health care facilities.

“Small ambulatory health care facilities are an important part of the Indian health system,” said Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, principal deputy director of the IHS. “The IHS Small Ambulatory Program is a way to help our tribal partners expand access to quality health care for American Indian and Alaska Native people.”

The following tribes and tribal organizations received funding:

Recipient	Location	Amount	Type of Project
Central Valley Indian Health	Prather, California	\$2,000,000.00	New Clinic
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe	Fort Hall, Idaho	\$2,000,000.00	New Clinic
Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments	Arctic Village, Alaska	\$2,000,000.00	Replacement Clinic
Native Village of Kwinhagak (YKHC)	Quinhagak, Alaska	\$2,000,000.00	Replacement Clinic
Kickapoo Tribe	McLoud, Oklahoma	\$2,000,000.00	Expansion
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Okmulgee, Oklahoma	\$2,000,000.00	Expansion
Sac and Fox Nation	Stroud, Oklahoma	\$2,000,000.00	Expansion
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Seattle, Washington	\$1,000,000.00	Expansion and Modernization

The IHS Small Ambulatory Program supports tribes that are working to expand access to various outpatient services for patients. This includes offering new services, expanding existing services, and upgrading outdated facilities. Since the program began in 2001, more than 49 projects have been funded, totaling more than \$74 million.

IHS [Office of Environmental Health and Engineering](#) supports IHS and tribal communities by providing functional, well maintained health care facilities and staff housing, technical and financial assistance to tribes on safe water and wastewater systems, and a broad range of environmental health and injury prevention activities throughout Indian Country.

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