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IHS awards funding to three urban Indian organizations through the 4-in-1 grant opportunity

The Indian Health Service [Office of Urban Indian Health Programs](#) has awarded grants totaling \$978,561 to three urban Indian organizations in Arizona, Maryland and Minnesota. These grants will make health care services more accessible for American Indians and Alaska Natives residing in urban areas and will support operations at urban health care facilities.

The 4-in-1 grant provides funding to urban Indian organizations to ensure the highest possible health status for urban Indians. Funding will be used to support four health program areas: health promotion and disease prevention services; immunization services; alcohol and substance abuse related services; and mental health services.

“These programs are integral components of the IHS health care delivery system and the grant funding will benefit thousands of urban Indian patients,” said IHS Principal Deputy Director Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee. “We look forward to continuing to address the health needs of urban Indians by partnering with urban Indian organizations to ensure that comprehensive, culturally appropriate personal and public health services are available and accessible.”

The IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs was established in 1976 to make health care services more accessible to urban Indians. IHS enters into limited, competing contracts and grants with 41 urban Indian non-profit organizations to provide health care and referral services for urban Indians throughout the United States. Urban Indian organizations define their services based upon the service population, health status, and documented unmet needs of the urban Indian communities they serve. Urban Indian organizations provide health care services for urban Indians who do not have access to the resources offered through IHS or tribally operated health care facilities because they do not live on or near a reservation. For additional information about the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, visit <https://www.ihs.gov/Urban/>.

The following urban Indian organizations received funding:

Grantee Name	City	State	Amount
Native American Connections	Phoenix	AZ	\$200,000
Native American Lifelines	Baltimore	MD	\$200,000
Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Inc.	Minneapolis	MN	\$578,561

In April 2019, [IHS also awarded 4-in-1 grants totaling more than \\$7.5 million to 30 urban Indian organizations across the country.](#)

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 raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. Follow the agency via social media on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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