

# AL TSA/DDA/BHA IPAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Administrations and Divisions:

*Home & Community Services (HCS), Residential Community Services (RCS), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA),*

*Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), Office of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ODHH)*

April 14, 2020 from 9 a.m. – noon

In-Person Locations (other locations available upon request: AL TSA Headquarters,  
4450 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Lacey, WA.

Port Angles CSO

Please register for IPAC Subcommittee AL TSA/BHA/DDA on April 14, 2020  
starting at 9:00 AM PST at:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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## Welcome and Introductions – Office of Indian Policy Dr. Marie Natrall/Brenda Francis-Thomas

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- Invocation
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- Roll Call

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## Aging and Long-Term Services Administration – Marietta Bobba; Ann Dahl

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- Tribal Initiative Updates
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  - Makah Tribe
  - Lummi Nation
  - American Indian Community Center

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- Northwest Training Partnership contracts with Tribes
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- State budget and legislative updates
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  - [DDA Contracts available to Tribes](#). See Contracting and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
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## Closing

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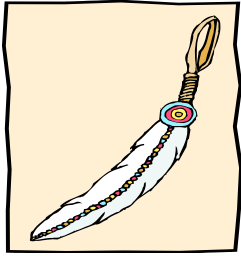
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Next meeting is on May 12, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Present	Attendee	Role		Present	Attendee	Role
X	Ann Dahl	AL TSA Tribal Initiative Project Manager		X	Justin Chan	DDA Co-Chair Statewide Tribal Liaison
X	Brenda Francis-Thomas	DSHS Office of Indian Policy Region 3 North		X	Marilyn Scott	Upper Skagit Tribe
X	Zephyr Forrest	DSHS BHA		X	Tim Collins	DSHS OIP
X	Marietta Bobba	DSHS AL TSA Tribal Liaison		X	Tyron Friday	Nisqually Tribe
X	Marie Natrall	DSHS OIP		X	Debbie Anderson	DSHS AL TSA

X	Loni Greninger	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe		X	Charlene Meneely	Quileute Tribe
X	Jeremy Monson	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe		X	Alex Graham	DSHS AL TSA
X	Marissa Morken	Squaxin Island Tribe		X	Regina Brown	
X	Victoria LaFromboise	AICC Consultant		X	Ashely Hesse	Indigenous Pact

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Aging and Long-Term Services Administration – Marietta Bobba; Ann Dahl

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- **Covid-19 check-in:** Materials were shared about flexibility in Older American Act funding (attached). The WA Department of Commerce has funding available for each tribe. Application notice was shared (attached). The federal government also has public health fund available in a non-competitive grant (attached).
- **Tribal Initiative Updates**
  - Squaxin Island Tribe: Report unavailable due to technical difficulties
  - Nisqually Tribe: The tribe continues to work with the AIHC to develop a community survey. The survey will get feedback from the community. Listening sessions have been delayed. A tribal trainer will provide a Wisdom Warriors training. There will also be Diabetes training. A new tribal assister position will be hired and cross-trained in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements. The tribe is nearing completion of the FQHC and will be putting contracts in place. The tribe will start working with HCA to discuss challenges with NEMT and other contactors.
  - Makah Tribe: no report.
  - Lummi Nation: no report
  - American Indian Community Center: no report, on bereavement leave.
- CMS has approved the extension of existing contracts into 2021. Any MFPTI contractor that wants to renegotiate their contract should contact Ann Dahl or Marietta Bobba.
- **Adult Protective Services Check-In:** Last month, IPAC subcommittee representatives requested an APS staff person attend the meeting. Due to the changes in work practices as a result of COVID-19, that was not scheduled. AL TSA staff will reach out to APS to join the May meeting.
- **Northwest Training Partnership Contracts with Tribes:** Discussion have been on-hold due to pandemic. AL TSA has been in discussion with DSHS OIP about arranging trainings for NWTP and the new Consumer Directed Employer. Discussions will continue in the fall. GOIA and DSHS OIP trainings will be offered to increase both organizations awareness and cultural competence.
- **Background Check update and next steps:** Alec Graham (AL TSA). During the past year, a workgroup was formed to review the state background check process for long-term care workers and how automatically disqualifying crimes impact tribal communities. The background check workgroup reviewed all disqualifying crimes included in both WAC and RCW. When a crime is disqualifying under RCW, AL TSA does not have the authority to waive it or make exceptions. Conversely, when a crime is disqualifying only under WAC and

not by RCW, AL TSA could consider making an exception through a future waiver process. However, the workgroup found almost all of the disqualifying crimes are required by RCW and only small number were only required by WAC. Further, the workgroup noted that number of individuals disqualified by crimes required only by WAC was relatively low. The workgroup also reviewed Oregon and Alaska waiver policies along with procedures used by the WA Department of Children Youth and Families. The consensus of the workgroup was that the development of a waiver process only for those disqualifying crimes required by WAC would be insufficient to address the original concerns raised by tribal partners. Tribal communities will need to seek statutory revisions to existing RCW in order to make meaningful changes to the rules on disqualifying crimes for long-term care workers. Recommendations from the workgroup will be distributed to the subcommittee. AL TSA is requesting that the next meeting include broad tribal representation to ensure that next steps are representative of common challenges and needs. DSHS OIP will work with AL TSA to schedule a meeting. If there are tribes interested in pursuing a statutory change to RCWs regarding disqualifying crimes, AL TSA is willing to work with tribes to develop necessary changes.

- **State budget and legislative updates:** The Tribal Leader budget letter was reviewed (attached). Additionally, the following legislative outcomes were:

**Nursing Facilities (SB 6168 and SB 6515)** – From January 2017 through December 2019, 19 nursing facilities in Washington closed or converted to Assisted Living Facilities. Why nursing facilities close is complicated; however, we believe all these facilities were struggling financially and Medicaid rates are part of the equation. In the 2020, legislative session, AL TSA proposed a nursing facility bill that ultimately did not pass. However, funding in the budget bill (SB 6168) would adjust nursing facility Medicaid payment rates based on inflation. (\$18.8M GF-S; \$37.6M Total Funds). Additionally, SB 6515 passed which includes technical corrections for Residential Care Services work that: align state and federal survey processes and address the 24/7 RN exception process.

#### **The Home Care Agency Vendor Rate bill (HB 2380):**

- Allows the home care agency vendor rate calculation to reflect the average home care agency employer tax rate.
- Adds employer premiums for the state Paid Family and Medical Leave Act to the premiums addressed in the home care agency vendor rate calculation.
- Clarifies language in how rate parity between home care agencies and individual providers of home care services relates to changes in benefits.
- Repeals electronic timekeeping requirements that are inconsistent with federal law. This will allow federally required electronic visit verification to be the single authority for this activity.

Home care agencies are a critical provider in the long-term services and supports continuum. They provide assistance with activities of daily living in individual’s own homes. Things like assistance with bathing, dressing, eating, mobility that allow individuals to remain at home. We are happy to see that this bill is continuing to move through the process this session. Funding offered in budget bill SB 6168 - (\$439,000 GF-S; \$1.0M Total Funds) including the employer portion of the Paid Family Medical Leave Act. There is no cost for repealing electronic timekeeping.

**Adult Protective Services (SB 5338/JB 1422)** – unfortunately this bill did not pass again this session. If passed, the bill would have:

- Provided an opportunity for some people with final substantiated findings to be removed from the Aging and Disability Services Abuse Registry and return to the long-term care workforce. Currently a person with a final substantiated finding is precluded from working in the long-term care system. Creating a petition process whereby some individuals can be removed from the registry builds fairness into the system and may help increase the number of qualified workers in the long-term care system.
- Clarifies the definition of abuse to include actions of people who knew or should have known their conduct was likely to harm a vulnerable adult and proposed language recognizes accidental and protective actions as not being “abuse.”
- Provides technical changes to the abuse of vulnerable adults chapter that:
  - Ensures the continued working partnership between the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and its employees as mandated reporters.
  - Authorizes DSHS to acknowledge a report and outcome of an investigation with caveats to ensure protection of the vulnerable adult.
  - Provides a quality assurance review process similar to that in Child Protective Services and hospitals.
  - Allows DSHS to request and obtain coroner’s reports.

DSHS may run this legislation again next session.

**Expanding Adult Family Homes from six to eight beds (HB 1023):**

This bill allows adult family homes across Washington to expand from six to eight beds, assuming the proper criteria is met. This is a positive thing in terms of the capacity to serve individuals in the setting of their choice.

**Long-Term Care Worker Safety (SB 6205):**

Home care agencies and the Consumer Directed Employer (CDE) must adopt and maintain a comprehensive written policy about how they will address instances of discrimination, abusive conduct, and challenging behavior by July 1, 2021. Beginning July 1, 2021, home care agencies and the CDE must implement a plan to prevent and protect employees from abusive conduct, assist employees working in environments with challenging behavior, and work to resolve issues impacting the provision of personal care.

- **Voices of Children** deadline has been extended to June 1, 2020.
- **Strategic Plan Goals:** Success measures were reviewed. Goals and success measures will be continued in the updated strategic plan.
- The two strategic plan success measures for 2019 were:
  1. Success Measure 2.12.1: Procure and sign at least three contracts to benefit AI/ANs elders, veterans and adults with disabilities by June of 2020.
    - A number of contracts and MOU’s have been completed or in discussion since 2017. This measure is across the aging network so tribal agreements are with a variety of state entities.
  2. Success Measure 2.12.2: Identify and implement increased federal financial participation for a minimum of one long-term services and supports contract provided by a tribe by June 2020.



- The Colville Tribe convalescent center has been approved for an enhanced federal reimbursement rate through a state plan amendment. The Colville Tribe, Empire Foundation, Health Care Authority and DSHS ALTA worked together to provide CMS with the necessary documentation to support an enhanced rate.
- The Makah Tribe has entered into a Health Home contract reimbursed at the federal encounter rate.

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## [Behavioral Health Administration – Zephyr Forest, BHA Tribal Liaison](#)

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## **Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response (*non-competitive grant*)**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-OT20-2004

Deadline: May 31, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325942>

Description: To support tribal public health emergency response to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is announcing a new, non-competitive grant CDC-RFA-OT20- 2004 Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response. To carry out public health emergency response activities in response to COVID-19, CDC is awarding at least \$40,000,000 of initial funding to federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations that contract or compact with the Indian Health Service under Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, or consortia of these tribes, or their bona fide agents. **All federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, consortia of federally recognized tribes, or their bona fide agents should apply now to be considered for subsequent funding through this announcement to carry out public health emergency response activities in response to COVID-19.** This funding and future funding is intended to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities for COVID-19.

Point of Contact: [TribalCOVIDInfo@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalCOVIDInfo@cdc.gov)

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From: Bobba, Marietta (DSHS/ALISA)  
To: DSHS\_DL\_OIP\_ADB\_Subcommittee; Bendixen, Becky; Audy, Smith; "Amy Loudermilk"; Andrew Burdette; Ashley (DSHS/Contact); Barbara Juarez; Dahl, Ann (DSHS/ALISA); Dean, Jessie M. (HCA); Deisen, Lauderback (Deisen.Lauderback@shwa.org); DSHS\_OIP\_Staff; Duncan, Marilyn; Ed Fox Ph. D. (edfox@shsdcad.com); Egan, Elizabeth (DSHS/Contact); Elizabeth.Tal.lesall@owfz.org; Eaye Smith (EayeSmith@seawall.us); IndigenousPact; Jennifer Brookes (Jbrookes@seattleu.edu); Jessica Juarez-Wagner; Julie White (JulieWhite@shsdcad.com); "Kate Clark"; Kerstin Powell; Kresnow, Kim (KPOW); Larry Burgess (LarryBurgess@shsdcad.com); Melissa Morken (mmorken@shsdcad.com); "Mary Holmes (mmholmes@seattleu.edu)"; Wood, Maureen (DSHS/Contact); "Merrisa Corbin (mcorbin@seattleu.edu)"; "Cathy Sharon (DSHS/Contact)"; Thomas, Shawn (DSHS); "Sharon Brink"; Smith, Veronica (DOI); "Lowe, Vicki (DOI)"; Alderete, Patricia (DSHS/DOA); Alford, Webb, Dana (DSHS/ALISA/HCS); Anita James (anitam@familyss.org); Bobba, Marietta (DSHS/ALISA); Wilson, Candice (DOI); Chastity Jeffries (chastityj@familyss.org); Cheryl Sanders (CherylS@familyss.org); Delaplaine, Geene L (DSHS/ALISA/HCS); "Grom, Debbie (dgrom@familyss.org)"; Geene, Aimee (DSHS/DOA/OIP); Jill McCormick (jillmccormick@familyss.org); Kaitlyn Drury (kdrury@familyss.org); Kiyoti Leslie (DSHS/DOA); Krista Jo A. Marie (kjoa@familyss.org); Lalisha Toby (lalisha@familyss.org); Linda J. Porter; "Lisean Beale, Washington (lbeale@familyss.org)"; Lucella L. Olsen (lolsen@familyss.org); Lucetta M. Bova (lbova@familyss.org); "Nasser, Katie E. (Nasser.Katie@familyss.org)"; "Nash, Shannon (DSHS/DOA)"; Theresa Lena (tlen@familyss.org); "Tanya Adelia Kinney (tkinney@familyss.org)"; Wood, Kelsey A. (WoodK@familyss.org); Woodrich, Fernando, Melody (DSHS/NWAAA); Zach Jacobson (zjacobson@familyss.org)  
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Hello everyone,  
I hope you are well and safe. The annual Voices of Children contest deadline has been moved to June 1, 2020. The updated form is attached.  
Thank you,



The 2020 Voices of Children – Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives Contest flyers are ready for you. Please see the attached flyer.

Tremendous gratitude goes to Tammara and the staff of Family Education and Support Services who have run this successful contest now for 17 years!

**Exciting news**, there will once again be a free night for each contest winner at Great Wolf Lodge for a family of four, in addition to the \$100 check from TwinStar Credit Union. The contest entries must be postmarked by **June 1, 2020**. Entries can be submitted now.

Please help spread the word by your various creative means. You may want to distribute flyers to schools, youth programs, faith communities, health clinics, support groups, housing organizations, food banks, etc. If you have had success with other organizations, please let us know.

We hope to get a record number of entries. The drawings, poems and stories by children and youth 5-19 about their experiences living with their relatives are so powerful and greatly increase the awareness of how vital kinship care families are.

If you have questions, please contact staff at Family Education and Support Services, 360-754-7629, 1-877-813-2828 or email [Tammara@Familyess.org](mailto:Tammara@Familyess.org)

Thank you for all you do!

Geene and Marietta

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Subject: Fw: EXTENDED DEADLINE- VOC for Distribution

Good Morning!

Due to the COVID pandemic, we have decided to extend this year's deadline for the Voices of Children Contest. The extension runs until June 1st, 2020. Could you please redistribute the updated contest form to those you have previously contacted. We hope this email finds all of you safe and healthy.

Thank you.

Tammara Newbill  
Special Projects- Kinship Support

"Life doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful"

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**EXTENDED JUNE 1ST, 2020 DEADLINE!!!!**

2020 -17th Annual

# **Voices of Children Contest**

*Reflections of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives*



Write an essay, poem, or submit a drawing describing how you have benefited by living with a relative. Poems should be 21 lines or less.

Essays should be 200 words or less. Writings may be submitted on this entry form or a separate piece of white paper.

**Drawings should be BIG, BOLD and COLORFUL images. ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM. Artwork not submitted on this form will be ineligible for the contest. Do not include any names within the artwork.**

Large empty rectangular box for submitting artwork or essays.

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (Zip Code)

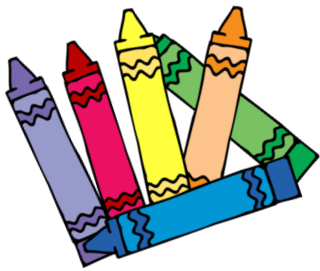
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**EXTENDED JUNE 1st, 2020 DEADLINE!!!**

**2020**

## 17th Annual **Voices of Children Contest**

*Tell us... what living with a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other relative has meant to you.*

### What is the contest?

**Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives** is a contest for children in Washington State who are being **raised now or in the past by a relative other than their parents**. The contest honors both the more than 51,000 children, and the more than 47,000 grandparents and other relatives in Washington State who are raising them.

### How do you enter the contest?

Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life. Entries will be judged in three age categories **5-7 year olds, 8-12 year olds, and 13-19 year olds**.

### What are the rules?

- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and be **5 -19 years old**.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less.
- Make your art as **big and bold** as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing.
- **Artwork must be submitted on the enclosed entry form.**
- Do not include any names within artwork.
- Artwork must be flat and within the box on the entry form.
- Entry must be original, in English, and **unpublished**.
- Winners will be notified in early May and all decisions of the judges are final.
- Award ceremony for winners will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Olympia.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of writings and drawings.
- All entries may be published in a 2020 book called:  
***Voices of Children-Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives.***

**EXTENDED!!!**  
All entries must be submitted or postmarked by  
**June 1, 2020**

### What are the prizes?

The **Top Two Entries** in each Age Division will receive:

~ \$100 from Twin Star Credit Union

~ A free night at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA for a family of four!

### Questions?

Please call Family Education and Support Services @ 360-754-7629 or Toll Free @ 1-877-813-2828.

E-mail: [Tammara@Familyess.org](mailto:Tammara@Familyess.org)

  
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# News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 9, 2020

## Commerce announces \$5 million emergency response grant for tribes

***Tribal communities across the state will have access to funding to help address increased demand and costs associated with COVID-19 response***



OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Washington State Department of Commerce announced \$5 million in emergency grants is now available to the 29 federally recognized tribes in the state to bolster their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“These funds are immediately accessible to tribal governments coping with severe impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Commerce Director Lisa Brown. “From food distribution and isolation housing to medical equipment and services for vulnerable members, the grants will strengthen tribal communities all across the state.”

Each tribal government will receive an immediate grant of \$100,000, with the remaining \$2.1 million distributed based on a formula currently under development between Commerce and tribal leaders.

Eligible expenses and activities covered under the grant include but are not limited to:

- Costs to address public health needs in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and its impacts
- The creation and operation of isolation and quarantine housing
- Costs associated with the increased demand for social programs, such as elder care services, food distribution or behavioral health services
- Costs associated with assisting people experiencing homelessness or housing instability and needing physical distancing and other preventative measures
- Procurement of health care equipment, including telehealth equipment and licenses
- Unemployment match required under the federal CARES Act
- Purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning and sanitation supplies
- Costs related to COVID -19 testing
- Other expenses in agreement with the Department of Commerce

“COVID-19 knows no political, geographic or cultural boundaries,” said Commerce Tribal Liaison Ernie Rasmussen. “This government-to-government effort to combat the impacts of COVID-19 is a testament to the human partnership necessary to succeed in our attempts to return every community to normalcy as quickly as possible.”

“The COVID-19 crisis is having disastrous impacts on tribes throughout the state,” said W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Chair and CEO. “While other states are leaving tribes to fend for themselves, Washington is partnering to distribute state coronavirus relief funds to help mitigate the pandemic’s impact to our tribal governments and communities. We are deeply appreciative of this assistance.”

More information about the grants is [posted here](#) on Commerce’s website, under the “COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant for Tribal Governments” section.

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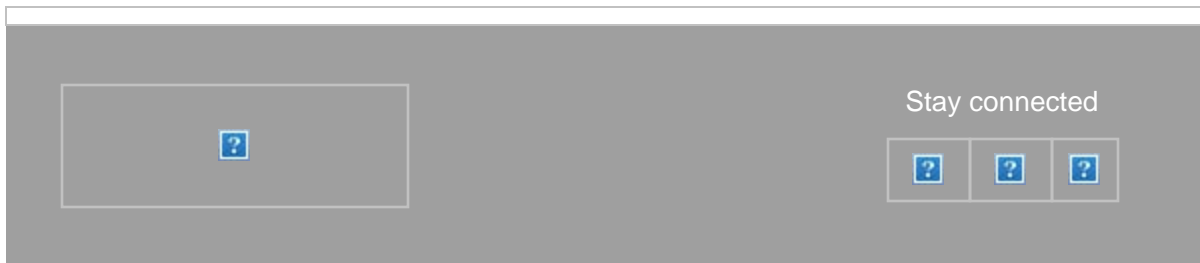
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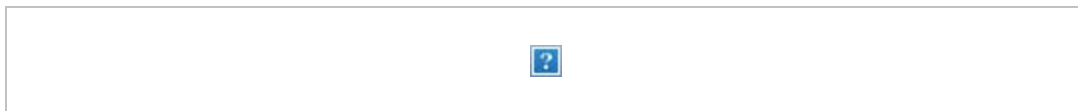
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## **Older Americans Act Disaster Relief**

*UPDATE -- as of March 16, 2020*

On Friday, March 13, 2020, the President declared that the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency determination under section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"), and that the emergency exists nationwide (see declaration: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/letter-president-donald-j-trump-emergency-determination-stafford-act/>).

In addition, as the President stated in the emergency declaration, requests for a declaration of a "major disaster" as set forth in section 401(a) of the Stafford Act may be appropriate and encouraged Governors and Tribal Leaders to consider requesting such a declaration.

To assist you, information on the Stafford Act Declaration Process can be found here: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster-declaration-process>

Should a State or Tribe (Title VI grantee) request and receive a Major Disaster declaration by the President under the Stafford Act, this declaration triggers disaster relief authority in the Older Americans Act (OAA).

### **For States**

Once this Major Disaster declaration request by a State is approved, Section 310(c) **permits states to use any portion of the funds made available under any and all sections of the Act for disaster relief for older individuals.** In this regard, **flexibility is provided for states – without the need for a separate application, transfer request, or request for a waiver -- to use existing allocations already made to them under Title III-B, C-1, C-2, D, and E for disaster relief.**

This means that a state may use Title III-B, C-1, C-2, D, and/or E funds for any disaster relief activities for older individuals or family caregivers served under the OAA, which may include, but are not limited to:

- **providing drive through, take out, or home-delivered meals,**
- **providing well-being checks via phone, in-person, or virtual means, and**
- **providing homemaker, chore, grocery/pharmacy/supply delivery, or other services.**

For example, as part of their COVID-19 disaster relief activities, a state may use:

- **funding originally allocated under Title III-C-1 to provide take out meals and, and**
- **funding originally allocated under Title III-D to conduct daily phone well-being checks.**

In this COVID-19 Major Disaster-declared response for the examples above, **the state does not need to submit a transfer or waiver request to ACL. However, the state should be prepared to track:**

- **COVID-19 related expenditures using Title III-C-1 funding and number of persons and meals served and**
- **COVID-19 related expenditures using Title III-D funding and number of persons and units served.**

### **For Tribes**

Once this Major Disaster declaration request by a Tribe is approved, Section 310(c) permits tribes to use any portion of the funds made available under any and all sections of the Act for disaster relief for older individuals. In this regard, flexibility is provided for **tribes – without the need for a separate application or request for a waiver -- to use existing allocations already made to them under Title VI Part A/B and Part C for disaster relief.**

This means that a **tribe may use Title VI Part A/B and/or Part C for any disaster relief activities** for older individuals or family caregivers served under the OAA, which may include, but are not limited to:

- **providing drive through, take out, or home-delivered meals,**
- **providing well-being checks via phone, in-person, or virtual means, and**
- **providing homemaker, chore, grocery/pharmacy/supply delivery, or other services.**

Similarly, as part of their COVID-19 disaster relief activities, a tribe may use:

- funding originally allocated under Title VI Part A/B to provide take out or home-delivered meals and other services to elders or family caregivers, and
- funding originally allocated under Title VI Part C to provide take out or home-delivered meals and other services to elders or family caregivers.

In this COVID-19 Major Disaster-declared response for the examples above, the tribe does not need to submit a transfer or waiver request to ACL. However, the tribe should be prepared to track:

- COVID-19 related expenditures using Title VI Part A/B funding and number of persons and meals or other units served and
- COVID-19 related expenditures using Title VI Part C funding and number of persons and meals or other units served.

### **Fiscal & Program Reporting Requirements for States and Tribes**

For your own records, we **recommend that specific fiscal and program reporting of funds reallocated for disaster relief be identified as “COVID-19”** with notes that describe what was provided and what services were initially planned, but not provided. We understand that each State and Tribe may need to implement new or updated practices regarding claiming and reimbursement of expenditures in order to help funds properly continue to flow to meet the needs of your communities. **ACL encourages you to exercise maximum flexibility.**

ACL will provide further details regarding both fiscal and program reporting as soon as practicable. Please note that you may wish to consider how you will record other program data as additional funds may become available via other sources.

### **OAA Disaster Assistance Grant**

**Section 310 of the Act provides the ability of ACL to provide very limited amounts of disaster assistance to reimburse states and tribes for responding to Presidentially-declared Major Disasters.** This disaster assistance is available to states and tribes who submit applications for such assistance as described at <https://acl.gov/grants/disaster-assistance-state-units-aging-suas-and-tribal-organizations-major-disasters-0>. At this time, ACL isn't accepting applications for disaster assistance related to COVID-19 through this funding opportunity announcement. Additional information and guidance regarding this limited assistance available directly from ACL will be forthcoming.

As always, we encourage States and Tribes to work through their Regional Administrators to request any additional clarification or additional FAQ items. From an emergency perspective, we also encourage States and Tribes to share emergency information with their Regional Administrators on an ongoing basis so that ACL may be as responsive as possible.



Hello,

Below you will find funding opportunities, resources, conferences, and other tribal news. For your convenience, the blue headings below are hyperlinked so you can easily navigate to the details for priority items. The **CDC's noncompetitive notice of funding opportunity: Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response (CDC-RFA-OT20-2004)** is **open now** for all federally designated tribes to submit applications. Applications will be reviewed without delay and awards will be made on a rolling basis. You can find the information at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325942>

- Funding awarded through these grants may be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including emergency operations and coordination, health information technology, surveillance and epidemiology, laboratory capacity, communications, countermeasures and mitigation, infection control, recovery, and other preparedness and response activities.
- For more information e-mail: TribalCOVIDNOFO (CDC) [TribalCOVIDNOFO@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalCOVIDNOFO@cdc.gov)

## **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

### **Conference Calls and Webinars**

- [Indian Health Service's All Tribes COVID-19 Conference Call \(Weekly\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Exposes Threat to America's Broken Rural Health Care System: BPC Task Force Policy Recommendations](#)
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- [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America – 30 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- [CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 Updates, Resources, and Guidance](#)
- [Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives](#)
- [FDA FAQs on Diagnostic Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health: Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During an Infectious Disease Outbreak](#)
- [Opioid Treatment Program \(OTP\) Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Fact Sheets from the Urban Indian Health Institute](#)
- [Talking to Children about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)
- [Reducing Stigma](#)
- [Resources for Government Attorneys Working on COVID-19 Legal Issues](#)
- [National Council of Urban Indian Health's Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
- [National Indian Health Board's COVID-19 Webpage](#)
- [Public Health Foundation's Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Training](#)

## **Tribal News and Updates**

- [NIHB Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan appears on C-SPAN's Washington Journal on Thursday, April 9, 2020](#)
- [2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19](#)
- [Genomic Study Points to Natural Origin of COVID-19](#)
- [NIHB COVID-19 Tribal Survey Responses Now Online](#)
- [MMWR: Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Children-United States, February 12-April 2, 2020](#)

## **CDC Tribal Funding Data**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the [CDC Grant Funding Profiles site](#) with fiscal year (FY) 2019 data and profiles. The profiles provide quick access to information about CDC funding provided to health departments, universities, and other public and private agencies in US states, territories and freely associated states, and the District of Columbia. Please contact CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support at [CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov) with questions or comments.

## **Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)**

The **Official Grants.Gov Mobile App** is available for download! Use the [Grants.gov](#) app to run a quick search for grants on the topic of your choice. You can segment your search by funding provider. If you see an opportunity that holds some promise for your organization, **subscribe** to it. You will get an alert if the grantor makes any updates to the funding announcement. Specific information on select NOFOs and other funding news is included below.

## **April 2020 Deadline**

- [\\*COVID-19 Response Supplement: Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement\\*](#)
- [\\*Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nations Health\\*](#)
- [\\*COVID-19 Response Supplement Part B: Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building And Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement\\*](#)
- [Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 \(Today\)](#)
- [Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program \(Deadline Approaching\)](#)
- [National and State Tobacco Control Program \(Deadline Approaching\)](#)



- [Evaluation of New HIV Testing Technologies in Clinical Settings with High HIV Incidence \(Deadline Approaching\)](#)
- [Improving Adult Vaccination Coverage Through Partnerships with Providers and National Organizations \(Deadline Approaching\)](#)
- [The CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention: Building the Evidence for Community and Policy Level Prevention \(Deadline Approaching\)](#)
- [National Center of Excellence for the Prevention of Childhood Agricultural Injury](#)
- [Tribal Response to Drug Overdose](#)
- [Native-Serving Organization to Identify Legal and Practical Strategies to Promote Public Health Data Sharing](#)
- [Immunization Barriers in the United States: Targeting Medicaid Partnerships](#)
- [Evaluation of Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for Blood Disorders](#)
- [Promoting Asthma Friendly Environments Through Partnerships and Collaborations](#)

## **May 2020 Deadline**

- [Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries](#)
- [Community-Based Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases \(CARS\)](#)
- [Public Health Surveillance for the Prevention of Complications of Bleeding Disorders](#)
- [Sickle Cell Data Collection Program](#)
- [Enhancing Disease Detection in Newborns: Building Capacity in Public Health Laboratories](#)
- [Comprehensive Suicide Prevention](#)
- [BOLD Public Health Centers of Excellence to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias \(CDC-RFA-DP20-2004\)](#)
- [BOLD Public Health Centers of Excellence to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias \(CDC-RFA-DP20-2005\)](#)
- [\\*Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response\\*](#)
- [Rigorously Evaluating Approaches to Prevent Adult-Perpetrated Child Sex Abuse](#)

## **June 2020 Deadline**

- [Advancing the Centers of Excellence in Newcomer Health](#)
- [Tribal Colleges and Universities Program](#)
- [Strengthening Environmental Health Capacity \(EHC\) to Detect, Prevent, and Control Environmental Health Hazards Through Data-Driven, Evidence-Based Approaches](#)

## **Call for Comments/Responses**

- [Proposed Revisions to the 10 Essential Public Health Services are Available for Comment \(Deadline Approaching\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security's Tribal Consultation Policy Revisions](#)
- [Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit Development](#)
- [Indigenous Knowledge on Blood Lead Level Testing](#)

## **Legal Resources**

- [CDC's Office of Public Health Law](#)
- [Telehealth and Telemedicine Resources](#)
- [The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project](#)
- [Congressional Legislative Tracker](#)
- [Statewide Tribal Legislation Database](#)
- [Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker General Memoranda](#)

- [The National Indian Health Board's Regulations Tracker](#)
- [Health Information and Data Sharing Resources](#)
- [The Intersection of Syringe Use and HIV Criminalization Toolkit](#)

## **Trainings and Non-Legal Resources**

- [3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference](#)
- [Building Bridges Between Providers & Communities \(B3PC\)](#)
- [2020 World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference](#)
- [2020 Public Health Law Conference](#)
- [S4A Research-in-Progress: Integrating Cross-Sectoral Health and Social Service for the Homeless](#)
- [NIHB E-Course: Public Health Training](#)
- [Public Health Associate Program: Recorded Technical Assistance Webinars for Host Sites](#)
- [SOAR for Native Communities Online Module and Training](#)
- [Redesigned AMBER Alert Website Now Features Indian Country Resources](#)
- [Presentations from the National Conference on American Indian/Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention are Now Available](#)

## **Opportunities for Students**

### **Federal**

- [CDC Fellowship and Training Opportunities](#) (Deadline Approaching)
- [Public Health Associate Program: Host Site Applications](#)
- [Native Student Travel Scholarship Program: Connecting Science to Crime and Justice](#) (Deadline Approaching)
- [Public Health Student Intern Program](#)
- [Recent Graduates-Positions for Data Scientists/Statisticians at EEOC](#)

### **Non-Federal**

- [Mayo Clinic Native American Summer Pathways Program](#) (Deadline Approaching)
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Leadership Programs](#)
- [NNPHI Director of Research and Evaluation](#)
- [National Indian Health Board Open Positions](#)
- [Washington University Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

## **Current Issues and Tribal News**

- [NIWRC Supports Federal Court Decision Ordering Full Environmental Impact Statement on Dakota Access Pipeline](#)
- [Counting Indigenous American Indians and Alaska Natives in the US Census](#)
- [Women Report Better Quality of Life After Hysterectomy or Myomectomy for Uterine Fibroid Removal](#)
- [Senator Udall Introduces Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Bill](#)
- [Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Injury Atlas Update](#)
- [2020 Census Tribal Resources](#)
- [The Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer](#)

Sincerely,

## **Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances**

Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Email: [TribalSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalSupport@cdc.gov)

Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/tribal>

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# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

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## Conference Calls and Webinars

### **Indian Health Service's All Tribes COVID-19 Conference Call (Weekly)**

The Indian Health Service is hosting weekly All Tribes calls to provide updates on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders. Officials will provide COVID-19 preparedness efforts and response updates. You will have an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions to federal officials.

**Time:** 3:30-4:30 PM EDT every Thursday

**Conference Call:** 1-800-857-5577

**Participant Passcode:** 6703929

**Webinar Adobe Connect:** <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj/>

**Participant Password:** ihs123

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### **COVID-19 Exposes Threat to America's Broken Rural Health Care System: BPC Task Force Policy Recommendations**

The rapid spread of COVID-19 highlights the dire access problems that have long plagued America's rural health care system and underscores the need for immediate change. Click [here](#) to register

**When:** April 21, 2020

**Time:** 10-12pm ET

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### **CDC COCA Call: Guidance for Certifying Death Due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

During this COCA Call, presenters will provide an overview of the importance of mortality data, discuss the NCHS publication and the guidance it provides to clinicians who may need to certify a death involving COVID-19, and present a summary of COVID-19 surveillance through the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) Due to the high demand we anticipate for this COCA Call, we encourage participants to consider viewing it on [Facebook Live](#)

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2020

**Time:** 2-3pm ET

**Zoom link** <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614930619>

**Webinar ID:** 161 493 0619

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## Guidance and Resources

## **Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (i.e. grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## **Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19**

To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. A potential exposure means being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic. For more information, [read the new guidance on essential workers](#).

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## **Social Media Toolkit**

CDC created this social media toolkit to help localize efforts in responding to COVID-19. Click [here](#) to view the resources.

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## **Running Essential Errands**

As communities across the United States take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting close contact, people are facing new challenges and questions about how to meet basic household needs, such as buying groceries and medicine, and completing banking activities. [Click](#) to read the guidance

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## **Snapshot of CDC Guidance for Homeless and Meal Service Providers for Emergency and Day Shelters**

To help your organization prepare for the possible spread [COVID-19](#) and other illnesses, ensure your emergency operations plan includes [key COVID-19 prevention strategies](#) and covers [people at increased risk for serious illness](#). This includes but is not limited to [unsheltered homeless](#), older adults, and people with underlying conditions such as heart or lung disease or diabetes. Click [here](#) to read further.

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## **Homelessness and COVID-19 FAQs**

Click [here](#) to read the frequently asked questions

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## **Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Settings: Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States**

This interim guidance outlines goals and strategies suggested for U.S. ambulatory care settings in response to community spread of coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19). Ambulatory care settings are where health services or acute care services are provided on an outpatient basis and can include community health centers, urgent care centers, retail clinics co-located in pharmacies, grocery stores, or mass merchants, hospital-based outpatient clinics, non-hospital-based clinics and physician offices, and public health clinics. Click [here](#) to read

further.

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## Dental Settings

During the COVID-19 pandemic, dental emergencies<sup>2</sup> will arise and may require treatment by DHCP. DHCP should regularly consult their state dental boards or other regulating agencies for requirements specific to their jurisdictions, as information is changing rapidly. The following dental-specific recommendations should be used with CDC's [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations](#) for patients with COVID-19 and the [Interim Additional Guidance for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Settings: Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States](#). This information supplements, but does not replace, the general infection prevention and control recommendations for COVID-19. Click [here](#) to read further.

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## Considerations for Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings

These infection prevention and control considerations are for healthcare facilities providing obstetric care for pregnant patients with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or pregnant [persons under investigation \(PUI\)](#) in inpatient obstetric healthcare settings including obstetrical triage, labor and delivery, recovery and inpatient postpartum settings. Click [here](#) to read more.

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## [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America – 30 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

On March 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued new guidelines to help protect Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. The [new recommendations](#) are simple to follow and will have a resounding impact on public health.

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## CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 Updates, Resources, and Guidance

CDC is responding to the novel coronavirus outbreak, which is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. CDC is continuously working to provide [updated information](#) as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. Mitigation strategies from the White House Taskforce has been included on CDC's COVID-19 website. Below you will find CDC's guidance and resources. You can add content from CDC's COVID-19 website to your website using [CDC's content syndication services](#).

- [Situation Updates](#) provides the situational summary, CDC updates on cases in the U.S., countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases, risk assessment and CDC in action.
- [What You Should Know](#) comprises information about how COVID-19 spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, people at higher risk, and frequently asked questions.
- [Information for Specific Audiences](#) contains resources and guidance on preventing COVID-19 spread in communities; information on higher risk and special populations; interim guidance for healthcare professionals, [clinicians](#), health departments, and laboratories; and resources for health departments and healthcare professionals. Check out the [PPE Burn Rate Calculator](#). Check out the [COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Public Health Management Decision Making Algorithm](#) and the [Update for Rural Partners and Communities on the COVID-19 Response webinar](#) with Dr. Jay Butler, CDC' Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases.
- [Communication Resources](#) offers free communication tools and resources, such as videos, fact sheets, and posters, available for use and distribution. In addition, [CDC offers a variety of health promotion materials on handwashing to prevent illnesses](#).
- [Information for Applicants and Recipients of CDC Funding](#) includes links to CDC and HHS resources; key federal laws, regulations, and policies; and guidance. See below for additional new CDC resources posted to the website.

- **General Funding and Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).** CDC is receiving funding and grants questions from its recipient community related to COVID-19. The new [webpage](#) provides a list of Frequently Asked Questions. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and CDC will continue to update the FAQs as we respond to additional questions which are helpful to the grant recipient community.
- **Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently provided administrative relief for recipients and applicants of federal financial assistance impacted by COVID-19. The CDC [webpage](#) on this topic provides information about the time-limited administrative flexibilities to help recipients and applicants manage administrative, financial management, and audit requirements.
- **Temporary Reassignment of Personnel.** CDC created a new [webpage](#) for grant recipients with Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) guidance for the temporary reassignment of state, tribal, and local personnel during a declared federal public health emergency. The webpage includes links to the ASPR website (including the [ASPR temporary reassignment request form](#)), so that a state governor, tribal leader, or designee can request the reassignment of personnel.
- **[Frequently Asked Questions page](#)**-Updated 4/8/20 contains answers to COVID-19 basics, in case of an outbreak in your community, COVID-19 and funerals, water transmission, and more.

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### **Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives**

To support your leadership and your efforts, the Partnership Center created the [COVID-19 Recommended Preventive Practices and FAQs for Faith-based and Community Leaders](#) — which is available on our website [HHS.Gov/Partnerships](#).

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### **FDA FAQs on Diagnostic Testing for SARS-CoV-2**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has developed a [webpage](#) providing answers to frequently asked questions relating to the development and performance of diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2. The page includes questions and answers regarding the new policy outlined in the [Immediately in Effect Guidance for Clinical Laboratories, Commercial Manufacturers, and Food and Drug Administration Staff: Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency](#), originally introduced as Immediately in Effect Guidance for Clinical Laboratories and Food and Drug Administration Staff: Policy for Diagnostic Tests in Laboratories Certified to Perform High Complexity Testing under CLIA prior to Emergency Use Authorization for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency on February 29th, 2020 and updated on March 16, 2020. On this page, this guidance is referred to as the Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019.

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### **Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health: Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During an Infectious Disease Outbreak**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During an Infectious Disease Outbreak. [Read more here.](#)

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### **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Guidance**

SAMHSA recognizes the evolving issues surrounding COVID-19 and the emerging needs OTPs continue to face. SAMHSA affirms its commitment to supporting OTPs in any way possible during this time. As such, we are expanding our previous guidance to provide increased flexibility. The guidance is delineated by whether a state has declared a “State of Emergency”. [Read more here.](#)

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### **COVID-19 Fact Sheets from the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI)**

In response to the declaration of a nationwide public health emergency for COVID-19, Urban Indian Health Institute has created three fact sheets about COVID-19 customizable for your clinic and community. A logo may be added to the lower righthand corner of each fact sheet. To view and download the fact sheets, [click here to visit the website](#).

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### **[Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)**

The National Association of School Psychologists has developed a parental resource for talking with children about the Coronavirus. Parents can use this to help children cope with anxiety requires providing accurate prevention information and facts without causing undue alarm.

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### **Reducing Stigma**

Public health emergencies, such as the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), are stressful times for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can lead to social stigma toward people, places, or things. For example, stigma and discrimination can occur when people associate a disease, such as COVID-19, with a population or nationality, even though not everyone in that population or from that region is specifically at risk for the disease. Stigma affects the emotional or mental health of stigmatized groups and the community in which they live. Stopping stigma is important to making communities and community members resilient. [See resources on mental health and coping during COVID-19](#). Everyone can help stop stigma relegated to COVID-19 by [knowing the facts](#) and sharing them with others in your community.

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### **Resources for Government Attorneys Working on COVID-19 Legal Issues**

The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) website states “Section 1135 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and HIPAA requirements. However, two prerequisites must be met before the Secretary may invoke the § 1135 waiver authority. First, the President must have declared an emergency or disaster under either the Stafford Act or the National Emergencies Act. Second, the Secretary must have declared a Public Health Emergency under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act. Then, with respect to the geographic area(s) and time periods provided for in those declarations, the Secretary may elect to authorize waivers/modifications of one or more of the requirements described in Section 1135(b). The implementation of such waivers or modifications is typically delegated to the Administrator of CMS who, in turn, determines whether and the extent to which sufficient grounds exist for waiving such requirements with respect to a particular provider/supplier, or to a group of providers, or to a geographic area.”

For COVID-19-specific information, view the [CMS Emergency Declaration Fact Sheet](#) on the [COVID-19 1135 Waiver](#), and please note the instructions for states to submit a request for an 1135 waiver at the bottom of page 3 of the fact sheet. For an example of a state 1135 waiver request, please see [Washington’s Request for Waivers Under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act](#). CMS has posted responses to state waiver requests, such as [Florida’s Coronavirus 1135 waiver request](#), on their [current emergencies webpage](#).

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### **National Council of Urban Indian Health’s Coronavirus Resources**

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) has developed a [Coronavirus Resource Center](#) containing official correspondence, press releases, related legislation, fact sheets, news, and events.

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### **The National Indian Health Board’s COVID-19 Webpage**

In response to the developing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) has constructed a [landing page](#) to serve as the hub for a Tribal COVID-19 response. The page houses date resources, links, and policy and public health updates specifically for Tribes and Tribal communities. NIHB is working diligently to keep this response page updated, relevant and flexible to meet the needs of Tribes in this constantly shifting and evolving environment.

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## **The Public Health Foundation's Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Training**

Training related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is available through the [TRAIN Learning Network](#). This includes training from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, and other organizations. [Click Here for COVID-19 Training Available Through TRAIN.](#)

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## **Tribal News and Updates**

### **NIHB Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan appears on C-SPAN's Washington Journal on Thursday, April 9, 2020**

NIHB Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan, who is also a Tribal Councilwoman with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, appeared on C-SPAN's live program Washington Journal to speak about the impact of COVID-19 on Tribal communities

Click [here](#) to watch the video clip

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### **2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19**

The 2020 Census is underway and households across America are responding every day. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of Census employees and the American public.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

The public is strongly encouraged to respond online. Options for responding by phone or mail are also available.

[This table summarizes the adjustments to operations.](#) Should any additional adjustment become necessary, the Census Bureau will promptly publish the change in an updated document.

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### **Genomic Study Points to Natural Origin of COVID-19**

No matter where you go online these days, there's bound to be discussion of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Some folks are even making outrageous claims that the new coronavirus causing the pandemic was engineered in a lab and deliberately released to make people sick. A new study debunks such claims by providing scientific evidence that this novel coronavirus arose naturally. [Read more here.](#)

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### **NIHB COVID-19 Tribal Survey Responses Now Online**

Recently, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) conducted a rapid survey to assess the needs of Tribes regarding the evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-2019) outbreak. The results of this survey provide a basic understanding of Tribal preparedness for combating the disease as well as foreseeable challenges in responding to COVID-19. [Read more here.](#)

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### **MMWR: Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Children-United States, February 12- April 2, 2020**

In this preliminary description of pediatric U.S. COVID-19 cases, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized, and fewer children than adults experience fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Severe outcomes have been reported in children, including three deaths. Click [here](#) to read further.

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **April 2020 Deadline**



### **COVID-19 Response Supplement: Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-OT18-18030202SUPP20

Deadline: April 1, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325727>

Description: This is an emergency supplemental funding opportunity announcement in response to the current outbreak of Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19. The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of emergency supplemental funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of emergency supplemental funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 for the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal nations and regional AI/AN tribal organizations that were previously awarded funding under Strategy 1 under CDC RFA-OT18-1803: Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement.

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### **Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nations Health**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-OT18-18020202SUPP20

Deadline: April 2, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324734>

Description: This is a forecast for an emergency supplemental funding opportunity announcement in response to the current outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and may apply according to the Target Population Category (A, B, or C) and Target Populations for which they received initial funding in FY18.

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### **COVID-19 Response Supplement Part B: Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-OT18-18030203SUPP20

Deadline: April 8, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=coronavirus>

Description: This is an emergency supplemental funding opportunity announcement in response to the current outbreak of Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19. The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of emergency supplemental funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 for the regional American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal organizations that were eligible to apply for, but not previously awarded, funding under CDC-RFA-OT18-1803: Tribal Public Health Capacity-Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement.

Point of Contact: Stacey Mattison, [zgy8@cdc.gov](mailto:zgy8@cdc.gov)

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### **Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 (Today)**

NOFO Number: FG-20-006

Deadline: April 10, 2020

Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Link: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/fg-20-006>

Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Emergency Grants to Address Mental Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19. The current national crisis of COVID-19 will certainly contribute to growth in these numbers. Americans across the country struggle with increases in depression, anxiety, trauma, and grief. The purpose of this program is specifically to address the needs of individual with serious mental illness, individuals with

substance use disorders, and/or individuals with co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorders.

Point of Contact: Beverly Vayhinger [beverly.vayhinger@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:beverly.vayhinger@samhsa.hhs.gov) 240-276-0564

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### **Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program (Deadline Approaching)**

NOFO Number: HRSA-20-014

Deadline: April 13, 2020

Agency: Human Resources and Services Administration

Link: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-20-014>

Description: This program supports training programs that enhance and expand paraprofessionals knowledge, skills and expertise. It aims to increase the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals who work on interprofessional teams to provide services to children whose parents are impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD), and their family members who are in guardianship roles. There's a special focus on demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns for children, adolescents, and transitional aged youth in high need and high demand areas who are at risk for mental health disorders and SUDs.

Point of Contact: Andrea Knox, [OIFSP@hrsa.gov](mailto:OIFSP@hrsa.gov) or (301) 443-4170

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### **National and State Tobacco Control Program (Deadline Approaching)**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DP20-2001

Deadline: April 13, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=319760>

Description: CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) announces the availability of funds to implement DP20-2001, National and State Tobacco Control Program. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) supports the achievement of four National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) goals to 1) Prevent initiation of commercial tobacco use among youth and young adults; 2) Eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS); 3) Promote quitting among adults and youth; and 4) Identify and eliminate tobacco-related disparities.

Point of Contact: Randi Frank [kkq9@cdc.gov](mailto:kkq9@cdc.gov)

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### **Evaluation of New HIV Testing Technologies in Clinical Settings with High HIV Incidence (Deadline Approaching)**

NOFO Number: RFA-PS-20-001

Deadline: April 14, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=320416>

Description: The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to develop and implement protocols and recruitment strategies to evaluate the performance (sensitivity and specificity) of HIV tests under development, and/or newly available HIV tests, for use in point-of-care settings in the United States using fresh (unprocessed) specimens such as whole blood and oral fluid

Point of Contact: Jocelyn Patterson Mosley, [FZP0@CDC.GOV](mailto:FZP0@CDC.GOV)

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### **Improving Adult Vaccination Coverage Through Partnerships with Providers and National Organizations (Deadline Approaching)**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-IP20-2002

Deadline: April 15, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324191>

Description: The goal of this non-research NOFO is to develop and implement programs designed to improve adult vaccination coverage rates, using the principles of the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice. This NOFO will have two components, one that focuses on influenza vaccination in high risk adults and another component that focuses on racial and ethnic disparities in adult vaccinations more broadly. It is anticipated that one award will be made per component. Interested applicants may apply for one or both components.

Point of Contact: Toscha Stanley, [TTS1@CDC.GOV](mailto:TTS1@CDC.GOV)

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### **The CDC National Centers of Excellence In Youth Violence Prevention: Building the Evidence for Community and Policy Level Prevention (Deadline Approaching)**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CE-15-002

Deadline: April 17, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=272228>

Description: This program announcement with multiple receipt dates (Cycle 1 FY2015, Cycle 2 FY2016). The purpose of this announcement is to fund Youth Violence Prevention Centers (YVPCs) to advance the science and practice of youth violence prevention and to reduce youth violence in one or more geographically defined, high-burden communities by implementing and evaluating a community- or policy-level prevention strategy or combination of such strategies.

Point of Contact: Angie Willard, [AEN4@CDC.GOV](mailto:AEN4@CDC.GOV)

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### **National Center of Excellence for the Prevention of Childhood Agricultural Injury**

NOFO Number: RFA-OH-20-007

Deadline: April 24, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=321579>

Description: This funding opportunity announcement from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) invites applications for a National Center of Excellence for the Prevention of Childhood Agricultural Injury. Applicants are expected to propose multi-disciplinary approaches to develop partnerships for implementing prevention and intervention activities and to serve as a leader in research translation and research-to-practice for the protection of children in agricultural environments throughout the United States.

Point of Contact: Steve Dearwent, [SED7@CDC.GOV](mailto:SED7@CDC.GOV)

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### **Tribal Responses to Drug Overdoses**

Deadline: April 24, 2020

Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Link: [https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Funding/tribal\\_responses\\_solicitation.pdf](https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Funding/tribal_responses_solicitation.pdf)

Description: Under this solicitation, up to five tribal communities will be selected for an award of up to \$500,000 each for a 14-month time period. Applicants must use a portion of the funds awarded under this solicitation to implement an overdose detection mapping application program (ODMAP).

**Applicant webinar:** March 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM EDT

Registration for the webinar is required. Please register for the webinar at <http://s.iir.com/TribalWebinar2020> and submit questions in advance of the webinar to [COSSAP@IIR.COM](mailto:COSSAP@IIR.COM) no later than March 25, 2020. Emails containing questions should include the name and agency of the submitter, email address, and question(s). The applicant webinar will include a presentation about ODMAP that will focus on providing a complete overview of the capabilities.

Point of Contact: [COSSAP@IIR.COM](mailto:COSSAP@IIR.COM)

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## **Native-Serving Organization to Identify Legal and Practical Strategies to Promote Public Health Data Sharing**

Deadline: April 24, 2020

Agency: National Association of County & City Health Officials

Link: <https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Promote-Data-Sharing-RFA.pdf>

Description: The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is seeking a native-serving organization to develop a working advisory committee of tribal members with broad representation, tribal experts, public health practitioners serving tribes, and other native serving partners to identify legal and practical strategies that have proven to be successful in supporting, facilitating, and enhancing public health focused data sharing, including data collected by health departments as part of their programmatic functions such as surveillance data as well as administrative data that provides insight into the needs of tribes and urban communities.

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## **Immunization Barriers in the United States: Targeting Medicaid Partnerships**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-IP20-2001

Deadline: April 28, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324973>

Description: The purpose of this funding announcement is to help CDC address and reduce income-based disparities in immunization rates. Awardee collaboration with Medicaid programs in states can help CDC better understand barriers to immunization for children and pregnant women with Medicaid coverage and improve immunization rates. Such collaborations by awardee(s) also can support state immunization programs and Medicaid programs to use mutual resources to improve sustainability of immunization information systems.

Point of Contact: Achal Bhatt, [ZGV8@CDC.GOV](mailto:ZGV8@CDC.GOV)

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## **Evaluation of Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for Blood Disorders**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DD20-2002

Deadline: April 30, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=319477>

Description: Blood disorders are causes of morbidity and mortality, affecting one in 76 people in the United States (US). Hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (VWD), venous thromboembolism (VTE), and thalassemia are the blood disorders addressed within three separate components in this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). The purpose of this NOFO is to provide credible health information and evidence-based training as well as to support the implementation and evaluation of evidence-based health promotion and education programs. The health promotion framework will be used to ensure early identification, intervention, and management to improve outcomes for people with blood disorders. Applicants would apply to only one of the three following blood disorder components: 1) Hemophilia and VWD or 2) VTE or 3) Thalassemia.

Point of Contact: Brandi Dupervil, [INM4@CDC.GOV](mailto:INM4@CDC.GOV)

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## **Promoting Asthma Friendly Environments Through Partnerships and Collaborations**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-EH20-2002

Deadline: April 30, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324958>

Description: The purpose of this NOFO is to promote evidence-based asthma strategies and interventions through partnerships and collaborations by using health education and communication strategies. Recipients will develop partnerships and collaborations using health education and communication strategies that will result in measurable impacts.

Point of Contact: Paige Welch, [PMC0@CDC.GOV](mailto:PMC0@CDC.GOV)

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## May 2020 Deadline

### Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries

NOFO Number: RFA-CE-20-006

Deadline: May 5, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323815>

Description: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC, Injury Center) is soliciting investigator-initiated research to understand and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime. For the purposes of this announcement, firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime include mass shooting incidents, other firearm homicides/assaults, firearm suicides/self-harm, unintentional firearm deaths and injuries, and firearm-related crime.

Point of Contact: Marcienne Wright, [LXV8@CDC.GOV](mailto:LXV8@CDC.GOV)

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### Community-Based Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases (CARS)

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-PS20-2008

Deadline: May 11, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=320994>

Description: This NOFO focuses on reducing the proportion of adolescents and young adults with Chlamydia trachomatis infections, reducing Chlamydia rates among females aged 15-44 years, reducing gonorrhea rates, reducing sustained domestic transmission of primary and secondary syphilis, congenital syphilis, GC incidence, and reducing the proportion of young adults with genital herpes infection due to herpes simplex type 2. The new NOFO provides support in five focus areas: (1) implementation of community engagement methods (e.g. community-based participatory research) to achieve health equity; (2) identification and implementation of systems and environmental change strategies that (a) promote sexual health and support healthy behaviors and (b) facilitate community-clinical linkages to build support for interventions to prevent and reduce STI disparities; (3) enhancement and sustainability of partnerships; (4) support for communication strategies to promote STD program successes and leverage additional resources for STI control and prevention; and (5) evaluation of the efficacy of this approach and intervention implementation. Measurable outcomes are: 1. Community Engagement: Community members actively participate in and are satisfied with Community Advisory Board (CAB); perceived power among CAB members; community social determinants of health priority are identified; community involved in design of interventions to reduce STD disparities; increased linkages with and access to target groups. 2. Identification and implementation of system and environmental strategies: Existing clinical resources identified; community priorities and effective community-designed interventions are implemented, evaluated, and sustained; positivity and treatment rates from community events and STD screenings are documented; decrease in exposure to social disorder (e.g., presence of trash, lack of community cooperation); decrease in risky sexual behavior; decrease in STD disparities; 3. Multi-sectorial partnerships: New and stable partnerships are formed; partner resources and influence are used to implement, evaluate, and community-designed interventions; 4. Communication: Increased awareness of STD disparities and sexual health issues through mixed-modal communication methods including social media; increased access to and use of community health resources and support services by target groups most impacted by STD disparities; increased access to and use of educational opportunities by target groups; implementation of effective health equity and sexual health communication methods. This FOA is designed to begin on September 30, 2020 and replaces FOA PS17-1707.

Point of Contact: Norman Haynes, [NHH9@CDC.GOV](mailto:NHH9@CDC.GOV)

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## Public Health Surveillance for the Prevention of Complications of Bleeding Disorders

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DD20-2004

Deadline: May 11, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=316492>

Description: Since the 1990s the congressional budget has included funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reduce or prevent the complications of hemophilia and other congenital bleeding disorders. Since 1996 the CDC has funded the federal network of hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) for the collection of data for the monitoring of health indicators of importance to persons with bleeding disorders. This data is used to measure rates of complications of bleeding disorders and monitor trends over time (including inhibitors and other issues of blood and treatment product safety); identify high risk populations for prevention programs; and identify issues that require research. The purpose of this FOA is to continue the surveillance for these conditions through the HTCs.

Point of Contact: Brandi Dupervil, [INM4@CDC.GOV](mailto:INM4@CDC.GOV)

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### **Sickle Cell Data Collection Program**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DD20-2003

Deadline: May 11, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323683>

Description: This NOFO will enhance understanding of the incidence, prevalence, demographics, health care utilization patterns, and mortality of Sickle Cell Disease in the United States. CDC plans to fund up to five recipients for a three-year period of performance to participate in the implementation of a Sickle Cell Disease surveillance system. A population-based surveillance system will allow for the identification of individuals with Sickle Cell Disease and the standardized collection of information about their clinical history.

Point of Contact: Mary Hulihan, [IBX5@CDC.GOV](mailto:IBX5@CDC.GOV)

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### **Enhancing Disease Detection in Newborns: Building Capacity in Public Health Laboratories**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-EH20-2004

Deadline: May 14, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325064>

Description: This NOFO is intended to increase the capacity and capability of newborn screening laboratories to test for newborn screening conditions as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. This NOFO is also intended to improve newborn screening test performance and test interpretation of dried blood spot newborn screening.

Point of Contact: Kristin Dortch, [IOP2@CDC.GOV](mailto:IOP2@CDC.GOV)

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### **Comprehensive Suicide Prevention**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CE20-2001

Deadline: May 26, 2020

Agency: CDC-NCIPC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324377&deliveryName=DM24177>

Description: CDC's Injury Center announces the availability of fiscal year 2020 funds to implement Comprehensive Suicide Prevention. This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) supports implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention.

Point of Contact: Audrey Aaron-Moffitt [hin4@cdc.gov](mailto:hin4@cdc.gov)

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## **BOLD Public Health Centers of Excellence to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DP20-2004

Deadline: May 26, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323733>

Description: The prevalence of Alzheimer's disease is rising. It is the 5th leading cause of death for people aged 65 years or older in the US and the 6th leading cause of death overall. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will fund health departments of states, political subdivisions of states, Indian tribes and tribal organizations to develop systematic approaches to improve the public health approach to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: the 2018-2023 Road Map, as well as the Road Map for Indian Country (RM series) as a framework. This NOFO carries out actions from the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act PL115-406. The activities under this NOFO align with the topics of the RM series and serve to develop a strong public health approach to ADRD, including risk reduction (primary prevention), early diagnosis of ADRD (secondary prevention), prevention of comorbidities and avoidable hospitalizations (tertiary prevention), using data for priority setting and action, and support for caregiving for persons with dementia, including addressing social determinants of health. Applicants can apply for either Core Capacity or Enhanced awards. Core Capacity awards are intended for applicants who need additional planning time to develop infrastructure and ADRD strategic plans. Enhanced awards are intended for applicants who are ready to begin implementation and already have infrastructure and an ADRD strategic plan in place.

Point of Contact: Heidi Holt, [BOLDProgramsNOFO@cdc.gov](mailto:BOLDProgramsNOFO@cdc.gov)

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## **BOLD Public Health Centers of Excellence to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DP20-2005

Deadline: May 26, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323686>

Description: This NOFO fulfills activities described in the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act PL115-406. This announcement will fund Public Health Centers of Excellence (PHCOE) to support nationwide implementation of the 25 actions in the Healthy Brain Initiative's State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map (RM) across the United States. Each PHCOE will choose one topic-specific area for their focus from the following list: Dementia Risk Reduction, Early Detection of Dementia, and Dementia Caregiving. The activities for each PHCOE will align directly with the actions identified in the RM for each topic area. Recipients will focus on identifying, translating and disseminating promising research findings and evidence-informed best practices, including those that address social determinants of health, for nationwide systematic public health uptake by state, local, tribal and other public health programs. PHCOEs will collaborate with CDC, other national partners and state, local and tribal health entities to ensure maximum impact and reach.

Point of Contact: Lisa Garbarino, [BOLDCentersNOFO@cdc.gov](mailto:BOLDCentersNOFO@cdc.gov)

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## **Rigorously Evaluating Approaches to Prevent Adult-Perpetrated Child Sex Abuse**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CE-20-005

Deadline: May 29, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323855>

Description: CDC is seeking research proposals to rigorously evaluate approaches (programs, policies, or practices) for their impact on primary prevention of child sexual abuse (CSA) perpetrated by adults. CSA is

defined here broadly as sexual victimization during childhood (before 18 years of age). Research funded under this announcement will strengthen the evidence base for primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA. Applicants must propose rigorous evaluation designs, which for the purposes of this funding opportunity can include those that utilize experimental designs (i.e., randomized controlled trials) or quasi-experimental designs (e.g., comparative interrupted time series design, difference-in-differences, instrumental variables, regression discontinuity, regression point displacement, stepped wedge, propensity-score matching, comparison groups). Applicants must propose to rigorously evaluate an approach (program, policy, or practice) for primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA that addresses one of the following three research priorities: 1. Existing approaches for the primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA that have not yet been rigorously evaluated and shown to be effective for the primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA; 2. Existing evidence-based approaches that have empirical evidence of effectiveness in reducing other forms of violence but have not been rigorously evaluated for their effectiveness in the primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA; or 3. Community- or societal-level approaches that address the primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA but have not been rigorously evaluated for their effectiveness in the primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA. Point of Contact: Sue Neurath, [SFN8@CDC.GOV](mailto:SFN8@CDC.GOV)

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### **Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-OT20-2004

Deadline: May 31, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=325942>

Description: CDC is awarding at least \$40,000,000 under this funding opportunity to Title I and Title V tribal nations to strengthen the tribal public health system to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities in response to COVID-19. CDC is committed to helping ensure that tribal jurisdictions have adequate resources for an appropriate COVID-19 response.

Point of Contact: Mitch Morris, [mhm9@CDC.GOV](mailto:mhm9@CDC.GOV)

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## **June 2020**

### **Advancing the Centers of Excellence in Newcomer Health**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CK20-2002

Deadline: June 9, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=324431>

Description: Every year, tens of thousands of refugees and 500,000 immigrants resettle to the U.S. from overseas. CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) is focused on improving the health among immigrants (including Special Immigrant Visa holders), asylees, parolees, survivors of victims of torture, human trafficking victims, and refugees through public health partnerships, science, and response

Point of Contact: Nekeia Gray [hvg6@cdc.gov](mailto:hvg6@cdc.gov)

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### **Tribal Colleges and Universities Program**

NOFO Number: 18-546

Deadline: June 10, 2020

Agency: National Science Foundation

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=301353>

Description: The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP) provides awards to Tribal Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native-serving institutions, and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions to promote high quality



science (including sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, statistics, and other social and behavioral sciences as well as natural sciences), technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach. Support is available to TCUP-eligible institutions (see the Additional Eligibility subsection of Section IV of this solicitation) for transformative capacity-building projects through Instructional Capacity Excellence in TCUP Institutions (ICE-TI), Targeted STEM Infusion Projects (TSIP), TCU Enterprise Advancement Centers (TEA Centers), and Preparing for TCUP Implementation (Pre-TI). Collaborations that involve multiple institutions of higher education led by TCUP institutions are supported through Partnerships for Geoscience Education (PAGE) and Partnerships for Documentary Linguistics Education (PADLE). Finally, research studies that further the scholarly activity of individual faculty members are supported through Small Grants for Research (SGR) and Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science in Tribal Colleges and Universities (SEA-PHAGES in TCUs). Through the opportunities highlighted above, as well as collaborations with other National Science Foundation (NSF) units and other organizations, TCUP aims to increase Native individuals' participation in STEM careers and improve the quality of STEM programs at TCUP-eligible institutions. TCUP strongly encourages the inclusion of activities that will benefit veterans

Point of Contact: [grantsgovsupport@nsf.gov](mailto:grantsgovsupport@nsf.gov)

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### **Strengthening Environmental Health Capacity (EHC) to Detect, Prevent, and Control Environmental Health Hazards Through Data-Driven, Evidence-Based Approaches**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-EH20-2005

Deadline: June 30, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=325641>

Description: The environmental health capacity (EHC) funding opportunity seeks to strengthen the nation's environmental health (EH) capacity to protect public health by strengthening the capacity of public health departments using 3 strategies to address specific EH topics and issues. This will ensure safe and healthy environments and improve community health status. The 3 strategies are (1) using EH data and information, (2) identifying and addressing EH hazards, and (3) assessing the effectiveness and impact of EH interventions.

Point of Contact: Connie Thomas, [CLB1@CDC.GOV](mailto:CLB1@CDC.GOV). **An informational webinar will be held on April 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Join the webinar at <https://adobeconnect.cdc.gov/rkasvmel0hhq/>.**

Point of Contact: Connie Thomas, [CLB1@CDC.GOV](mailto:CLB1@CDC.GOV)

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## **CALL FOR COMMENTS/RESPONSES**

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### **Department of Homeland Security's Tribal Consultation Policy Revisions**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE) seeks input from federally recognized Indian tribal governments and Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) on proposed updates to the DHS Tribal Consultation Policy. The DHS Tribal Consultation Policy implements Executive Order (EO) 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and establishes an accountable process to ensure timely and meaningful consultation with Indian tribes. DHS is committed to meaningful review and revision of the policy as necessary or as requested by Indian Tribes or ANCs. Comments are being accepted through **June 1, 2020** and can be emailed to [DHS.IGA@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHS.IGA@hq.dhs.gov), or be mailed to: Office of Partnership and Engagement, ATTN: Tribal Consultation MS-0385, DHS/OPE, 2707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20528-0385.

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### **Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit Development**

Tribes are invited to participate in a pilot project that will develop a Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit. The project is intended to help Tribes save lives and reduce injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes by improving the collection and use of crash data. Development of the toolkit is underway and expected to be complete in Fall 2020. The Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit will provide these tools:

- A ready-to-use electronic and printable crash report form based on a subset of the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC).
- A database that works with the included form to establish electronic storage of crash data in the Tribe's internal systems.
- Guidance documents:
  - Toolkit manual describing the Tools
  - An overview of the importance of Tribal crash data collection, describing how crash data can be used and dispelling misunderstandings concerning crash data collection
  - Crash form instructions and data definitions
  - Data analysis tool for identifying problem areas and applying for grant funding
  - Quality control tool outlining edit check procedures

The pilot project is starting soon! Tribal employees who want to participate or have questions about participating should contact Tom Bragan ([tom.bragan@dot.gov](mailto:tom.bragan@dot.gov)) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or Adam Larsen ([adam.larsen@dot.gov](mailto:adam.larsen@dot.gov)) of the Federal Highway Administration as soon as possible.

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### **Indigenous Knowledge on Blood Lead Level Testing**

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to increase the capacity of rural and non-urban Tribal communities for identifying and addressing elevated blood lead levels in Tribal children. To accomplish this, NIHB seeks to engage Tribal representatives and health professionals in 60-minute key informant interviews. The interviews will ask Tribal Health Directors or programmatic staff to describe their programs or operational plans in place for blood lead level testing and their current knowledge of lead exposure risk factors. Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sara Zdunek at [szdunek@nihb.org](mailto:szdunek@nihb.org) or 202-507-4077.

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## **LEGAL RESOURCES**

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### **CDC's Office of Public Health Law**

CDC provides technical assistance to its public health partners. Technical assistance may include services such as consulting, editing, and planning, but it does not involve an attorney-client relationship. CDC cannot provide legal advice on any issues. If you would like guidance or information on legal matters pertaining to certain aspects of public health, please complete this [form](#). For more information, please visit [Public Health Law](#). Disclaimer: Only a licensed attorney in your state can provide legal advice.

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### **Telehealth and Telemedicine Resources**

Telemedicine is a growing field and is expanding exponentially. CDC has created a database of legal and policy resources to help legislators, public health lawyers, and public health practitioners navigate the legal **landscape of telemedicine**. [Get started](#).

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### **[The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project](#)**

Public health emergencies are issues every community faces. It is critical for all jurisdictions to understand how law can be used to enhance public health preparedness, as well as to improve coordination and collaboration across jurisdictions. As sovereign entities, tribal governments have the authority to create their own laws and

take steps to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. This project was established to assist tribal nations interested in expanding their legal preparedness capacity.

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### **Congressional Legislative Tracker**

The National Council of Urban Indian Health provides ongoing policy updates and legislative alerts on topics pertaining to the Urban Indian Health and Urban Indian Communities through a variety of platforms. [Track legislation in the U.S. Congress pertaining to or with the potential to impact tribal nations.](#)

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### **Statewide Tribal Legislation Database**

Every year numerous bills are considered by state legislatures that can affect tribal communities. These bills address a variety of issues including the environment, education, health care, taxes/revenue, including gaming and education. View introduced, pending and enacted legislation for the current legislative session on the National Conference of State Legislatures' [Statewide Tribal Legislation Database](#). For more information, email Martha Saenz at [martha.salazar@ncsl.org](mailto:martha.salazar@ncsl.org) or [state-tribal-info@ncsl.org](mailto:state-tribal-info@ncsl.org).

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### **Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker General Memoranda**

Hobbs Straus is a national law firm that has worked for over 30 years to help tribes realize positive change in Indian Country. The firm produces a free weekly *General Memoranda* that covers a wide range of topics detailing developments in Congress, the Executive Branch, and many federal agencies that impact Indian Country. For more information, including links to the latest editions of General Memoranda, please click [here](#).

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### **The National Indian Health Board's Regulations Tracker**

The [Regulations Report](#) is a product of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) intended to provide a brief explanation and current status of the most recently published Final Regulations and Proposed Regulations by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Indian Health Service (IHS). For more information, please click [here](#).

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### **Health information and Data Sharing Resources**

This database of tools and resources facilitates **data-sharing** between health agencies and can help address any legal barriers to data-sharing. Organizations can use these resources to help operate within proper policies, maintain HIPAA requirements, and be aware of other laws and regulations. [Go to the resources.](#)

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### **The Intersection of Syringe Use and HIV Criminalization Toolkit**

The Center for HIV Law & Policy has created a policy resource bank combined with case assistance, with a focus on systems and institutions that impact communities affected by HIV. The **LGBTQ community** is a focus of this toolkit. [Access the toolkit.](#)

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## **TRAININGS AND NON-LEGAL RESOURCES**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference**

The primary goal of the annual National Native Health Research Training (NNHRT) conference is to contribute toward the growth of a Native health research community that is dedicated to honoring Tribal decision-making processes, building trust through Tribal community participation and guided by Tribal cultural knowledge and values. The NNHRT conference is sponsored by the Indian Health Services (IHS) and hosted by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), and the Native Research Network (NRN). [Register here.](#)

When: **June 29–July 1, 2020**

Where: **Temecula, California**

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### **Building Bridges Between Providers & Communities (B3PC)**

The Indian Health Service is hosting Building Bridges Between Providers & Communities, with the theme focused on “Supporting and Strengthening Programs and Partnerships for Healthy Living” from either **August 3–7 or August 10–13, 2020** in one of the following locations: Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; Salt Lake City, UT; Oklahoma City, OK; or Albuquerque, NM. Final dates, location, and more information is coming soon. For more information, visit this link <https://www.ihs.gov/ocps/>

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### **2020 World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference**

The First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM) will host the [World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference](#). The theme is “Strength in our communities” and will focus on protective factors through building identity, resilience and culture, ways of preventing suicide reducing risks, and showcasing wise practices on the spectrum forum of prevention and intervention encompassed by culture and indigenous knowledge.

When: **August 25–27, 2020**

Where: **Turtle Island-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

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### **2020 Public Health Law Conference**

Presenters and attendees will address law and policy pathways to improve children’s health, eliminate social barriers to health, legal capacity of public health departments, and more. [Save \\$100 registering by April 16<sup>th</sup>](#).

When: **September 16–18, 2020**

Where: **Baltimore, Maryland**

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### **S4A Research-in-Progress: Integrating Cross-Sectoral Health and Social Services for the Homeless Webinar**

Members of the homeless population bear greater risk than other populations for many preventable diseases but are less likely to access healthcare systems. This one-year developmental study will evaluate the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s initiative, the Continuum of Care (CoC) system, which addresses homelessness through cross-sector collaboration.

**Date:** Wednesday April 29, 2020

**Time:** 12-1pm ET

Click [here](#) to register

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### **NIHB E-Course: Public Health Training**

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) have released their interactive e-course: Public Health Training. This e-course is intended to educate Tribal leaders and Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) members on public health topics and provide information, including best practices, to support consultation on public health topics. [Access the e-course here](#).

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### **Public Health Associate Program: Recorded Technical Assistance Webinars for Host Sites**

Is your tribal health organization looking for impactful ways to expand and deliver your public health services? Perhaps you have staffing and budget gaps you need to fill? CDC’s Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) may be the solution you are looking for! To learn more about applying to host an associate at your organization, visit the PHAP website to view recorded technical assistance webinars. Learn more [here](#).

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### **[SOAR for Native Communities Online Module and Training](#)**

SOAR online is a new series of CE/CME training modules that you can complete whenever, wherever you like. Each module discusses the SOAR framework and how to apply it where you work to identify individuals who are at risk or who have been trafficked and connect them with the resources they need. SOAR online is designed to educate health care providers, social workers, public health professionals, and behavioral health professionals on how to identify, treat, and respond appropriately to individuals who are at risk or who have been trafficked. [Click here](#) to register for this online training. Account sign-up at TRAIN.org is required.

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### Redesigned AMBER Alert Website Now Features Indian Country Resources

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has [launched](#) a refreshed [AMBER Alert website](#). The refreshed website now includes access to the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country website](#), a summary of the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative](#), and training and technical assistance resources. The website, managed by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), provides resources to help regional and state-level AMBER Alert training and coordination efforts and links to resources that support the AMBER Alert program through national partners and OJJDP grantees.

#### RESOURCES:

- View and download OJJDP's "[Implementation of the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018: A Report to Congress.](#)"
- Access OJJDP's Missing and Exploited Children [webpage](#) for resources.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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### Presentations from the National Conference on American Indian/Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention Are Now Available

The National Conference on American Indian/Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention took place from July 23-25, 2019 in Denver, Colorado. The conference was hosted by the IHS Injury Prevention Program and CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Selected presentation slides from the conference are available for viewing on the website for the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health. To access conference presentations, click [here](#).

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

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### Federal

#### CDC Fellowship and Training Opportunities (Deadline Approaching)

Several opportunities are open for individuals with diverse skill sets and education levels:

- [Public Health Law Program Internships and Externships for Fall 2020](#) is open now through April 30, 2020.
- [Regional Training Workshops: Teaching Tomorrow's Disease Detectives](#) registration is open until available seats are filled.

For more information about available opportunities, please visit [the CDC fellowships and training website](#).

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#### Public Health Associate Program: Host Site Applications

The [Public Health Associate Program](#) (PHAP) is seeking exceptional sites to host an associate from October 2020 to October 2022. There are numerous benefits to serving as a PHAP host site, including—

- Gaining CDC-funded field assignees who are energetic, intelligent, flexible, career-minded individuals with unlimited potential
- Forming a unique partnership with CDC to develop the nation's next generation of public health professionals
- Filling workforce gaps caused by budget cuts and staffing shortages

Public health organizations have hosted associates working in a variety of public health areas, such as prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, HIV, and other communicable diseases; chronic disease prevention; environmental health; public health preparedness; immunization; injury and violence prevention; maternal and child health promotion; accreditation; and access to healthcare.

Prospective host sites can learn more about PHAP and how to become a host site on the [PHAP website](#). You can also find helpful program and application information, including [webinar recordings](#) such as [PHAP 201: Strategic Development of a Quality PHAP Training Experience—The CO-STARR Model](#), information about eligibility, answers to frequently asked questions, and testimonials from previous host sites. If you need more information about PHAP or the application process, please don't hesitate to email [phap@cdc.gov](mailto:phap@cdc.gov) or call 404-498-0030.

The **PHAP host site application** period is **April 1–14, 2020**.

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### **Native Student Travel Scholarship Program: Connecting Science to Crime and Justice**

To enhance diversity in the field of criminal justice, the Department of Justice will support 15 American Indian and Alaska Native students to attend criminal justice-related conferences. Students will explore how their educational backgrounds apply to issues of crime and justice. They will meet researchers and practitioners engaged in similar work. Conferences will expose students to innovative and evidence-based scientific and technological solutions to justice issues. Click [here](#) for eligibility and application requirements and deadlines and to download the application form.

Deadline: **April 15, 2020**

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### **Public Health Student Intern Program**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is seeking applicants for the Public Health Student Intern Program (PHSIP). Public Health Interns will complete a one-semester rotation within one of HRSA's Bureaus or Offices. This public health program offers unpaid experience for current graduate and undergraduate students in good standing at schools of public health and public health programs in the United States. Students who are interested in participating in the Public Health Intern Program at HRSA may [read more here](#) or contact the HRSA Strategic Recruitment office at [PHSIP@hrsa.gov](mailto:PHSIP@hrsa.gov).

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### **Recent Graduates-Positions for Data Scientists/Statisticians at EEOC**

The Office of Enterprise Data and Analytics at the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is hiring 6, advanced entry level statisticians/data scientists (GS-9 promotion potential GS-11). These vacancies are open to recent graduates of Spring 2020. Click on the [job announcement](#) to learn more

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## **Non-Federal**

### **[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Leadership Programs](#)**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) supports and connects change leaders nationwide who are working to build a culture of health through their leadership development programs:

- *Health Policy Research Scholars* invests in scholars from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented backgrounds whose research and leadership can help shape policy toward a Culture of Health.
- *Interdisciplinary Research Leaders* equips teams of researchers and community partners to apply advanced leadership skills and rigorous research in meeting pressing community health needs.
- *Clinical Scholars* prepares and supports interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals to use their voice and skills in collaboratively tackling complex health issues in their communities.

- *Summer Health Professions Education Program* focuses on improving access to information and resources for college students interested in the health professions.

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### **NNPHI Director of Research and Evaluation**

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) works to unite public health institutes, training centers, community organizations, government agencies, health care systems, and businesses in advancing public health practice and improving population health. Mobilizing more than 40-member public health institutes with over \$1.4 billion in annual funding – as well as 10 university-based regional training centers and 40 affiliates – NNPHI is a social, financial and information network, connecting more than 8,000 subject-matter experts with organizational partners across the nation. **NNPHI seeks an experienced and entrepreneurial professional to serve as its next Director of Research and Evaluation (Director of R&E).** The Director of R&E will lead NNPHI's Evidence to Action (E2A) portfolio team, implementing projects within the E2A portfolio and providing research and evaluation services across additional NNPHI portfolios. This is an exciting opportunity for a seasoned public health research and evaluation leader with strong team development and portfolio management skills to lead and strengthen public health priorities and learning across a dedicated and active national network.

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### **National Indian Health Board Open Positions**

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions based in Washington, DC:

- Director of Public Health Policy and Programs
- Congressional Relations Associate

Those who are interested in making a positive difference in the health of America's Native Peoples' lives are encouraged to apply.

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### **Washington University Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, announced a transdisciplinary postdoctoral training program in obesity and cardiovascular disease. This training program is currently recruiting talented postdoctoral trainees from diverse scientific backgrounds (e.g., genetics, molecular cell biology, psychology, social work, public health, neurosciences) that are interested in developing the transdisciplinary research skills necessary to address the complex problems of obesity and cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment across the lifespan. To apply, please download and complete the application form found [here](#) and send to Sherri Gabbert, PhD, program administrator, at [gabberts@wustl.edu](mailto:gabberts@wustl.edu)

Deadline: **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

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## **CURRENT ISSUES AND TRIBAL NEWS**

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### **NIWRC Supports Federal Court Decision Ordering Full Environmental Impact Statement on Dakota Access Pipeline**

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) applauds the decision made yesterday by Judge James E. Boasberg of the United States District Court, District of Columbia in *Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. United States Army Corps of Engineers (D.D.C.)*, in which he remanded the case back to the Corps to prepare a full environmental impact statement (EIS) to address the health, safety, and treaty concerns of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The federal court found the Corps violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it approved federal permits for the pipeline in 2016, a decision affirming concerns raised by Tribal Nations and Native organizations for the Corps' decision to allow Dakota Access LLC to build a pipeline less than a mile from the [Standing Rock Sioux](#) reservation in North Dakota. [Read more here.](#)

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### **Counting Indigenous American Indians and Alaska Natives in the US Census**

This paper by Michele Connolly, Blackfoot describes how the Indigenous American Indians and Alaska Natives came, first to be counted and secondly, to be counted accurately in national censuses. Joint efforts by American Indian Tribes, the National Congress of American Indians and the U.S. Census Bureau have evolved to obtain accurate and complete counts. The results of these efforts may be useful in other countries to improve participation in censuses of Indigenous people in other countries. Click [here](#) to read more.

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### **Women Report Better Quality of Life After Hysterectomy or Myomectomy**

All women with uterine fibroids who had a hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) or a myomectomy (removal of the fibroids only) reported improved quality of life one year later, an AHRQ-funded study found. Click [here](#) to read further.

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### **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Injury Atlas Update**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Injury Prevention program and Alaska Native Epidemiology Center collaborated with statewide data sources and regional Tribal health organizations to develop the third update of the Alaska Native Injury Atlas, published in March, 2020. The Atlas reports both injury hospitalizations and injury deaths, with charts and maps that illustrate rate differences by geographic area and over time. Click [here](#) to view. If you are interested in obtaining a hardcopy of the Atlas, contact Hillary at 907-306-8863 or [hdstrayer@anthc.org](mailto:hdstrayer@anthc.org)

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### **Senator Udall Introduces Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Bill**

U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, introduced the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act. This legislation would ensure Tribes have direct access to Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funds from CDC. Under current law, Tribes are not eligible to apply for PHEP funds. The bill includes a baseline requirement to fund at least ten Tribes for emergency preparedness and exempts Tribes from having to put forth any matching funds. In addition, the bill waives many of the onerous reporting requirements that are imposed on state PHEP recipients. The full text of the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act is available [here](#).

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### **2020 Census Tribal Resources**

The Tribal Affairs team works closely with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal nations on a government-to-government basis to address issues concerning tribal self-government. The government-to-government relation is based on the United States Constitution, federal treaties, policy, law, court decisions, executive orders, and the ongoing political relationship among tribal nations and the federal government. The Intergovernmental Affairs Office serves as the principal liaison office for tribal affairs and is the principal advisor to the Director and executive staff on tribal issues and concerns. The team's work focuses on collaborating with other agencies, building and maintaining relationships with tribal leaders, tribal associations, and tribal citizens in order to educate, inform, consult and share program information from across the U.S. Census Bureau. Click [here](#) to view the resources.

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### **The Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer**

The latest Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer finds that for all cancer sites combined, **cancer death rates continued to drop** in men, women, adolescents and young adults, and children in the United States from 2001 to 2017. While there was some progress toward reaching the Healthy People 2020 targets for lung cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer in women, and colorectal cancer, more work needs to be done to address disparities in cancer screening and some risk behaviors. The annual report is produced by CDC, the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries. [Read the report.](#)



**From:** [Bobba, Marietta \(DSHS/AL TSA\)](#)  
**To:** [Collins, Tim \(DSHS/OOS/OIP\)](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response (non-competitive grant)  
**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2020 9:22:13 AM

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Hi Tim,

Is Sharon putting in an application for these funds? It's non-competitive. It implies that it is also the portal to future COVID-19 tribal specific funds.

Marietta

### **Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response (*non-competitive grant*)**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-OT20-2004

Deadline: May 31, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325942>

Description: To support tribal public health emergency response to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is announcing a new, non-competitive grant CDC-RFA-OT20- 2004 Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response. To carry out public health emergency response activities in response to COVID-19, CDC is awarding at least \$40,000,000 of initial funding to federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations that contract or compact with the Indian Health Service under Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, or consortia of these tribes, or their bona fide agents. **All federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, consortia of federally recognized tribes, or their bona fide agents should apply now to be considered for subsequent funding through this announcement to carry out public health emergency response activities in response to COVID-19.** This funding and future funding is intended to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities for COVID-19.

Point of Contact: [TribalCOVIDInfo@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalCOVIDInfo@cdc.gov)

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