

Subject: HHS-CDC Announce \$80M to Support COVID-19 Response in Indian Country



Dear Tribal Leaders, Public Health Officials, and Indian Country Professionals,

I am pleased to share the following – last night the Department of Health and Human Services announced an \$80 million spend plan for tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations to support COVID-19 response efforts in Indian Country. Read the full release from HHS here:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/20/hhs-announces-upcoming-action-to-provide-funding-to-tribes-for-covid-19-response.html>

I am glad that our Indian Country COVID-19 Response Team had the opportunity to connect with so many of you this past week. We heard many of your concerns, including for the disposition of \$40 million included in the initial COVID-19 supplementary funding passed by Congress. The CDC's announcement is twice the amount directed by Congress and includes \$30 million to supplement existing CDC Cooperative Agreements in Indian Country, \$10 million to supplement national tribal health organizations, and \$40 million for a new *non-competitive* notice of funding opportunity to reach all Title I and Title V tribes that are eligible to apply for a federal grant.

I hope this news finds you all well and please contact me if I can provide any additional information.

V/r,

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