National Indian
Health Board

Strong Systems, Stronger Communities: Strengthening Tribal Public Health Systems

Applications due Tuesday, November 13, 2018

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are pleased to announce funding for Strong Systems, Stronger Communities (SSSC) for Tribes.

WHAT IS SSSC? This opportunity builds on NIHB's Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative (2014-2018), and continues NIHB's commitment to the strengthening of Tribal public health systems by offering support and technical assistance specifically to Tribes as they complete projects to improve their performance, meet national public health accreditation standards, and/or promote interconnection across the public health system to improve population health.

Tribes will have the opportunity to perform work in performance improvement (PI) and/or system improvement (SI). Support for public health accreditation activities is offered, but seeking accreditation is not required.

The intended outcomes of SSSC are:
- *Increased performance improvement practice*
- *Increased innovation in response to system integration challenges, and*
- *Progress toward national public health standards.*

Tribes who have participated in Tribal ASI in the past have reported the following benefits to their PI and public health accreditation efforts:

- *Credibility*
- *Improved Quality of Services*
- *Improved Health of the Community*
- *Staff Pride*
- *Improved State and Local Relations*
- *Population Health Protection Assurances*
- *Sovereignty*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SSSC? Official health entities of federally recognized Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, or inter-Tribal consortiums, as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended.

WHAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FOR SSSC IS PROVIDED? NIHB conducts monthly one-on-one TA for awardees, national webinars, training opportunities at NIHB national conferences, a monthly Tribal Accreditation Learning Community (TALC), and networking with other Tribal, national and regional resources.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE? There are 2 separate funding opportunities available.

Self-Assessment Award Cohort - $3,000 each
PI/SI Award Cohort– up to $13,000 each

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 2 SSSC FUNDING OPPORTUNTIES?

The **Self-Assessment Award** is intended for Tribal entities new to performance improvement who wish to conduct a self-assessment of their current ability and departmental needs to meet public health accreditation standards, as defined by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The Self-Assessment cohort will receive training, form a team, and complete a self-assessment.

The **PI/SI award** is will support similar PI projects to the Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative awards, with the addition of SI projects, which focus on incorporating health equity and interconnection of various systems that can impact the public health of the community.

Examples of PI or SI projects include:

Performance Improvement Examples	Systems Integration Examples
• *Community Health Assessments* • *Community Health Improvement Plans* • *Workforce Development Plans* • *Performance Management Systems* • *Quality Improvement Plans* • *Departmental Strategic Plans* • *Documentation Review/Mock Site Visits* • *Stakeholder and Community Engagement Activities*	• *Projects to improve Health Department(HD) and Social Services interconnection* • *Projects to improve HDs work with First Responders to improve opioid response* • *Projects to improve how HDs work with Behavioral Health/ER on suicide prevention* • *Projects to improve how HDs work with Child Welfare Services* • *Projects that work on healthcare transformation and/or improve access to care*

Applicants may apply for either or both of the NIHB SSSC funding opportunities. Please refer to each RFA for more details.

HOW CAN FUNDS BE SPENT? Acceptable uses: Staff wages, Supplies, Equipment, Training, Travel, Printing, Media, Meeting Expenses, Incentives, Consultants

Work toward any of the PHAB domains will be considered as well as other activities related to public health accreditation readiness. See the PHAB Standards and Measures v1.5 for domain descriptions. www.phaboard.org

TO APPLY: The request for applications (RFA) can be downloaded, completed as a Word document, and then turned into a PDF for submission. Completed applications are due to NIHB via email by **Tuesday, November 13, 2018, by 11:59pm Eastern Time.**

Download the Request For Applications (RFA) and Application Package for the Self-Assessment Cohort

Download the Request For Applications (RFA) and Application Package for the PI/SI Cohort

NIHB and CDC staff will host a

Pre-Application Webinar
Monday, October 22, 2018, at 2:00 PM EDT

Register for the Pre-Application Webinar or cut and paste this address into your browser
https://nihb.webex.com/nihb/j.php?MTID=e094cc2859679b104caf11b0eeccfef60

Self-Assessment Cohort Pre-Application Webinar
Monday, October 22, 2018, at 3:00 PM EDT

Register for the Pre-Application Webinar or cut and paste this address into your browser
https://nihb.webex.com/nihb/j.php?MTID=e17f2224d19889c11f8d6e2d2b098e277

Additional questions about this RFA may be directed to Karrie Joseph, kjoseph@nihb.org. NIHB and CDC staff will not answer any questions or provide any information that may provide an unfair advantage to any applicants.

Additional information may be found by visiting www.nihb.org/tribalasi