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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - TRIBAL PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM (BH-TPG) Program Description

### What is the BH-TPG?

- A new multi-year discretionary grant program **proposed in the President's FY 2013 budget request.**
  - Is reliant upon funding from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund in the amount of \$40 million.
  - Utilizes a **non-competitive** application process for all Federally-recognized Tribes.
  - The application represents a Tribe's plan to prevent substance abuse (including alcohol) and suicide.
  - It is anticipated that each Tribal applicant will receive a "basic" award to prevent substance abuse and suicide. Amount to be determined.
  - SAMHSA will continue to conduct Tribal consultation to determine a formula distribution and BH-TPG program requirements.
  - The BH-TPG aligns with SAMHSA requirements under the Tribal Law and Order Act.
  - **Implementation:** An appropriation is needed for this new program. If funds are appropriated and an approved FY 2013 Federal budget is enacted, SAMHSA will post a BH-TPG funding opportunity announcement on Grants.gov and on the SAMHSA website. Awards would be made by **September 2013.**
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### Authorizing Legislation

Section 516 and 520A of Public Health Service Act.

### Purpose of BH-TPG

The BH-TPG provides funding for all Federally-recognized Tribes to address the prevention of substance abuse and suicide in their communities. SAMHSA will consult with Tribal leaders to develop the design of the program that includes a comprehensive data-driven planning process. SAMHSA will seek Tribal leader input on a formula for funding amount that best serves the behavioral health needs of Tribes. To increase economies of scale, tribes can submit a consortium application. Funds can be used for infrastructure and support development activities. Tribes will be eligible for these funds beyond the initial 3-year period, provided they meet the requirements of a continuation application, submit timely annual reports, and continue to show progress in implementing their plan.

## Bringing Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention to Scale for all Tribes

The BH-TPG provides predictable, sustained funding for federally-recognized Tribes to implement evidence-based and/or culturally appropriate substance abuse and suicide prevention strategies. The BH-TPG is a continuance of SAMHSA's commitment to improve the behavioral health of American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages.

### Suicide and Substance Abuse Statistics in Indian Country

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for AI/AN youth in the 10-24 age group. (NCIPC, 2009)
  - The suicide rate for American Indian/Alaska Native males in 2003 was two to four times that of same-age males in other racial/ethnic groups and eleven times that of same-age females. (NCIPC, 2003)
  - Illicit drug use - in the past year, American Indians and Alaska Natives were more likely than persons of other racial backgrounds to have used an illicit drug (18.4% vs. 14.6%) and to have an illicit drug use disorder (5.0% vs. 2.9%). (NSDUH, 2007)
  - Only 1 in 8 (12.6 percent) of AI/AN adults (24,000 people) in need of alcohol or illicit drug use treatment in the past year received treatment at a specialty facility. (NSDUH, 2010)
  - The rate of past month binge alcohol use was higher among AI/AN adults than the national average (30.6 percent vs. 24.5 percent). (NSDUH, 2010)
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### Agency Overview

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SAMHSA Mission: To reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

For more information on the proposed FY 13 Behavioral Health - Tribal Prevention Grant you may contact your SAMHSA Regional Administrator, contact information can found at <http://www.samhsa.gov/about/regions/>, access the SAMHSA website at <http://www.samhsa.gov/budget/> or contact:

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**MISSION.** To reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. To achieve this mission SAMHSA has 8 Strategic Initiatives that will guide the work. They are:

- Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
- Trauma & Justice
- Military Families
- Recovery & Support
- Health Reform
- Health Information Technology
- Data, Outcomes, and Quality
- Public Awareness and Support

More information on the Strategic Initiatives can be obtained at <http://www.samhsa.gov/about/strategy.aspx>

**ORGANIZATION.** SAMHSA administers a combination of competitive, formula and block grant programs and data collection activities. This work is achieved through the offices and following Centers:

- Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ)
- Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

More information on SAMHSA Centers and Offices can be obtained at <http://www.samhsa.gov/about/>

Information on SAMHSA Regional Office Staff can be obtained at <http://www.samhsa.gov/about/regions/>

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## RESOURCES.

- **SAMHSA Publications** at <http://store.samhsa.gov/home>. Top recommended items are:
  - ✓ The SAMHSA Culture Card is a resource designed to enhance cultural competency.
  - ✓ Preventing Suicide by American Indian and Alaska Native Youth and Young Adults - To Live to Meet the Great Day that Dawn. The guide provides community-based suicide prevention and mental health promotion plans.
- **Funding Opportunities.** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/>
- **SAMHSA News.** <http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter/default.aspx>
- **SAMHSA Dialogue Blog.** <http://blog.samhsa.gov/>
- **Health Reform.** <http://www.samhsa.gov/healthReform/>
  - *Description of Good and Modern Addictions and Mental Health Service System*
- **FY 2012 – 2013 Uniform Block Grant Application.** <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/blockgrant/>
- **National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health.** <http://nned.net/>
- **National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.** <http://www.actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org/>

## **THE SAMHSA TRIBAL AFFAIRS AGENDA INCLUDES:**

### **Work with the HHS Office of the Secretary.**

- Intra- Departmental Council on Native American Affairs (ICNAA)
- Office of Intergovernmental External Affairs - Tribal Affairs
- Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC)

### **Work with our Federal Partners.**

- Department of Justice
  - Office of Justice Programs & Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
    - Tribal Justice, Safety and Wellness Sessions
    - Tribal Law and Order Act – Interagency Coordinating Committee
- Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs & Bureau of Indian Education
- Indian Health Service – Division of Behavioral Health

### **Work with the SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).**

SAMHSA established the TTAC in February 2008. The committee is composed of elected/appointed Tribal leaders. The committee is charged with providing information on the public health needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives, especially identifying urgent substance abuse and mental health needs, and discussing collaborative approaches to meeting those needs. The SAMHSA TTAC meets at least two times per year (March & August).

### **Work with Tribes through Tribal Consultation.** SAMHSA participates in:

- HHS Department-wide consultation – Includes the annual HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Session and HHS Regional Consultation Sessions.
  - SAMHSA-specific Tribal Consultation: SAMHSA hosted 4 consultation sessions in 2010 and 3 sessions in 2011. The consultation topics included: SAMHSA Strategic Initiatives, the Tribal Law and Order Act implementation, and the proposed new Behavioral Health – Tribal Prevention Grant program.
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### **SAMHSA Tribal Portfolio.** (Does not reflect additional Contracts, Sub-contracts or Inter-Agency Agreements)

- FY 2010 = 104 Awards to Tribes/ Tribal Organizations = \$68,120,563
- FY 2011 = 103 Awards to Tribes/ Tribal Organizations = \$71,065,895

**Behavioral Health – Tribal Prevention Program (BH-TPG).** <http://www.samhsa.gov/budget> The FY 2013 President's Budget request includes a **proposed** new grant program for federally recognized Tribes. The BH-TPG is a sustainable multi-year program. If funded in FY 2013, Tribes will be eligible to submit a non-competitive application to address the prevention of substance abuse and suicide.

**Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (Tribal Law & Order Act - TLOA).** <http://www.samhsa.gov/tloa/> The 2010 legislation mandates SAMHSA to take the lead role in interagency coordination and collaboration on Tribal substance abuse programs. The newly created Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse works on TLOA implementation. An MOA outlines the work of the agencies to determine the scope of the alcohol and substance abuse problems; identify the resources and programs of each agency that would be relevant to a coordinated effort to combat alcohol and substance abuse; and coordinate existing agency programs with those established by this Act.

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