



To: All Area Directors

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Subject: Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program Funding Availability to Indian Health Service Facilities

The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) has created the Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Program (SPIP) within the Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program (SASP). We are announcing a federal program award opportunity of up to ten awards. Each award will be between \$200,000 - \$250,000 for one year. New program awards will be made each subsequent year for a total of five years.

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. IHS facilities can accomplish these goals by: 1. Improving care coordination; 2. Expanding behavioral health care services through the use of culturally appropriate evidenced-based and practice models to address these issues; and, 3. Developing or expanding activities for the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) Initiative by implementing early intervention strategies for AI/AN youth at risk for suicidal behavior, in addition to any proposed activities for the adult population.

Attached to this memorandum are the objectives, eligibility criteria, and application details. Please send the application package to Pamela End of Horn, DSW, LICSW, National Suicide Prevention Consultant at Pamela.EndofHorn@ihs.gov by close of business, December 23, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. End of Horn at the email above or by telephone at (240) 406-6924.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in assisting us to focus on suicide prevention and substance abuse in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

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Attachment