

FISCAL YEAR 2023 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION APPROPRIATION REQUEST

POSITION STATEMENT

The ITAA support the continuation of the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) funding, as part of the CDC budget as outlined in the Office of Management and Budget’s report. It includes “\$9.9 billion in discretionary funding to build capacity at CDC and the State and local levels, an increase of \$2.8 billion over the 2021 enacted level”.

KEY POINTS

The GHWIC project is a chronic disease prevention initiative which directly benefits Tribes nationwide. Through this funding, ITCA serves the Phoenix and Tucson Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas, which consists of Tribes in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

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Tribes and urban entities in Phoenix and Tucson IHS Areas are directly funded under Component 1.

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Tribes that receive sub-awards through ITCA, a Component 2 entity.



BACKGROUND

The GHWIC project is a nationwide chronic disease prevention initiative which directly benefits Tribes in Arizona. These resources fund prevention activities and local initiatives at the community level which complement the clinical resources and specific IHS preventative services provided by Public Health Nurses (PHNs), Community Health Representatives (CHRs), and Health Educators in Tribal communities.

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Position on Issue:

The 21 Member Tribes of the ITAA support the continuation of the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) funding, as part of the CDC budget as outlined in the Office of Management and Budget's report titled, "Budget of the US Government Fiscal Year 2023." It includes "\$9.9 billion in discretionary funding to build capacity at CDC and the State and local levels, an increase of \$2.8 billion over the 2021 enacted level". Through these GHWIC funds, Tribes can strengthen their public health infrastructure and implement evidence-informed and culturally adapted programs to reduce chronic diseases in their Tribal communities.

The President's 2023 discretionary requests build on the 21st Century Cures Act and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. CDC supports public health capacity improvements in Tribal communities which include public health data collection, training, and advancing the field of epidemiology services. The GHWIC project is a nationwide chronic disease prevention initiative which directly benefits Tribes in Arizona. The ITCA is a recipient of the GHWIC cooperative agreement since fiscal year 2014. Through this funding, ITCA serves Tribes, Bands, Colonies, and Villages in the Phoenix and Tucson IHS Areas, which consists of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. These resources fund prevention activities and local initiatives at the community level which complement the clinical resources and specific IHS preventative services provided by Public Health Nurses (PHNs), Community Health Representatives (CHRs), and Health Educators in Tribal communities.

Key Points

- Provided eight (8) Tribes in Arizona, two (2) Tribes in Nevada, and one (1) Tribe in Utah direct funding of \$45K or more through the GHWIC Cooperative Agreement to implement evidenced-informed and culturally adapted policies, systems, and activities in their Tribal communities, such as improving team-based care and community-clinical linkages to reduce chronic diseases.
- The **long-term outcomes** of the GHWIC project are listed below:
 - Increased purchasing of healthy foods and physical activity with an emphasis on walking
 - Increased breastfeeding
 - Reduced prevalence of commercial tobacco use
 - Reduced incidence of type 2 diabetes
 - Reduced prevalence of high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol

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