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IHS Awards Tribal Management Grants to Support Tribal Self-Determination

The Indian Health Service has awarded grants totaling nearly \$1 million to nine tribes and tribal organizations as part of a competitive program to develop and improve tribal capacity to manage health programs under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

“At IHS, we recognize that tribal leaders and members are in the best position to understand the health care needs and priorities of their communities,” said Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, principal deputy director of the IHS. “The IHS Tribal Management Grants are a way to help our tribal partners build health care management capacity and ensure the tools are in place for a successful transition of programs and services to tribal management.”

The [Tribal Management Grant Program](#) is designed to prepare tribes and tribal organizations for assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services and activities, and to further develop and improve their health management capabilities. The program consists of four project types with funding amounts and project periods: Feasibility Study; Planning; Evaluation Study; and Health Management Structure.

The following tribes and tribal organizations received funding:

Grant Recipient	City	State	Amount
Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.	Anchorage	AK	\$150,000
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Okmulgee	OK	\$150,000
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation	Sisseton	SD	\$150,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud	SD	\$49,000
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Nespelem	WA	\$129,486
Benewah Medical Center dba Marimn Health	Plummer	ID	\$100,000
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Port Angeles	WA	\$121,414
Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.	Alpine	CA	\$100,000
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Cusick	WA	\$50,000

The IHS [Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes](#) is responsible for a wide range of agency functions that are critical to the IHS' relationships with tribes and tribal organizations. They also coordinate and collaborate with the [Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee](#) to host a national forum for all tribal leaders to discuss best practices, partnerships, and resources to improve the Indian health care delivery system.

The IHS, an agency in the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. Our mission is to

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