

2027-2028 Indian Health Grant Program Questions and Answers

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Q1. We provide hospice care in our residence as well as hospice in the community. In reading about the grant eligibility, I wanted to confirm our organization does not meet criteria. I wanted to inquire as I thought there would be a benefit to our organization in increasing our knowledge of the Indian culture to be more inclusive as a provider, as well as raise awareness of our services to the Indian community.

A1. Organizations that are Tribal Nations or nonprofit entities who provide clinical health services to American Indian people that reside off reservations are eligible to apply.

Q2. We provide the following service to low-income, urban-dwelling American Indians and their families in an active forum of culturally-informed education, fellowship, and support. Would it qualify as clinical health services for the purposes of the Indian Health Grant? Meetings include the recording of weight/BMI, blood pressure, and blood sugar. Topics of discussion are centered on a variety of diabetes- and health- related topics, including healthy diet / foods that are both affordable and consistent with Indigenous culture(s), stress and time- management strategies related to healthy living and lifestyles, maintaining motivation with indicated and ongoing disease care / tracking biometrics, physical activity relaxation exercises how to talk / collaborate with health providers, wound care, foot care, and sleep hygiene."

A2. Yes, these services meet the definition of clinical health services as defined in the RFP.

Q3. We are currently developing an American Indian perinatal and birthing lodge. It is not yet a clinical care center but is in development, with a trajectory to begin delivering Indigenous perinatal care services in the Twin Cities in 2027. Would a clinical care model in development (and currently supported by the county and private funders) be eligible to apply?

A3. Services can be in development at the time of application and can begin being offered within the grant period. To apply, your organization would need to be a nonprofit organization that will provide clinical health services to American Indian people that reside off reservations during the grant period.

Q4. If our organization will spin off into its own nonprofit once the grant starts, are we still eligible to apply?

A4. Grant funds are not transferrable to any other entity. If the entity spins off into its own nonprofit during the grant period, when the transition happens, any unused funds would not be able to be transferred to the new entity.

Q5. Could funds be used for participants in our housing & stabilization program who need referral to dental/medical services? We are not a clinic but are seeing youth in our PSH having critical dental needs without resources to pay for them. We also provide Clinical Health and Wellness services to our PSH residents, could these funds be used to support an additional therapist?

A5. Grant funds are intended to be used by the applicant organization to provide clinical health services to American Indian people that reside off reservations. If your organization provides the dental/medical services, then funds can be used. If you are referring clients to an outside organization for services, then grant funds would not be able to be used. If your organization provides mental health services to your clients, grant funds may be used to hire a therapist.

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