

Conference Program, and to develop some preliminary recommendations to reduce lead poisoning in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

To assure participation in the lead poisoning program, 26 people, including 7 presenters, were provided stipends to cover a part of the costs for transportation, lodging and registration fees to attend the Consumer Conference. The following table summarizes the tribes and states of the 19 participants receiving stipends under the EPA grant who were not presenters.

Tribe	State	Number of Participants
Blackfeet Tribe	MT	1
Cherokee Nation	OK	2
Colville Confederated Tribes	WA	1
Comanche Nation	OK	4
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla	OR	1
Crow Tribe	MT	1
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	ID	1
Northern Cheyenne	MT	2
Osage Tribe	OK	1
Salish-Kootenai	MT	1
Santee Sioux	SD	1
Tlingit-Haida Tribes of Alaska	AK	1
Tribe not listed	MT, NM	2

As the above table indicates, the stipend participants represented at least 12 tribes from 8 different states. The names and contact information for stipend participants and presenters are attached to this report.

The purpose of this report is to summarize and evaluate the lead poisoning program offered in association with the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NIHB Consumer Conference.

### **Message Dissemination: Awareness Raising, Participation and Attendance**

Prior to this meeting, lead poisoning was a mostly unknown issue for most American Indian tribes and Alaska Native communities. The announcement for this meeting was sent to a mailing list of 3,400, that included tribal leaders and tribal health directors. While lead was only one of several agenda items listed in the announcement, it was given greater visibility than other topics. The meeting announcement included a heading, "EPA LEAD-BASED AWARENESS AND