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## 2025-2026 Indian Health Grant

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# Tribal State Relations Statement

The state of Minnesota is home to 11 federally recognized Indian tribes with elected tribal government officials. The State of Minnesota acknowledges and supports the unique status of the Minnesota tribal nations and their absolute right to existence, self-governance, and self-determination. The United States and the State of Minnesota have a unique relationship with federally recognized Indian tribes, formed by the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, case law, and agreements. The State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Tribal governments significantly benefit from working together, learning from one another, and partnering where possible.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recognizes, values, and celebrates the vibrant and unique relationship between the 11 tribal nations and the State of Minnesota. MDH believes that the partnerships formed, through a government-to-government relationship, with the eleven tribal nations will effectively address health disparities and lead to better health outcomes for all of Minnesota.

# Program Description

- The Indian Health Grant, authorized by Minnesota Statute 145A.14, was established to support organization to provide clinical health services, including culturally informed preventive, medical, dental, and/or mental health care services, for American Indian people that reside off reservations.

# Funds Available

Funding	Estimate
Estimated Amount to Grant over 2 years	\$348,000
Estimated Number of Awards	4-5
Estimated Maximum Award	\$100,000
Estimated Minimum Award	N/A

- Funding is allocated through a competitive process
- No expenditures may be made before the grant agreement is fully signed and executed and the start date arrives

# Funding Information

- Annual funding will be allocated among eligible applicants over a 2-year project period, from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026.
- The final six months of funding for July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 will be contingent upon favorable legislative action on the state budget request for the 2025/2026 biennium period.

# Funding Eligibility

- Eligible entities include:
  - Tribal Nations providing clinical health services to American Indian people that reside off reservations
  - Nonprofit entities providing clinical health services to American Indian people that reside off reservations
    - Preference is given to nonprofit organizations that were created for and are specifically focused on serving American Indian people.

# Definitions: Clinical Health Services

- “Clinical health services” means outpatient or ambulatory services for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or the maintenance of health. Clinics may be stationary or mobile and must not be solely for the purpose of urgent nor emergent care. Eligible health services include preventive, medical, dental and mental health. This may include cultural or traditional practices whose purpose is to heal or maintain health. Clinics may provide one or more of these services and are not required to provide all.



# Definitions: Resides Off Reservations

- “Resides off reservations” means persons not living on Indian Land who are members of an organized tribe, band or other group of aboriginal people of the United States, having a treaty relationship with the federal government and who are regarded as American Indians by the group in which they claim membership.

# General Information

- There is no match requirement for this grant
- Project Dates: January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026
- Collaboration is required for nonprofit organizations that were not created for and specifically focused on serving American Indians.
- Collaboration means working with the American Indian patient population or established organizations representing the American Indian population to develop the grant work plan.

# Outcomes & Priorities

- Grant outcomes are improved outreach and access to culturally informed preventive, medical, dental, and/or mental health care for American Indian people living off reservation.
- Applicants who are Tribal Nations or nonprofit organizations created for and are specifically focused on serving American Indians will be prioritized for funding.

- Eligible expenses include:

- Salaries
- Fringe Benefits
- Travel
- Supplies
- Contracted Services
- Equipment and Capital Improvements
- Other (Define)
  - Cultural or traditional practices whose purpose is to heal or maintain health
- Indirect

- Ineligible expenses include:

- Fundraising
- Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services
- Lobbyists, political contributions
- Bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges, or contingency funds

# Grant Contractual Obligations

- Work may not start prior to the full signing and execution of the grant agreement and the project start date (January 1, 2025)
- Grant activities approved for payment are outlined in Exhibits A & B of the grant agreement
  - Any activities outside of this must be approved prior to action
- Grantees must report on financial and programmatic activities quarterly
  - January 20, April 20, July 20, October 20
- Grantees receiving over \$50,000 will have one grant monitoring visit and financial reconciliation per grant period

# Financial Reports

- Financial reports are the way you invoice MDH and get reimbursed for grant expenses
- We will ask you to provide a detailed invoice and proof that each payment was made.

# Progress Reports

- Progress reports check in how the project is going and how MDH can provide assistance
- The outcomes you report on will come from your grant agreement based on what your project is and what you propose to measure.
- Grant outcomes will vary based on the project.
- Example outcomes include:
  - Total number of patients served
  - Number of patients screened for various health issues
  - Number of encounters
  - Improved measures of health
  - Description of outreach efforts
  - Descriptions of how care was provided in a culturally informed way

# Review Process

- MDH determines initial eligibility
- Review committee scores applications on the criteria in RFP Attachment A:
  - Project Narrative (60 points)
  - Project Work Plan (25 points)
  - Budget and Budget Justification (15 points)
  - Bonus Points for Tribal Nations or nonprofit organizations who were created for and are specifically focused on serving American Indian people (5 points)
- Review committee and MDH determine grant awards
- MDH conducts due diligence and past performance review prior to entering into grant agreements



# Submitting Questions

- All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted via email to [bekah.ehlebracht@state.mn.us](mailto:bekah.ehlebracht@state.mn.us)
- Answers will be posted within 5 days on the ORHPC Grants and Funding website at: [Indian Health Grant](#)
- Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, September 25, 2024

# Application Submission

- Applications are due October 7, 2024 at 4:30 pm Central Time
- All applications will be completed and submitted via the online ORHPC Grants Management System
- The next slides show how to create a profile and begin an application in the online system

# Creating/Managing Users

Logon Page

Email Address\*

Password\*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to the MN Department of Health's Office of Rural Health and Primary Care's online grant portal.

**FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR MN HEALTH CARE LOAN FORGIVENESS OR STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM:** Please click on the "Create New Account" button to set up an account to enter into the grant portal.

**ALL CURRENT USERS:** Please click on the "Forgot your Password?" link to create a new password for the account that has already been set up for you.

- Existing Users: log in or use the forgot password button
- New Users: verify your organization has or doesn't have a profile & create profile(s)
- If you are unsure of organization's status, reach out to MDH

# Starting an Application

- On the home page of the portal, find the FY2025-2026 Indian Health Grant
- Click Apply

The screenshot shows the 'Apply' page for the Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'm' logo and 'APPLY' text. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a section titled 'Apply' with an 'Enter Access Code' input field. The main content area lists three grant programs, each with an 'Apply' button and a 'Preview' button. The first grant is the 'Indian Health Grant - FY 2025 Accepting Submissions from 08/19/2024 to 10/07/2024'. The second is the 'MN J-1 Visa Waiver Application - FY 2025 Accepting Submissions from 08/12/2024 to 10/18/2024'. The third is the 'Rural Primary Care Residency Training Grant Program - FY 2025 Accepting Submissions from 08/16/2024 to 11/08/2024'. Each grant entry includes a brief description and a link to the RFP for further information.


This is a close-up view of the 'Indian Health Grant - FY 2025 Accepting Submissions from 08/19/2024 to 10/07/2024' application card. The card has a light blue header with the title and an 'Apply' button. Below the header, there is a paragraph of text: 'Please refer to the RFP for further information about this grant program which includes information about the application process and requirements, the program statute, and award criteria.' At the bottom of the card, there are three buttons: 'Preview', 'Send to GrantHub', and an information icon.

# Application Sections

- 7 sections to complete
- Refer to RFP for instructions on narrative questions
- Complete at your own pace
  - Save button vs. Submit button

## Application

[Apply](#) / [Indian Health Grant - FY 2025](#) / [Application](#) / [Preview](#)

 Fields with an asterisk (\*) are required.

> Application Instructions

> Section 1: Organization and Applicant Information

> Section 2: Project Information

> Section 3: Site Type

> Section 3: Project Abstract and Narrative

> Section 4: Project Workplan

> Section 5: Budget Items and Budget Narratives

> Section 7: Applicant Conflict of Interest

> Certification

# Application Sections 1 & 2

- Basic information about your organization
- Important to note that the project contact will be the individual to whom reports are assigned
- Collaboration is possible: can add others as collaborators in portal
- SWIFT information is very important – this is how MDH contracts
  - If unsure, contact SWIFT help desk: 651-201-8100 or [swifthelpdesk.mmb@state.mn.us](mailto:swifthelpdesk.mmb@state.mn.us)

# Application Section 3: Project Abstract & Narrative Note

- The application will have slightly different questions for each type of eligible entity, as not all questions are relevant to the three types of organizations that can apply.
- **Site Type**
  - Tribal Nation
  - Nonprofit organization created for and specifically focused on serving American Indian people
  - Nonprofit organization

# Application Section 3: Project Abstract & Narrative 1

- **Organization Mission** (nonprofits only)
- **Organization and Service Area Overview**
- **Problem Statement**
- **Target Population and Numbers Served**
- **Project Plan**
- **Project Outcomes**



# Application Section 3: Project Abstract & Narrative 2

- **Culturally Informed Care** (only required for organizations who are not Tribal Nations)
- **Community Collaboration** (only required for organizations that are not Tribal organizations and were not created for and specifically focused on serving American Indians)
- **Project Feasibility**

# Application Section 4: Project Work Plan

- This section will include listing the objectives (measurable goals) for the grant period.
- Under each objective list all the activities that will be completed to meet the objective.
- Each activity will also have a start and end date as well as the role of the person responsible for execution.
  - Please use titles and not names
- Be as detailed as possible to ensure the reviewer understands each step of the process for the project.

# Application Section 5: Budget

- Budget Line Item
- Budget Narrative
  - What the expense is and how you calculated it
- This grant crosses multiple fiscal years. To ensure maximum funding for each grant, we ask that you plan your budget broken out into three time periods:
  - January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 using 25% of your total project budget
  - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 using 50% of your total project budget
  - July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 using 25% of your total project budget

# Application Section 5: Budget Template


# Application Section 5: Budget Example 2

Budget category	January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 (25% of total budget)	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 (50% of total budget)	July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 (25% of total budget)	Totals
Salaries	\$4,032	\$22,125	\$13,843	\$40,000
Fringe	\$1,343	\$7,375	\$1,282	\$10,000
Travel	\$0	\$750	\$250	\$1,000
Supplies	\$0	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Contracted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment/Capital Improvements	\$11,500	\$0	\$0	\$11,500
Other expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,750</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$18,750</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
Percentage of total award	25%	50%	25%	100%

# Application Section 6: Required Attachments

- **Due Diligence Form** - for nonprofit organizations only. Tribal organizations do not need to submit this information.
- **Audited Financial Statement** - for nonprofit organizations only. Tribal organizations do not need to submit this information.
- **Optional Attachments: Letters of Support**
  - Letters of support are required for nonprofit organizations that are not created for and specifically focused on serving American Indians

# Application Section 7: Certification and Conflict of Interest

- Complete both sections prior to submission
- Should you be aware of any conflict of interest, this may not disqualify you for funding, but requires a mitigation plan to collaborate with MDH
- Reach out with any questions regarding conflict of interest

# Questions?



# Thank You!

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