

Infant Health RFP: Tribal Applications

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The question-and-answer period opened August 14, 2023. Please allow three business days to address questions. Responses will be shared below based on topic.

1. **Question:** Can a 501(c)(3) that serves Native Families including pregnant and post-partum families. Would we be considered to apply for this?
 - a. **Answer:** Eligible applicants for the application: MDH recognizes the sovereignty of Tribal Nations and as such MDH will only accept applications under this funding opportunity from Minnesota-based Tribal Governments.
2. **Question:** The webinars listed in the [Tribal Government Infant Health Grants guidelines \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/womeninfants/infantmort/tribalapp.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/womeninfants/infantmort/tribalapp.pdf) states noon Eastern time (pages 5-6). I wanted to confirm Eastern rather than Central.
 - a. **Answer:** Webinar will be at 11:00 a.m. Central time/ 12:00 p.m. Eastern time.
3. **Question:** Who can apply for this funding?
 - a. **Answer:** Funding is only for Minnesota Tribal Governments.
4. **Question:** Can the funding support members who receive health services from Minnesota based tribal government but living in another state?
 - a. **Answer:** Yes
5. **Question:** Does MDH have a list of approved evidence-based trainings for organizations to use?
 - a. **Answer:** We do not have an approved list. We can review your narrative proposals and provide guidance and next steps for applicants in programs once narrative received.
6. **Question:** Can implementation of [Family Spirit \(https://familyspiritprogram.org/\)](https://familyspiritprogram.org/) Home Visiting Program be a fundable project?
 - a. **Answer:** If the organization is not currently apart of the MDH Family Home Spirit cohort, the funding can be used to support this implementation. They would not be tracked with the Family Home Visiting Cohort but can be a part of any trainings or collaborations offered out of family home visiting.
7. **Question:** When is the application narrative due?
 - a. **Answer:** Updated deadline is Monday Oct. 2, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. CDT.
8. **Question:** What is the preferred budget timeline for proposals?
 - a. **Answer:** For applications the suggested proposal timelines are:
 - i. January 1, 2024-June 30, 2024, for budget year one.
 - ii. July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025, for budget year two.
9. **Question:** Does funding have to create a new program?

- a. **Answer:** Funding can be used as a 'catalyst grant'. This gives teams months to identify details to project you would want to implement. This wouldn't necessarily need to be a brand-new program, the funding could support different activities over the next 18 months like community education, funding of training, community supports, or purchasing items like cribs, pack and plays.