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## GENERAL MEMORANDUM 20-011

### IHS FY 2020 Self-Governance Program Negotiation Cooperative Agreements

On July 30, 2020, the Indian Health Service (IHS) published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of the availability of FY 2020 cooperative agreements for *negotiation* under the Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP). This competitive grant program is authorized by Title V, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000, of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, PL 93-638, as amended. The TSGP is designed to promote self-determination by allowing tribes to assume more control of IHS programs and services through compacts negotiated with the IHS. *Applications are due by October 28, 2020.* A copy of the notice is available here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-07-30/pdf/2020-16536.pdf>

The purpose of the negotiation cooperative agreement is to defray some of the costs tribes incur in preparing for and negotiating compacts and funding agreements. A tribe is not required to have had a negotiation agreement in order to enter the TSGP.

There is \$240,000 available to fund approximately five tribes to enter the TSGP negotiation process for compacts. Awards are expected to be \$48,000 each.

To be eligible for a negotiation cooperative agreement, the applicant must be a tribe, tribal organization or inter-tribal consortium; and demonstrate financial stability and management capability by having had no significant and material audit exceptions for three previous fiscal years. Alaska Native Villages or Village Corporations are not eligible to apply for this funding if they are located within an area served by an Alaska Native regional health entity already participating in the Alaska Tribal Health Compact. We note that the Native Village of Eyak, the Eastern Aleutian Tribes, and the Council for Athabascan Tribal Governments are deemed Alaska Native regional health entities and are eligible to apply.

With regard to the required submission of resolutions accompanying the application, IHS requires that the Division of Grants Management must receive an official Tribal Resolution prior to issuing a Notice Award to any applicant selected for funding. Resolutions must be received from all affected Tribes to be served. If a signed resolution is not able to be provided prior to the submission of the application, a draft Tribal Resolution may be submitted with the application pending the filing of a signed Resolution prior to a Notice of Award being made

Applications are to be submitted electronically via [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Detailed eligibility, application criteria and contact information are contained in the notice.

Please contact let us know if we may provide additional information or assistance regarding the IHS FY 2020 Tribal Self-Governance Program *negotiation* cooperative agreements.

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