

Dear 102-477 CCDF Grantee:

The enclosed Program Instruction (ACYF-PI-CC-03-02) contains the FY 2004 funding application procedures for tribal grantees that integrate their CCDF funds into a consolidated "Employment, Training and Related Services Plan," authorized by Public Law 102-477, as amended. This Program Instruction also contains 102-477 Plan requirements (i.e., CCDF requirements that must be included in a 102-477 plan) for those Tribes that have new 102-477 plans due to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by July 1, 2003.

As you know, Tribes that consolidate their CCDF funds into an approved 102-477 plan are still required to operate comprehensive CCDF programs. By applying for CCDF funds, a Tribe agrees to follow the provisions of the CCDBG Act of 1990, as amended, and applicable regulations at 45 CFR 98 and 99. However, in contrast to the required CCDF application and plan process, Tribes that consolidate CCDF funds under a 102-477 plan are permitted to submit abbreviated applications and plans for CCDF funding. In addition, a number of 102-477 plans are approved for three-year plan periods.

The enclosed chart "102-477 CCDF Application and Plan Information" lists what information current 102-477 grantees are required to submit by July 1, 2003 (i.e., only an application or an application and plan). If you have any questions about what your Tribe is required to submit for CCDF FY 2004 funding purposes, please contact Lynn Forcia at the Bureau of Indian Affairs at (202) 219-5270 or Ginny Gorman, of my staff, at (202) 401-7260 or ggorman@acf.hhs.gov.

Please be reminded that all Tribes receiving CCDF funds, including 102-477 grantees, must first request and receive ACF approval through a separate application process before using CCDF funds for construction or major renovation. Program Instruction ACYF-PI-CC-01-01 (dated February 5, 2001) containing the application procedures can be found on the Child Care Bureau's website at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/policy1/current/pi0101/pi0101.htm>.

Sincerely,

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Child Care Bureau

Enclosures