



Request for Proposals from Urban Indian Health Organizations

Partnership for Improving Healthcare Services

Announced Date:	April 14, 2014
Closing Date:	May 21, 2014
Number:	1 contract
Contract Amount:	\$5,000
Project Timeline:	12 Months
Webinar:	Tune in April 23, 2014 for more information and an opportunity for Q&A

Who Can Apply

Title V-funded Urban Indian Health Organizations (UIHOs) proposing collaborative agreements with partners in order to improve healthcare access and coordination for urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) are encouraged to apply.

Purpose, Goal and Expected Outcomes of Partnership Contract

The purpose of this Office of Minority Health-funded contract is to allow UIHOs an opportunity to build or improve on partnerships with key stakeholders (e.g., community organizations, area hospitals, other service providers, state and local government agencies and academic institutions). The goal of this partnership contract is to improve access to and coordination of quality healthcare services for urban AI/ANs and to support the increased capacity and effectiveness of UIHOs in providing services.

Interested UIHOs submit a proposal for a 12-month partnership project, to begin in summer 2014. Proposed project plans should bring together partners of strategic value to address the goals of the contract and detail specific outcomes that will contribute to improved access to and coordination of healthcare services. Successful applications will demonstrate how the project will address the community's needs and improve the UIHO's effectiveness, as well as outline an evaluation plan. The funding can be used for staff time, meeting or event expenses (except food or beverages), project supplies and other project-related costs. See the [application](#) for more detailed information about project proposal requirements.

The final product, a summary report, will include a detailed evaluation of the project's activities, lessons learned and next steps for sustainability.

Possible Examples

This request for proposals is flexible so that UIHOs can determine which partnerships are needed and can tailor strategies to organizational and community needs. Proposed projects need not be new; UIHOs can use this contract as supplemental funding for an existing project. A few illustrative examples of possible projects are:

- Establishing relationships and procedures with specialty care providers to increase referral networks or improve functioning of an existing referral network
- Participating in work groups to take advantage of billable services expanded in the Affordable Care Act and using federal/state resources to enroll eligible clients into the Medicaid Expansion, if available, as well as the health insurance marketplace
- Partnering with state or county health departments to improve the quality of or access to AI/AN health data
- Collaborating with a college, university or other agency for a research, evaluation or intervention project
- Convening a regular working group on priority community health need(s) with representatives from other organizations
- Formalizing informal partnerships already in place

Contracts are not limited to these examples. UIHOs may submit any plan that meets the purpose and goal of this request for proposals as described earlier.

Supporting Technical Assistance

The UIHI will offer technical assistance to the selected UIHO in order to support project efforts. Examples of technical assistance are: providing relevant data, helping with the development of partnership materials and conducting literature reviews.

How to apply

To access the application for the Partnership for Improving Healthcare Services, please visit: http://www.uihi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Partnership-Application_20140411.docx.

For more information, please attend the Partnership for Improving Healthcare Services webinar on April 23, 2014 at 10:00 am PDT. For directions to join the webinar, see <http://www.uihi.org/resources/to-join-uihi-webex-meetings/>. If you cannot attend the webinar, please contact Meg Fairweather with any questions. The slides will be available on the UIHI website at www.uihi.org.

Complete the application and submit by email or fax by **May 21, 2014** with the subject heading **“Partnership for Improving Healthcare Services application”** to:

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Address questions to Meg Fairweather, Project Coordinator:

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