

ACTIVITY/MECHANISM BUDGET SUMMARY
Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service - Indian Health Service
Indian Health Services - 75-0390-0-1-551

TRIBAL MANAGEMENT

Program Authorization:

Program authorized by Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, P. L. 93-638, as amended, Sections 103(b)(2) and 103(e) P. L. 100-472, P. L. 100-472 and P. L. 103-413.

	FY 1999 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2000 Final <u>Appropriation</u>	FY 2000 <u>Estimate</u>	Increase Or <u>Decrease</u>
Budget Authority	\$2,390,000	\$2,411,000	\$2,413,000	\$2,000

PURPOSE AND METHOD OF OPERATION

Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1976, authorized funding to develop the capacity of tribes to manage health care programs. In October 1988, congress passed P.L. 100-472, the Indian Self-Determination Act Amendments to facilitate and simplify the process by which tribes and tribal organizations may assume management responsibility of IHS programs. In October 1994, congress passed P.L. 103-413, Indian Self-Determination Act Amendments, reaffirming maximum participation of Indian Tribes in programs, services, functions, and activities conducted by the Federal Government for Indians. The Amendments set forth a non-contracting "model agreement" to encourage and support the right of Indian Tribes to control and operate their own health programs.

Since FY 1988, these funds have been distributed through the Tribal Management Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives. This national grant program competitively awards tribal management funds to tribes and tribal organizations for 1) planning and the 2) development or improvement of tribal health management structure such as strengthening weaknesses in tribal management systems, and developing effective health strategies for tribal programs, and tribal staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the last 25 years, tribal operation of health programs have steadily increased and now represent over \$600 million of the IHS budget. In FY 1988, fifty tribes and tribal organizations received tribal management grants; since then, the IHS has steadily increased participation in the grant program to an additional 233 tribes and 63 Alaska Native villages. In FY 1997, Indian tribes operated 42 percent of the IHS service budget. The enactment of P. L. 103-413, the Indian Self Determination Act Amendments of 1994 offers tribes and tribal organizations attractive new opportunities in the assumption of the IHS programs. In FY 1999, 22 new grants and 6 continuation grants were awarded to tribes and tribal organizations.

Following are the funding levels for the last 5 fiscal years:

Year	<u>Funding</u>
1996	\$2,348,000
1997	\$2,348,000
1998	\$2,348,000
1999	\$2,390,000
2000	\$2,411,000

RATIONALE FOR BUDGET REQUEST

TOTAL REQUEST -- The request of \$2,413,000 is increase of \$2,000 over the FY 2000 Appropriation of \$2,411,000.

Health Disparities - +\$2,000

The request includes a \$2,000 increase for costs associated with providing grants to tribes and tribal organizations. The requested funds will assist tribes that wish to develop administrative capacity and thereby, provide greater opportunities to tribes in the development and enhancement of their management infrastructures. The building of these management systems will allow tribes and tribal organizations to effectively address the health disparities that exist