National Indian Health Board

COVID-19: Tribal TELEHEALTH Mini-grant 2020

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

With funding from the Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health, as part of the national Nick Kristof's C-19 Impact Initiative, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is offering a funding opportunity for Tribes and Tribal Organizations seeking to strengthen their local COVID-19 response by building capacity for the delivery of telehealth services. This funding is intended to fulfill immediate Tribal telehealth needs.

NIHB will provide mini-grants to a maximum of **18 Tribes** in amounts up to **$10,000** each. Tribes may use these funds for activities in one or more of these categories:

- Materials and Equipment Acquisition
- Facilities & Infrastructure
- Outreach and Education
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Evaluation and Assessment

The completed application is due by 11:59 PM EDT on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The project period will run from approximately August 1 through December 31, 2020.

APPLY HERE
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TribalTelehealth

NIHB will host a
Pre-Application Webinar
Monday, July 13, 2020 from 4:00pm-4:30pm ET

Register for the Pre-Application Webinar or cut and paste this address into your browser

https://nihb.webex.com/nihb/onstage/g.php?MTID=e439eb5941bf06cf1f9f6a3b9cc8e6a8d

Additional questions about this RFA may be directed to Karrie Joseph
kjoseph@nihb.org

NIHB will not answer any questions or provide any information that may provide an unfair advantage to any applicants.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered eligible for this funding opportunity, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Applicants must be a federally recognized Tribal Government, Tribal organization, or inter-Tribal consortium as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended.

Applicants may be currently in receipt of or are welcome to apply for other NIHB funding opportunities.

FUNDING CATEGORIES AND SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

Activities may include but are not limited to the following:

Category: Materials and Equipment Acquisition
Sample Activities:
- Upgrading or purchasing hardware to increase bandwidth
- Upgrading or purchasing hardware to increase signal strength/connectivity
- Purchasing smart phones and/or tablets for community members

Category: Facilities & Infrastructure
Sample Activities:
- Purchasing and/or installing hot spots throughout a reservation/community/village
- Turning rooms within facilities into telehealth appointment rooms
- Updating EHRs to better track telehealth services and link them to on-site, in-person staff
- Developing or purchasing software or an app for the clinic or hospital to support telehealth services (e.g., to serve as a patient portal)
- Ensuring that billing systems are ready to support telehealth engagements

Category: Outreach and Education
Sample Activity:
- Marketing of telehealth services

Category: Training and Technical Assistance
Sample Activities:
- Training for community members on how to use existing or new technologies
- Training for providers and/or support staff on how to use telehealth systems

Category: Evaluation and Assessment
Sample Activities:
- Conducting a community level assessment
- Evaluating telehealth services

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Selected Tribal partners must agree to:
- Complete an agreed upon work plan that will enhance the capacity of the Tribe to implement telehealth services.
- Sign and return a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NIHB that stipulates the amount of funds to be distributed, a schedule of funds distribution, Tribal points of contact, and project activities. NIHB will furnish the MOA after funding decisions are made.
- Designate <u>one</u> main point of contact to serve as the project coordinator. Even if this person will not be leading all project activities, the Tribal partner must designate <u>one individual with whom NIHB will directly communicate on all matters related to this project</u>. This person will be responsible for submitting the final report, participating in conference calls, and completing evaluation activities.
- Permit NIHB to share project success, lessons learned and tangible products as part of a broader information dissemination strategy.
- Participate in project evaluation activities.
- Submit a final report and financial statement to NIHB by December 31, 2020.

NIHB will provide selected sites with:
- Specified amount of funds.
- Technical assistance from NIHB as requested.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1) Participate in the <u>optional</u> pre-application conference call on Monday, July 13 from 4:00-4:30pm ET.
2) Complete the online application *https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TribalTelehealth* and upload the work plan, letter of support and audit documentation when prompted in the online application.
3) The following will comprise a complete application package:

Completed Application form	✓
Completed work plan (template provided)	✓
Copy of most recent audit letter to governance or schedule of findings	✓
Signed letter of support from Tribal official	✓

4) Complete the project application and upload required documents. Contact Karrie Joseph, kjoseph@nihb.org, if you are not able to complete the online application

and need to request a word document to submit by email. No applications will be accepted by fax or postal mail. NIHB shall confirm the receipt of all applications.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Incomplete application packages will not be reviewed.
- All complete applications will be reviewed by a team of qualified public health professionals
- NIHB shall notify all applicants of the status of their application by July 29, 2020.

[APPLY HERE](#)