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## GENERAL MEMORANDUM 10-028

Administration for Native Americans FY 2010 Grants;  
Lillian Sparks Confirmed as ANA Commissioner

On March 3, 2010, the Senate confirmed Lillian Sparks (Rosebud and Oglala Sioux) as the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). This week the ANA issued a solicitation for grant applications for the following programs<sup>1</sup>, all of which have an application deadline of April 9, 2010:

1. Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance – Esther Martinez Initiative (CFDA # 93.587).

There is \$2 million available for an estimated eight grant awards. Funding ranges from \$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period for a three-year grant period. Applicants must include a detailed description of the current status of the Native language addressed in the project (from data collected within the preceding 36 months), and of any existing native language programs, or barriers and circumstances which prevented a Native language program from being established. Applications may be submitted in one of the following categories:

*Language Nest Projects* – programs that provide instruction and child care through the use of a Native language and ensure the Native language is the primary method of instruction.

*Language Survival School Projects* – programs that work toward the goal of all students achieving Native language fluency and academic proficiency. Applications must include a certification that the applicant has a minimum of three years experience in operating and administering a Native American Language Nest, Native American Language Survival School, or any other educational program where instruction is done in a Native language.

*Language Restoration Programs* – programs that provide instruction in at least one Native language and work toward increasing proficiency and fluency in that language.

Complete information about the Esther Martinez Initiative grant program may be downloaded at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ANA-NL-0029>.

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<sup>1</sup> As we reported in our General Memorandum 10-001 (January 8, 2010), the ANA has made a number of changes to its grants process, including combining programs (from nine grant opportunities to five announcements; the SEDS–Alaska Specific has been eliminated) and expanding some categories to include the initiatives previously allowed under other funding opportunities.

2. Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance (CFDA #93.587).

There is \$3.9 million available for an estimated 15 grant awards. Funding ranges from \$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period for a three-year grant period. Applicants must include a detailed description of the current status of the Native language addressed in the project (from data collected within the preceding 36 months), and of any existing Native language programs, or barriers and circumstances which prevented a Native language program from being established. ANA has identified areas of particular interest with regard to this grant. The list, however, is not exclusive.

Collecting, compiling, analyzing, and organizing data in order to have a current description of the community's Native American language status;

Facilitating and encouraging intergenerational teaching of Native American language skills;

Planning and implementing an immersion, master/apprentice, or distance learning model;

Training and certifying teachers, interpreters, or translators in a Native American language;

Developing, printing, and disseminating materials to be used for the teaching and enhancement of a Native American language;

Participating, distributing, or participating in television, radio, or other media forms to broadcast Native American languages; and

Compiling, transcribing, and analyzing oral testimony to create resources that support the preservation of Native American languages.

Complete information about the NA Language Preservation and Maintenance grant program may be downloaded at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ANA-NL-0028>.

3. Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) (CFDA #93.612).

There is \$6 million available for an estimated 24 grant awards. Funding ranges from \$150,000 to \$500,000 per budget period; with grant periods of 12, 24 or 36 months. The SEDS program focus is development and governance activities to help bring about economic and social self-sufficiency of Native American communities. The goals of strengthening and preserving families, improving the well-being of children, and promoting responsible fatherhood have been added in the FY 2010 cycle. ANA has identified areas of particular interest with regard to this grant. The list, however, is not exclusive.

Social Development – includes human services, volunteerism, youth development, community living, arts and culture, asset-building, caring communities for young children, safety and security, community health;

Strengthening Families – includes family preservation, responsible fatherhood, relationship skills, parenting, and family violence;

Economic Development – includes economic stability, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, transportation, emergency preparedness, tourism, subsistence, commercial trade;

Governance – includes leadership skills, regulatory development, technology systems

Complete information about the SEDS grant program may be downloaded at:  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ANA-NA-0040>.

4. Social and Economic Development Strategies–Special Initiative (CFDA #93.612).

There is \$2.1 million available for an estimated 15 grant awards. Funding ranges from \$50,000 to \$149,999 per budget period; with grant periods of 12, 24 or 36 months. Like SEDS, SEDS-Special Initiative funds provide support for projects related to children and families and strengthening communities. The SEDS-Special Initiative, however, is focused on projects with smaller budgets (no more than \$149,999) in order that these applications can be evaluated and ranked with projects of similar scope and budget needs. The SEDS-Special Initiative has the same program areas of interest or project types as the regular SEDS (listed above).

Complete information about the SEDS-Special Initiative grant program may be downloaded at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ANA-NS-0041>.

5. Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (CFDA #93.581).

There is \$750,000 available for an estimated 5 grant awards. Funding ranges from \$100,000 to \$300,000 per budget period; with grant periods of 12, 24 or 36 months. This program supports projects focused on the development, enforcement, and monitoring of environmental quality and regulatory programs of tribes and Alaska Native villages. For FY 2010, the program areas and project types of interest the ANA has identified, but the list is not exclusive, are: data collection, code development, program capacity, personnel capacity, education, and new technology promotion.

Complete information about the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement grant program may be downloaded at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ANA-NR-0014>.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information or assistance regarding the ANA funding opportunities reported on in this Memorandum.

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