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Office of Tribal & Service Unit Operations

PPPHCEA – HHS Testing Funds Transfer (FY20 closeout)

- ❖ Sent week of June 1st, 2020
- ❖ Requires a comprehensive Budget, Signed Amendment & Testing plan
- ❖ Portland Still has 7 Tribes outstanding

Calendar Year Tribes Remaining

- ❖ 5 – Title I AFA's
- ❖ 4 – Title V FA's

Contract Support Costs

- ❖ Portland Area Continues to work on prior year reconciliations for prior years to true up payments and ensure all CSC amounts are brought up to current.



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- ❖ **H.R. 133 – Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021**
 - ❖ **FY 2021 IHS Budget, \$6.2 billion**
 - ❖ **Became law on December 27, 2020**

- ❖ **Funding received by Area to date:**
 - ❖ **Exception Apportionment (Fiscal-Year Tribes Only)**
 - ❖ **CR1 PL 116-159: 10/01/20 – 12/11/20**
 - ❖ **CR2 PL 116-215: 12/12/20 – 12/18/20**
 - ❖ **CR3 PL 116-225: 12/19/20 – 12/20/20**
 - ❖ **CR4 PL 116-226: 12/21/20**
 - ❖ **CR5 PL 116-246: 12/22/20 – 12/28/20**
 - ❖ **30-day apportionment of FY20 Recurring Base, which runs through 1/27/2021**



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- ❖ On December 27, the President signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Act, 2021 as part of a broader legislative package.
- ❖ The bill includes a total of \$1 billion for IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs.
- ❖ The bill includes language stipulating that these funds are provided on a one-time, non-recurring basis, and can only be used for the purposes outlined in the statute.



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- ❖ These funds are appropriated to the CDC and the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. The bill directs HHS to transfer the funds to the IHS for distribution.
- ❖ The \$1 billion in new COVID-19 resources includes two separate appropriations:
 - ❖ \$210 million for vaccine-related costs, available through FY 2024, and
 - ❖ \$790 million for testing and related costs, available through FY 2022.



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- ❖ The bill provides the IHS a total of \$210 million for the following activities:
- ❖ To plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track coronavirus vaccines to ensure broad-based distribution, access, and vaccine coverage, and
- ❖ To restore, either directly, or through reimbursement, obligations incurred for coronavirus vaccine promotion, preparedness, tracking, and distribution prior to the enactment of this Act.



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- ❖ The bill provides the IHS a total of \$790 million for the following activities:
- ❖ Testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation to monitor & suppress COVID-19,
- ❖ Support for workforce, epidemiology, and personal protective equipment needed for administering tests,
- ❖ Use by employers, elementary and secondary schools, child care facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or other settings,
- ❖ Scaling up testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories,
- ❖ Community based testing sites, mobile testing units, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, and
- ❖ Other activities related to COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation.



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- ❖ The bill also requires that recipients of these funds update their COVID-19 testing plans required by the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.
- ❖ It further requires the Secretary to make these plans publicly available.
- ❖ It also requires the IHS to provide a spend plan on the uses of funds to Congress within 60 days of enactment, and report to Congress on uses of funding, commitments, and obligations, quarterly thereafter.



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FY19 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)

Status as of January 11, 2021

- 92 Total Cases
- 41 Total Amendments
- \$4,651,630.00 Reimbursed
- \$0 Pending Reimbursements
- 100% Total Reimbursed
- **FY19 CHEF Balance: \$0**



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FY20 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)

Status as of January 11, 2021

- 54 Total Cases
- 33 Total Amendments
- \$1,839,066.00 Reimbursed
- \$164,407.33 Pending Reimbursements
- 91% Total Reimbursed
- **FY20 CHEF Balance: \$28,195,367**



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FY21 Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)

Status as of January 11, 2021

- 1 Total Cases
- 0 Total Amendments
- \$0 Reimbursed
- \$13,883.16 Pending Reimbursements
- 0% Total Reimbursed
- **FY21 CHEF Balance: \$53,000,000**



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Division of Health Facilities Engineering

Combined Supportable Space Data Request

- ❖ Requesting Space and Deficiency Data Updates
- ❖ Packets Sent By Email to Tribal Health Director and Tribal Chair week of January 11th
 - ❖ Notify lee.wermy@ihs.gov if you did not receive.
- ❖ Response Required to be Eligible for Project M&I (BEMAR) Funding
- ❖ **Due February 15th**



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Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction

- ❖ In FY20, the Portland Area DSFC initiated a total of 49 new projects and amended 8 previous projects using \$18.5M from all funding sources.
- ❖ This included \$10.6M from IHS and \$7.9M in contributions from Tribes, EPA, USDA, and HUD.
- ❖ CARES Act funding: Portland Area DSFC received \$421,017 in CARES Act funding for special projects to provide Personal Protective Equipment to Tribal operators and to help operate and maintain water and wastewater systems and support public health.
- ❖ 8 CARES Act projects were funded, benefitting 10 Tribes.



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- ❖ In November, the Portland Area DSFC submitted its annual list of identified project needs to SFC Headquarters: 43 reportable projects valued at 59.6M.
- ❖ This list will be used to award projects in FY21.
- ❖ This represents a significant increase over the FY20 submission, which included 30 projects valued at \$26.5M.



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- ❖ This is the result of our continued partnerships with Tribes to identify needs, as well as changes in the guidance last year that allowed us to report needs that do not yet have a fully scoped project solution.
- ❖ We are currently beginning to schedule meetings with Tribes to identify needs for FY22 funding.



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