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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Tribal Self-Governance Program; Planning Cooperative Agreement

Announcement Type: New.  
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number(s): 93.2 10.  
Key Dates:  
Application Deadline Date: August 15, 2008.  
Earliest Anticipated Start Date: September 1, 2008.

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 Public Law (Pub. L.) 93–638, as amended. There is limited competition under this announcement because the authorizing legislation restricts eligibility to Tribes that meet specific criteria (Refer to Section III.1.A., Eligible Applicants in this announcement). 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 of Programs, Services, Functions, and Activities (PSFAs), and related funding available at the Service Unit, Area, and Headquarters levels and provide the opportunity to improve and enhance the healthcare delivery system to better meet the needs of the Tribal community. This program is described at 93.210 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).

II. Award Information

Type of Awards: Cooperative Agreement.

Estimated Funds Available: The total amount identified for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 is $600,000 for approximately twelve (12) Tribes. Awards under this announcement are subject to the availability of funds.

Anticipated Number of Awards: The estimated number of awards to be funded is approximately 12.

Project Period: 12 months.

Award Amount: $50,000 per year.

Programmatic Involvement: TSGP funds will be awarded as cooperative agreements and will have substantial IHS programmatic involvement to establish a basic understanding of PSFAs and associated funding at the Service Unit, Area, and Headquarters levels.

The IHS roles and responsibilities will include:  
• Providing a description of PSFAs and associated funding at all levels, including funding formulas and methodologies related to determining Tribal shares.  
• Identifying IHS staff who will consult with applicants on methods currently used to manage and deliver health care.  
• Providing applicants with statutes, regulations and policies that provide authority for administering IHS programs.

The grantee roles and responsibilities are critical to the success of the program and will include:

• Researching and analyzing the complex IHS budget, to gain a thorough understanding of funding distribution at all levels to determine which PSFAs the Tribe may elect to assume.  
• Establishing a process by which Tribes can effectively approach the IHS to identify programs and associated funding which could be incorporated into their current programs.  
• Determining the Tribe’s share of each PSFA and evaluating the current level of health care services being provided to make an informed decision on new program assumption(s).

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for a Planning Cooperative Agreement under this announcement, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

A. Be a federally-recognized Tribe as defined in Title V, Pub. L. 106–260, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000, of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (the Act), Pub. L. 93–638, as amended. However, Alaska Native Villages or Alaska Native Village Corporations are not eligible if they are located within the area served.
by an Alaska Native regional health entity already participating in compact status (25 U.S.C. 458aaa-2(e)). Those Tribes not represented by a self-governance Tribal consortium compact, within their area, may still be considered to participate in the TSGP.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

The Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement announcement does not require matching funds or cost sharing to participate in the competitive grant process.

3. Other Requirements

The following documentation is required (if applicable):

A. This program is described at 93.210 in the CFDA.

B. Tribal Resolution—Submit a Tribal resolution from the governing body authorizing the submission of the application for the Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement. Tribal Consortia applying for a Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement shall submit Tribal Council Resolutions from each Tribe in the consortium. Draft resolutions, submitted with the application, are acceptable in lieu of an official signed resolution. However, an official signed Tribal resolution must be received by the Division of Grants Operations (DGO), Attn: John Hoffman, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP 360, Rockville, MD 20852, by Monday, August 25, 2008. If an official signed resolution is not received by Monday, August 25, 2008, the application will be considered incomplete and will be returned without consideration.

C. Demonstrate, for three fiscal years, financial stability and financial management capability, which is defined as no uncorrected significant and/or material audit exceptions in the required annual audit of the Indian Tribe’s self-determination contracts or self-governance funding agreements with any Federal agency. Applicants are required to submit a current version of the organization’s audit report. The applicants may scan the documents and attach them to the electronic application. If the applicant determines that the audit reports are too lengthy, the applicant may submit them separately via regular mail by the due date, August 15, 2008. Applicants, sending in audits via regular mail, must submit two copies of the audits for three previous fiscal years under separate cover directly to the Division of Grants Operations, Attn: John Hoffman, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP 360, Rockville, MD 20852, referencing the Funding Opportunity Number, HHS–2008–IHS–TSGP–0002, as prescribed by Pub. L. 98–502, the Single Audit Act, as amended (see OMB Circular A–133, revised June 24, 1997, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations), for the three previous fiscal years. If this documentation is not received by August 15, 2008, the application will be considered as incomplete and will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.

D. If application budgets exceed the stated dollar amount that is outlined within this announcement, the application will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Applicant package and detailed instructions for this announcement may be found in Grants.gov (http://www.grants.gov) or at: http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/gogp_funding.asp.

Information regarding the electronic application process may be directed to Michelle G. Bulls, at (301) 443–6290. Information regarding this announcement may also be found on the Office of Tribal Self-Governance Web site at: http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/SeIGovernance/index.cfm?module=planning_negotiation.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission:

• Be single spaced.
• Be typewritten.
• Have consecutively numbered pages.
• Use black type not smaller than 12 characters per one inch.
• Be printed on one side only of standard size 8 1/2” x 11” paper.
• Contain a narrative that does not exceed seven typed pages that includes the other submission requirements below. The seven page narrative does not include the work plan, standard forms, Tribal resolutions or letters of support (if necessary), table of contents, budget, budget justifications, narratives, and/or other appendix items.

Public Policy Requirements

All Federal-wide public policies apply to IHS grants with exception of the Lobbying and Discrimination public policy. Include Letter of Intent requirements under Public Policy Requirements.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by 12 midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST).

If technical challenges arise and the applicant is unable to successfully complete the electronic application process, the applicant should contact Michelle G. Bulls, Grants Policy Staff (GPS), fifteen days prior to the application deadline and advise of the difficulties that your organization is experiencing. The grantee must obtain prior approval, in writing (e-mails are acceptable) allowing the paper submission. If submission of a paper application is requested and approved, the original and two copies may be sent to the appropriate grants contact that is listed in Section IV.1. above.

Applications not submitted through Grants.gov, without an approved waiver, may be returned to the applicant without review or consideration. Late applications will not be accepted for processing, will be returned to the applicant, and will not be considered for funding.

4. Intergovernmental Review:

Executive Order 12372 requiring intergovernmental review is not applicable to this program.

5. Funding Restrictions:

A. Tribes are only eligible to be awarded one Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement award.

B. Each planning cooperative agreement shall not exceed $50,000. The available funds are inclusive of direct and appropriate indirect costs.

C. The available funds are inclusive of direct and indirect costs.

D. IHS will not acknowledge receipt of applications.

6. Other Submission Requirements:

The application must comply with the following:

A. Table of Contents.

B. Abstract (one page)—Summarizes the project.

C. Narrative (no more than 7 pages) and should include the following:

(1) Background information on the Tribe.

(2) Proposed scope of work, objectives, and activities that provide a description of what will be accomplished including a one-page Time Frame Chart.

D. Budget narrative and justification.

E. Tribal Resolution.

F. Appendices to include:

(1) Resumes or position descriptions of key staff.

(2) Contractors/Consultants resumes or qualifications and scope of work.

(3) Current Indirect Cost Agreement.

(4) Organizational Chart (Optional).

Electronic Submission—The preferred method for receipt of applications is electronic submission through Grants.gov. However, should any technical challenges arise regarding the submission, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1–800–518–4726 or support@grants.gov. The Contact...
Center hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST. If you require additional assistance please call (301) 443–6290 and identify the need for assistance regarding your Grants.gov application. Your call will be transferred to the appropriate grants staff member. The applicant must seek assistance at least fifteen days prior to the application deadline. Applicants that do not adhere to the timelines for Central Contractor Registry (CCR) and/or Grants.gov registration and/or requesting timely assistance with technical issues will not be a candidate for paper applications.

To submit an application electronically, please use the http://www.Grants.gov and select “Apply for Grants” link on the home page. Download a copy of the application package on the Grants.gov Web site, complete it offline and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to IHS.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Under the new IHS application submission requirements, paper applications are not the preferred method. However, if you have technical problems submitting your application on-line, please directly contact Grants.gov Customer Support at: http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport.
- Upon contacting Grants.gov, obtain a tracking number as proof of contact. The tracking number is helpful if there are technical issues that cannot be resolved and a waiver request from GPS must be obtained.
- If it is determined that a formal waiver is necessary, the applicant must submit a request, in writing (e-mails are acceptable), to Michelle.Bulls@ihs.gov that includes a justification for the need to deviate from the standard electronic submission process. Upon receipt of approval, a hard-copy application package must be downloaded by the applicant from Grants.gov and sent directly to John Hoffman, Division of Grants Operations (DGO), 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP 360, Rockville, MD 20852 by the due date, August 15, 2008.
- Upon entering the Grants.gov site, there is information available outlining the requirements to the applicant regarding electronic submission of an application through Grants.gov, as well as the hours of operation. We strongly encourage all applicants not to wait until the deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov as the time for the process for CCR and Grants.gov could take up to fifteen working days.

- To use Grants.gov, you, as the applicant, must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and register in the CCR. You should allow a minimum of ten working days to complete CCR registration. See below on how to apply.
  - You must submit all documents electronically, including all information typically included on the SF–424 and all necessary assurances and certifications.
  - Please use the optional attachment feature in Grants.gov to attach additional documentation that may be requested by IHS.
  - Your application must comply with any page limitation requirements described in the program announcement.
  - After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. The IHS DGO will retrieve your application from Grants.gov. The IHS DGO will not notify applicants that the application has been received.
  - You may access the electronic application for this program on http://www.Grants.gov.
  - You may search for the downloadable application package by either the CFDA number or the Funding Opportunity Number. Both numbers are identified in the heading of this announcement.
  - E-mail applications will not be accepted under this announcement.

DUNS Number

Applicants are required to obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal Government. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access http://www.dunandbradstreet.com or call 1–866–705–5711. Interested parties may wish to obtain their DUNS number by phone to expedite the process.

Applications submitted electronically must also be registered with the CCR. A DUNS number is required before CCR registration can be completed. Many organizations may already have a DUNS number. Please use the number listed above to investigate whether or not your organization has a DUNS number. Registration with the CCR is free of charge.

Applicants may register by calling 1–888–227–2423. Please review and complete the CCR Registration Worksheet located on http://www.grants.gov/CCRRegister. More detailed information regarding these registration processes can be found at http://www.grants.gov.

V. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

A. Goals and Objectives of the Project (30 Points)

Are the goals and objectives measurable; are they consistent with the purpose of the program and the needs of the people to be served, and are they achievable as demonstrated by the proposed time frame chart?

B. Methodology (20 Points)

Describe fully and clearly the methodology and activities that will be used to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project.

C. Management of Health Program(s) (10 Points)

Does the applicant propose an improved approach to managing the health program(s) and state/demonstrate how the delivery of quality health services will be maintained under self-governance?

D. Organizational Capabilities and Qualifications (25 Points)

Describe the organizational structure of the Tribe and their ability to manage the proposed project. Include resumes or position descriptions of key staff showing requisite experience and expertise and, where applicable, include resumes and scope of work for consultants that demonstrate experience and expertise relevant to the project.

E. Budget and Budget Justification (15 Points)

Submit a line-item budget with a narrative justification for all expenditures identifying reasonable and allowable costs necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives as outlined in the project narrative.

2. Review and Selection Process

In addition to the above criteria/requirements, applications are considered according to the following:

A. Application Submission

(1) The applicant and proposed project type is eligible in accordance with this cooperative agreement announcement.

(2) The applicant has not previously received a Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement award.
(3) Abstract, narrative, budget, required forms, appendices and other material submitted meet the requirements of the announcement allowing the review panel to undertake an in-depth evaluation.

B. Competitive Review of Eligible Applications

Applications meeting eligibility requirements that are complete, responsive, and conform to this program announcement will be reviewed for merit by the Objective Review Committee (ORC) appointed by the IHS to review and make recommendations on these applications. The review will be conducted in accordance with the IHS Objective Review Guidelines. The technical review process ensures selection of quality projects in a national competition for limited funding. Applications will be evaluated and rated on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed in Section V.1. The criteria are used to evaluate the quality of a proposed project, determine the likelihood of success, and assign a numerical score to each application. The scoring of approved applications will assist the IHS in determining which proposals will be funded if the amount of TSGP funding is not sufficient to support all approved applications. Applications recommended for approval, having a score of 60 or above by the ORC are forwarded to the DGO for cost analysis and further recommendation. The program official forwards the recommended approval list to the IHS Director for final review and approval. Applications scoring below 60 points will be disapproved.

Note: In making final selections, the IHS Director will consider the ranking factor and the status of the applicant’s three previous years’ single audit reports. The comments from the ORC will be advisory only. The IHS Director will make the final decision on awards.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

The Notice of Award (NoA) will be initiated by the DGO and will be mailed via postal mail to each entity that is approved for funding under this announcement. The NoA will be signed by the Grants Management Officer and this is the authorizing document for which funds are dispersed to the approved entities. The NoA will serve as the official notification of the grant award and will reflect the amount of Federal funds awarded, the purpose of the grant, the terms and conditions of the award, the effective date of the award, and the budget/project period.

The NoA is the legally binding document. Applicants who are approved but unfunded or disapproved based on their Objective Review score will receive a copy of the Final Executive Summary which identifies the weaknesses and strengths of the application submitted.

2. Administrative Requirements

Grants are administered in accordance with the following documents:

- This Program Announcement.
- Audit Requirements: OMB Circular A–133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.”

3. Indirect Costs

This section applies to all grant recipients that request reimbursement of indirect costs in their grant application. In accordance with HHS Grants Policy Statement, Part 11–27, IHS requires applicants to have a current indirect cost rate agreement in place prior to award. The rate agreement must be prepared in accordance with the applicable cost principles and guidance as provided by the cognizant agency or office. A current rate means the rate covering the applicable activities and the award budget period. If the current rate is not on file with the DGO at the time of award, the indirect cost portion of the budget will be restricted and not available to the recipient until the current rate is provided to DGO. Generally, indirect costs rates for IHS grantees are negotiated with the Office of Tribal Self-Governance Telephone No.: 301–443–7821 Fax No.: 301–443–1050 E-mail: matthew.johnson@ihs.gov.

2. Questions on grants management and fiscal matters may be directed to: John Hoffman, Grants Management Specialist Division of Grants Operations Telephone No.: 301–443–5204 Fax No.: 301–443–9602 E-mail: john.hoffman2@ihs.gov.

VIII. Other Information

The Public Health Service (PHS) strongly encourages all cooperative agreement and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and

4. Reporting

A. Progress Report. Program progress reports are required semi-annually. These reports must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the half year and will include a brief comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period, or, if applicable, provide sound justification for the lack of progress, and other pertinent information as required. A final report must be submitted within 90 days of expiration of the budget/project period.

B. Financial Status Report. Semiannual financial status reports must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the half year. Final financial status reports are due within 90 days of expiration of the budget/project period. Standard Form 269 (long form) will be used for financial reporting. The final SF–269 must be verified from the grantee’s records on how the value was derived. Grantees must submit reports in a reasonable period of time.

Failure to submit required reports within the time allowed may result in suspension or termination of an active grant, withholding of additional awards for the project, or other enforcement actions such as withholding of payments or converting to the reimbursement method of payment. Continued failure to submit required reports may result in one or both of the following: (1) the imposition of special award provisions; and (2) the non-funding or non-award of other eligible projects or activities. This applies whether the delinquency is attributable to the failure of the grantee organization or the individual responsible for preparation of the reports.

5. Telecommunication for the hearing impaired is available at: TTY 301–443–6394.

VII. Agency Contact(s)

1. Questions on the programmatic issues may be directed to: Matt Johnson, Policy Analyst Office of Tribal Self-Governance Telephone No.: 301–443–7821 Fax No.: 301–443–1050 E-mail: matthew.johnson@ihs.gov.

2. Questions on grants management and fiscal matters may be directed to: John Hoffman, Grants Management Specialist Division of Grants Operations Telephone No.: 301–443–5204 Fax No.: 301–443–9602 E-mail: john.hoffman2@ihs.gov.
promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Pub. L. 103–227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of the facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

Dated: July 2, 2008.

Robert G. McSwain,
Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; NHLBI-Patient Oriented Research (K23, 24, in 25) Career Enhancement Awards.

Date: July 22–23, 2008.
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: Crystal City Courtyard Marriott, 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Keary A Cope, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch/DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7190, Bethesda, MD 20892–7924, (301) 435–2222, copeka@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Mentored Clinical Scientist Development and Independent Scientist Awards.

Date: July 22–23, 2008.
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: Crystal City Courtyard Marriott, 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Gina Dach, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch/DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7200, Bethesda, MD 20892–7924, 301–435–0297, dasr2@nhlbi.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 26, 2008.
Jennifer Spaeth,
Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council will meet on July 29 and July 30, 2008.

A portion of the meeting will be open and will include discussion of the Center’s policy issues, and current administrative, legislative and program developments.

The meeting will also include the review, discussion, and evaluation of grant applications. Therefore a portion of the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator. SAMHSA, and in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Section 10(d).

Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. Public comments are welcome. Please communicate with the CSAP National Advisory Council Designated Federal Official, Tia Haynes (see contact information below), to make arrangements to attend, to comment or to request special accommodations for persons with disabilities.

Substantive program information, a summary of the meeting, and a roster of Committee members may be obtained either by accessing the SAMHSA Committee’s Web site at http://www.samhsa.gov/council/csap/csapnac.aspx as soon as possible after the meeting, or by contacting Ms. Haynes. The transcript for the open portion of the meeting will also be available on the SAMHSA Committee’s Web site within three weeks after the meeting.

Committee Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council

Date/Time/Type: July 29, 2008, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Open. July 30, 2008, From: 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Open. From: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Closed.

Place: 1 Choke Cherry Road, Sugarloaf and Seneca Conference Rooms, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

For Further Information Contact: Tia Haynes, Designated Federal Official, SAMHSA/CSAP National Advisory Council, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 4–1066, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (240) 276–2436; FAX: (240) 276–2430, E-mail: tia.haynes@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Toian Vaughn,
Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) National Advisory Council will meet on July 31, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting will include discussion and evaluation of grant applications reviewed by Initial Review Groups. Therefore, the meeting will be closed to