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Tribal Implementation Center Application

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Tribal Implementation Center (Tribal IC) Program! This application is the entry point for all Tribes, Tribal Consortia, and Tribal Epidemiology Centers (T/C/TECs) interested in participating in the Tribal IC Program. Please review and complete this form to the best of your ability. All fields marked with * are required and must be filled to be considered for the Tribal IC Program.

Please note that only one application may be submitted per T/C/TEC and applications can be submitted either via the online application form or by emailing a completed PDF application to tribalic@nnphi.org. Both applications can be found on the Tribal Implementation Center webpage.

If you require any assistance in completing this application or have any questions, please email tribalic@nnphi.org.

Program Overview

The Tribal Implementation Center (Tribal IC) Program is a collaborative effort between Tribes, the PHIG National Partners[†], and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program aims to advance public health data access and interoperability for Tribes, Tribal Consortia, and Tribal Epidemiology Centers while ensuring approaches are guided by Tribal community input and respectful of Tribal sovereignty.

The program will provide implementation support to make it easier for Tribes, public health and healthcare agencies, and other data providers to share and use data. It is intended to help Tribes get the data they need to improve health outcomes in their communities. Implementation support will take many forms, including training, technical consultation, funding for local implementation projects, and the development of data platforms and systems. For more information on program goals and outcomes, please visit the Tribal Implementation Center webpage on PHInfrastructure.org.

[†]*The PHIG National Partners are the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) and the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).*

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the Tribal IC Program:

- Must be a federally recognized Tribe, Tribal Consortia, or Tribal Epidemiology Center (T/C/TEC).
- Must have a SAM.gov registration or a SAM Unique Entity Identifier before being onboarded to the program. If your T/C/TEC does not already have this and would like to be eligible to receive funding, please email tribalic@nnphi.org to receive resources and assistance to register.

Notice of Information Use

In recognition of Tribal sovereignty and the unique data challenges and opportunities that exist for Tribal communities, the Tribal IC Program is committed to transparency regarding how the information from these applications will be stored and used. Based on this full disclosure, T/C/TECs may independently decide if they would like to enter into a partnership with the Tribal IC Program.

PDF applications will be stored on the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) SharePoint site and will be deleted six months after receipt. Applications submitted through Qualtrics will be deleted from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Informatics Qualtrics account six months after receipt. Application data from both the Qualtrics and PDF applications will be stored on an internal Microsoft Excel document on the PHAB SharePoint site that is available to the National Partners and the Tribal Implementation Center. This Microsoft Excel document will be deleted on or before November 30, 2027. Application information will be used for the sole purpose of selection into the Tribal IC program and will not be shared for any other purpose. The National Partners will make selection decisions in collaboration with CDC.

Section 1: Contact Information

Please provide contact information for the primary point of contact for this application. By submitting this form, you confirm that you have the authority to respond on behalf of your T/C/TEC.

1. First & Last name*

2. Job title*

3. Tribe, Tribal Consortia, or Tribal Epidemiology Center Name*

4. Indian Health Service (IHS) Region*

5. Email address*

6. Email address #2

7. Phone number*

Please provide the names, titles, and email addresses of up to two additional points of contact:

8. Point of Contact #1

9. Point of Contact #2

Section 2: Project Summary

Please provide an overview of your proposed project.

10. Project Title*

11. Briefly describe your project.*

12. What is the intended goal(s) or outcome(s) of this project?*

13. What impact might this project have on the community your organization serves?

14. Describe any systems (e.g., platforms, surveillance systems, tools) important to this project.*

15. Describe any key data and information relevant to this project.*

16. What types of technology do you plan to use for this project or would be helpful to have?*

17. Has this project already started?*

       Yes   No

If yes, describe progress to date.

Section 3: Support Needs and Resourcing

Please document the direct implementation support your project may require.

18. Select the type(s) of Tribal IC support you will need with your proposed project.*

       Subject Matter Expert

       Project Management Support

       Technical Developer

       Other: Please describe

19. How much time do you think it would take to accomplish the project goals with Tribal IC support?*

20. How much funding do you anticipate needing to accomplish the project goals?*

21. Is your T/C/TEC a participant in the CDC Foundation Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI)?*

       Yes   No

22. If you answered No, would you be interested in learning more about the CDC Foundation Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI)?

       Yes   No

Section 4: Close Out

Please answer the following questions to close out your Tribal IC Program application.

23. What possible challenges do you anticipate in implementing this project? (e.g., legal, technical, business, security, compliance, healthcare providers etc.)*

24. Is there any other information you would like to share with the Tribal IC Program regarding your proposed project or application?

Next Steps

The Tribal Implementation Center will confirm receipt of your application and reach out to you to schedule a 30-minute follow-up meeting to discuss your application.

Following these discussions, the PHIG National Partners and CDC will conduct a final review of applications and notify T/C/TECs of selection. Participating T/C/TECs will be expected to:

- Engage with the Tribal IC to draft a project charter that describes high-level scope and milestones for the proposed implementation project.

- Demonstrate Tribal support for their proposed implementation project with a Tribal Resolution. Tribal Consortia and TECs must provide a Tribal resolution from **all** tribes whose data will be involved in the proposed implementation project. While a Tribal Resolution is not required for initial application, it will be required for full onboarding to the program. As such, we encourage T/C/TECs to begin this process early if it may take a significant amount of time.

- Participate in the co-design of the evaluation of Tribal IC Program to the best of their ability. Please note that **no** T/C/TECs implementing projects in the program will be asked to submit Tribal-level data, Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or Protected Health Information (PHI) as part of the Tribal IC Evaluation.

How Subaward Funding Works: Funding is available through a subaward, but it depends on your Tribe, Tribal Consortia, or Tribal Epidemiology Center (T/C/TEC) and the National Partner—ASTHO, NNPHI, or PHAB—agreeing on the terms of the contract. These partners will work with you to finalize the details.

Planning for the Long Term: This is a one-time funding opportunity. That means it is important to think ahead and build a strategy for how your project can continue once the funding period ends. Sustainability planning will be key to long-term success.