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IHS Awards Tribal Management Grants to Support Tribal Self-Determination

The Indian Health Service has awarded grants totaling more than \$1.1 million to 11 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.

“The tribal management grants are an example of how we are working with tribes and tribal organization to assist them to plan, evaluate or build capacity in assuming the responsibility of providing health care to their members and to operate and manage all or part of the health care programs or services previously provided by IHS,” said IHS Principal Deputy Director Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee. “The partnership between IHS and the tribes and tribal organizations we serve is critical to our success in providing access to quality health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

The [Tribal Management Grant Program](#) is designed to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist tribes and tribal organizations in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services, and activities through agreements under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act and to assist tribes and tribal organizations with existing agreements to further develop and improve their management capability. The Tribal Management Grant program consists of four project types with funding amounts and project periods. The project types include: Feasibility Study, Planning, Evaluation Study and Health Management Structure.

The following tribes and tribal organizations received funding:

- Benewah Medical Center, Plummer, Idaho, \$100,000
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon, \$100,000
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Hayward, Wisconsin, \$100,000
- Lawton Inter-Tribal Indian Health Board, Anadarko, Oklahoma, \$100,000
- Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota, Morton, Minnesota, \$100,000
- Lummi Nation, Bellingham, Washington, \$150,000
- Mathiesen Memorial Health Clinic, Jamestown, California, \$98,450
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, \$116,010
- Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Cedar City, Utah, \$100,000
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, \$69,997
- Skokomish Indian Tribe, Skokomish Nation, Washington, \$100,000

The IHS [Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes](#) provides information, technical assistance, and policy coordination in support of Indian self-determination. The ODSCT is the primary focal point for activities authorized by and implementation of Title I of the ISDEAA. The ODSCT provides agency leadership and advocacy for direct service tribes in the development of health policy program management and budget allocation and advises the IHS director and senior management on direct service tribes issues and concerns.

ODSCT also coordinates and collaborates 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 2.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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