



To: All Area Directors

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Subject: Zero Suicide Initiative Funding Availability to Indian Health Service Facilities

The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) plans to continue the Zero Suicide Initiative (ZSI) Federal Program. We are announcing the ZSI federal program award opportunity of up to ten awards. Each award will be between \$100,000 - \$150,000 for a total of five years.

This award represents a continuation of the IHS effort to implement the Zero Suicide approach in Indian Country. The purpose of this funding opportunity is for federal sites to focus solely on one of the Seven Elements of the Zero Suicide model as developed by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) at <https://zerosuicide.edc.org/toolkit/zero-suicide-toolkit>. Focus will be on the element of **Improve**: which focuses on applying a data-driven, quality improvement approach to inform system changes that will lead to improved patient outcomes and better care for those at risk.

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](mailto: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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