



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
1220 SW 3rd AVENUE, Room 476
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

Dear Tribal Leader:

As shared during the Quarterly Health Board held the week of April 20th, this letter serves as formal notice that the Portland Area Indian Health Service (PAIHS) is now accepting submission of project proposals to be funded by the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI), pursuant to Public Law 110-161. With this letter, the Portland Area IHS invites submission of your proposed projects. Enclosed are five documents: 1) Area Guidance for Distribution; 2) Exhibit 1: GPRA Measures; 3) Exhibit 2: Outcomes and Output Tables; 4) Exhibit 3: 638 Contract/Compact Amendment; and, 5) Exhibit 4: Funding tables Related to FY 08 and FY 09 Funding Distribution. The Portland Area MSPI allocation for FY 08 and FY09 totals \$1,789,000.

As noted in the guidance document, and in accordance with P.L. 110-161, the proposed projects must:

- Provide community-focused responses that enhance evidence-based or practice-based methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment services or education programming;
- Coordinate services for communities to respond to their local methamphetamine and/or suicide crises;
- Participate in a nationally coordinated program focusing specifically on increasing access to methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment related activities among the Federal partners, Areas, Tribes, States, and academic or not-for-profit programs;
- Provide communities with needed resources to develop their own community-focused programs with preference for coordinated programming that maximizes the impact across communities and Tribal groups; and,
- Establish baseline data and information related to methamphetamine abuse/suicides in the local communities.

In accordance with project guidelines, funding recipients must:

- Develop and submit a three year action plan
- Attend one mandatory MSPI meeting per year (subject to availability of funds)
- Participate in a nationally evaluation of this project
- Use a portion of awarded funds, not to exceed 20 percent, to develop or enhance funding recipients' local evaluation capacity
- And, publicize funding recipients' activities in the affected communities.

As you prepare your project proposals, please bear in mind that there are substantial levels of accountability and reporting required. Demonstrable outcomes and output measures were developed in consultation with the National Behavioral Health Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC). Each project must report on applicable GPRA measures (Exhibit 1) and comply with

applicable outcome measures (Exhibit 2) when establishing their local evaluation processes for the prevention, treatment, and aftercare services for methamphetamine abuse and suicide prevention. While it is not required to report on all outcome measures listed, you are encouraged to use all applicable measures. It is also important to note that these are non-recurring funds and that any future funding decisions will be based on demonstrated use of funds toward the achievement of the outcome considerations and measures. You are encouraged to consider collaboration with other programs, locally and regionally, that may enhance services and maximize funds to meet your community needs in addressing methamphetamine and suicide prevention and treatment.


Please note: All project proposals must be received by close of business on **Friday, June 5, 2009**. Project proposals submitted after this date will not be considered for funding with FY 08 and FY09 MSPI funds. Send your project proposal to:

Portland Area Indian Health Service
Office of Health Programs
1220 SW Third Ave, Room 476
Portland, OR 97204
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On April 23, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board agreed that the Portland Area will use the established Funds Distribution Work Group (FDWG) to facilitate review of proposals and make recommendations for funding. I am recommending to the FDWG that award amounts range between \$5,000 and \$250,000, with the size of grant awards reflective of the number of people served and the number of different communities receiving services. I expect the FY 08 and FY 09 funds to be distributed on or before June 26, 2009.

Portland Area Office staff will make themselves available to any Tribe or Service Unit who desires technical assistance preparing a project proposal for consideration. For any questions you may have during the development of your project proposal, please contact LCDR Ann Arnett, LCSW, Portland Area Behavioral Health Consultant, at 503-326-2005; or by email at ann.arnett@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,



Roselyn Tso
Acting Area Director

Enclosures