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## IHS Awards Tribal Management Grants to Support Tribal Self-Determination

Today, the Indian Health Service [Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes](#) is announcing grants totaling \$250,000 to Ak-Chin Indian Community in Arizona and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. The grant is part of the [Tribal Management Grant Program](#) and used to develop and improve tribal capacity to manage health programs under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

The 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.

“These awards underscore the Indian Health Service’s commitment to Indian self-determination,” said IHS Acting Director Elizabeth Fowler. “We continue to work with tribes and tribal organizations interested in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs in support of the shared goal to provide quality health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

The IHS Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes serves as the primary liaison and advocate for tribes and tribal organizations participating in the Tribal Management Grant Program. The office 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. They also provide information, technical assistance, and policy coordination in support of Indian self-determination.

The following tribes received funding:

| Grant Recipient | City | State | Amount |
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| Ak-Chin Indian Community | Maricopa | AZ | \$100,000 |
| Rosebud Sioux Tribe      | Rosebud  | SD | \$150,000 |

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

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