

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft

instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project:* The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and Native Hawaiian Health (NHH) Scholarship Programs Data Collection Worksheets (OMB No. 0915-0226)—Extension.

Under the NHSC and NHH Scholarship Programs, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians,

dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, and, if needed by the NHSC or NHH program, students of other health professions are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the Secretary under which the Public Health Service agrees to pay the total school tuition, required fees, other reasonable costs (ORC) and a stipend for living expenses. In exchange, the scholarship recipients agree to provide full-time services to medically needy communities.

In order to accurately determine the amount of scholarship support that students will need during their academic training, the Bureau of Health Professions must contact each scholar's school for an estimate of tuition, fees, and ORC. The Data Collection Worksheet collects these itemized costs for both resident and nonresident students.

Estimated burden hours:

HRSA form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Worksheet .....	600	1	600	.50	300

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: June 14, 2004.

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**Indian Health Service**

**Tribal Self-Governance Program Planning Cooperative Agreement; New Discretionary Funding Cycle for Fiscal Year 2004**

*Funding Opportunity Number:* HHS-IHS-TSGP-2004-001.

*CFDA Number:* 93.210.

**DATES:** Application Kits sent out—June 28, 2004;

Applications Due—August 2, 2004; Cost Analysis/Audit Reviews to Determine Eligibility—August 13, 2004;

Objective Review Committee to Evaluate Applications—August 19-20, 2004;

Project Start Date—September 15, 2004.

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

The purpose of the program is to award cooperative agreements that provide planning resources to Tribes interested in participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP) as authorized by Title V, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of Pub. L. 93-638, as amended. The TSGP is designed to promote self-determination by allowing Tribes to assume more control of Indian Health Service (IHS) programs and services through compacts negotiated with the IHS. The planning cooperative agreement allows a tribe to gather information to determine the current types and amounts of programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFAs), and funding available at the Service Unit, Area, and Headquarters levels and identify programmatic alternatives that will better meet the needs of tribal members.

**II. Award Information**

*Type of Award:* Cooperative Agreement.

*Estimated Funds Available:* The total amount identified for fiscal year (FY) 2004 is \$500,000 for approximately ten

(10) tribes to enter the TSGP planning process for compacts beginning in FY 2006 or calendar year 2006. Awards under this announcement are subject to the availability of funds.

*Anticipated Number of Awards:* The estimated number of awards to be funded is one to ten.

*Project Period:* 12 months.

*Award Amount:* \$50,000 per year.

*Substantial Programmatic Involvement:* IHS TSGP funds will be awarded as cooperative agreements and will have substantial programmatic involvement as follows:

- Research and analysis of the complex IHS budget, at the Service Unit, Area and Headquarters levels.
- Establishment of a basic understanding of IHS PSFAs operations at the Service Unit, Area, and Headquarters levels.
- Establishment of a process through which tribes can effectively approach IHS to identify programs and associated funding which could be incorporated into programs.
- Identification of IHS staff that will consult with applicants on methods used by IHS to manage and deliver health care.
- Provide applicants with a list of laws and regulations that provide authority for the various IHS programs.