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## Department of Health and Human Services Awards \$1 Million in Grants for Indian Children and Youth Programs

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), awarded \$1 million for American Indian and Alaska Native children and youth projects in rural and urban communities. The grants will fund 22 projects. The HHS Indian Health Service (IHS) funded 17 projects and the HHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA) funded an additional 5 programs.

“The youth of today face many challenges. In addition to the guidance they receive from their family and community, programs funded through this initiative can make a positive difference in a child’s life that will continue into adulthood.” stated Dr. Charles W. Grim, IHS Director. “When children are provided with positive guidance and support through appropriate programs, they can successfully meet the challenges of today. Children and Youth Programs are valuable in helping young people set goals and develop high self-esteem.”

The grantees projects range from behavioral health and clinical services for severely impaired youth, to teen clinic care. They include after school programs, leadership and career mentoring, childcare courses, basketball camps to promote exercise, helmet injury prevention curricula, programs designed to reduce injuries and promote youth fitness, and age specific programs for middle school children.

“The Tribes, ANA, and IHS recognize the social disparities and cultural barriers that many Indian youth face today. Together we will continue to improve the health of our future generations by developing more options for our youth, family and communities,” stated Quannah Crossland Stamps, ANA Commissioner.

The 22 recipients of the Children and Youth Initiative Grants for 2003-2006 are listed below.

Big Sandy Rancheria, Auberry, California \$14,008  
Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy Health Board, Box Elder Montana \$55,728  
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, Montana \$53,886  
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Redwood Valley, California \$8,823  
Ho-Chunk Nation, Black River Falls, Wisconsin \$59,986  
Futures for Children (Jemez Pueblo), Albuquerque, New Mexico \$60,000  
Kayenta Health Board, Kayenta, Arizona \$5,400  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Baraga, Michigan \$52,566  
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Hayward, Wisconsin \$57,615  
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa, Watersmeet, Michigan \$3,129  
National Indian Justice Center, Santa Rosa, California \$60,000  
N.A.T.I.V.E. Project, Spokane, Washington \$50,000  
Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, Idaho \$15,000  
Oglala Sioux Tribe, Emergency Youth Shelter, Pine Ridge, South Dakota \$50,000  
Osage Tribe of Oklahoma, Pawhuska, Oklahoma \$60,000  
Pueblo of San Felipe, San Felipe, New Mexico \$5,000  
San Diego American Indian Health Center, San Diego, California \$60,000  
Southcentral Foundation, Anchorage, Alaska \$60,000  
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Sitka, Alaska \$52,585  
Southern California Indian Center, Inc., Los Angeles, California \$60,000  
St. George Traditional Council, St. George Island, Alaska \$59,961  
Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Bowler, Wisconsin \$15,000



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