

# Overview of CDC-OT18-1803: Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement

In 2018, CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS) announced a five-year funding opportunity for eligible federally recognized tribal nations and/or tribally designated organizations to strengthen and improve the public health infrastructure and performance of tribal public health systems. This program exemplifies CSTLTS's commitment to advance US public health agency and system performance, capacity, agility, and resilience.

## Purpose

This program's purpose is to provide resources for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal nations and regional AI/AN tribally designated organizations to optimize the quality and performance of the tribal public health system, including infrastructure, workforce, data and information systems, programs and services, resources and communication, and partnerships. Work in these areas will increase the capacity of Indian Country to identify, respond to, and mitigate public health threats and decrease burden of disease among AI/ANs.

## Outcomes

This program intends to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased implementation of tools and processes that build operational capacity and effectiveness
- Improved collection, maintenance, interpretation, and dissemination of tribal health data
- Increased use of core and discipline-specific public health competencies among public health workers
- Development of culturally relevant public health resources and communication tools
- Translation of evidence-based and evidence-informed practices into culturally appropriate public health programs, policies, and services
- Established multi-sectorial partnerships (e.g., schools, health care, public safety, commerce) to address capacity building and quality improvement
- Increased use of nationally established standards, such as those for public health department accreditation
- Increased number of qualified public health workers
- Implementation of culturally practice-based evidence programs and services
- Increased coordination of multisector partnerships to generate collective public health impact

## Program Strategy

AI/AN tribal nations and tribally designated organizations will work toward improving the performance of tribal public health systems. Recipients will be asked to provide assistance in one or more of the following areas: 1) improving tribal public health system infrastructure and operational capacity, 2) building the competencies of the tribal public health workforce, 3) improving tribal public health data and information systems, 4) strengthening tribal public health programs and services, 5) improving the provision of tribal public health resources and communication, and 6) developing and maintaining tribal public health partnerships.



## Funding Period

- Budget Period Length: 12 months (August 31, 2018–August 30, 2019)
- Period of Performance: 5 years (August 31, 2018–August 30, 2023)

## Recipients

Name	Category	HHS Region	State
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	C	10	Alaska
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.	B	6	New Mexico
Bad River Band of Chippewa Indians	B	5	Wisconsin
Benewah Medical Center dba Marimn Health	C	10	Idaho
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	C	10	Alaska
California Rural Indian Health Board	C	9	California
Cherokee Nation	B	6	Oklahoma
Chickasaw Nation	B	6	Oklahoma
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	B	6	Oklahoma
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	A	4	North Carolina
Forest County Potawomi Community	B	5	Wisconsin
Gila River Indian Community	C	9	Arizona
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.	B	5	Wisconsin
Ho-Chunk Nation	B	5	Wisconsin
Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation	C	10	Washington
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	C	10	Washington
Lummi Nation	C	10	Washington
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board	C	10	Oregon
Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council	C	8	Montana
Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Foundation	B	6	Oklahoma
The Navajo Nation	B, C	6, 8, 9	Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah
United South and Eastern Tribes	A	1,2,3,4	Tennessee
Wabanaki Health and Wellness	A	1	Maine
White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	B	5	Minnesota
White Mountain Apache Tribe	C	9	Arizona

## For More Information

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