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BREAKOUT SESSION 3:
ELECTRONIC-GOVERNMENT AND GRANTS – FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED!

Breakout Description:

HHS and Tribal experts provide up-to-date information on electronic-government initiatives as well as information on how to find, apply, and succeed with current grant, hybrid grant, and other funding opportunities such as the Joint Venture Construction and Small Ambulatory Programs available to American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout HHS.

Moderator: John Mojica, Self-Governance Coordinator, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Recorder: Wendie Langton, Special Assistant to the Chairman & President/SG Liaison, ANTHC

Panelists:

- Mariddie Craig, Principal Investigator, White Mountain Apache Representative
- Tammy Bagley, Senior Grants Policy Analyst, Grants Policy Staff, OMS/IHS
- Rick Boyce, P.E., Director of Health Facilities Support, DEHE/ANTHC
- Matthew Johnson, J.D., Policy Analyst, OTSG/IHS

Breakout Summary:

This was an informational breakout session focusing on grant-funded opportunities available within IHS, specifically how to access and use grants.gov. Those present during the breakout received a briefing form Ms. Craig regarding the efforts of the White Mountain Apache Tribe along with inspiring words about how Tribes can successfully apply for, obtain and manage Federal grants! Following Ms. Craig, Tammy Bagley discussed the process of applying for grants using grants.gov and notified those present of the intent to transition from PureEdge to Adobe in 2008. Mr. Rick Boyce provided a comprehensive overview of the facility-related opportunities, specifically about the Joint Venture Program, the Small Ambulatory Program, the Dental grants program along with the Tribal Equipment program and the Area Distribution process, which is under development. Mr. Matt Johnson provided an overview of the Cooperative Agreements available within OTSG for Planning and Negotiations.

Mariddie Craig discussed the research efforts of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and how they assist them in obtaining and managing grants, highlights as follows:

- ✓ The water rights within the White Mountain Apache Tribe are very important.
- ✓ The Tribe collaborates with Johns Hopkins.
- ✓ As a principal investigator, Ms. Craig travels to various locations to discuss research efforts within Indian Country.
- ✓ The Tribe works as an advocate with Congress and Administration staff to increase funding allocations within the National Institute of Health (NIH).
- ✓ The Tribe has been successful in seeking out, successfully applying, and managing grants and other Tribes can do the same; however, be aware that there will be challenges because not all Agencies (e.g., NIH, NARCH, etc.) are aware of the cultural differences.
- ✓ Tribes need to be able to communicate needs, a plan on how to accomplish getting the needs met.
- ✓ Tribes should network and continually advocate for additional funding.

Tammy Bagley discussed the grant process using grants.gov, highlights as follows:

- ✓ Grants.gov was established as a government resource as part of the President's 2002 fiscal year management agenda to improve government services to the public; and the concept originates in the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107, which was enacted November 1999).
- ✓ What does grants.gov do? It simplifies the grants management process while creating a centralized, online process to find and apply for over 1,000 grant programs from the 26 federal grant making agencies; and it

streamlines the process of awarding over \$4000 billion grants annually to state and local governments, Indian tribes, institutes of higher learning, non-profits and other grant organizations.

- ✓ Special note about Find: IHS (new) funding opportunities can only be located using the “find” search feature, and IHS prefers use of grants.gov.
- ✓ Grants.gov will be transitioning from PureEdge to Adobe in 2008.

Rick Boyce discussed the IHS Facility Construction Grant Opportunities, specifically Joint Venture, Small Ambulatory, Dental, and Tribal Equipment. Mr. Boyce also highlighted a new process, Area Distributions, which is currently under development. Highlights as follows:

- ✓ Joint Venture Grants: any federally recognized AI/AN Tribe is eligible to build or acquire an Outpatient or Inpatient facility; however, funding is subject to congressional appropriation. Should a Tribe receive JV Grant funding, Congress funds the approved staffing package at 85% level once the project is completed.
 - Joint Venture Grant Success:
 - Historical Funding of \$17.4 million
 - First Funding in FY 2001 at \$5 million
 - 7 projects funded since 1998
 - NO funding in FY 2008
- ✓ Small Ambulatory Program: Any federally recognized AI/AN Tribe operating an IHS healthcare program under P.L. 93-638 is eligible. The facility is not owned or constructed by the IHS or Transferred to the Tribe by the IHS. Upon completion of the proposed project, the health facility will (unless the Tribal government is located on an Island) serve no less than 500 eligible Indians annually and be located in a serve area of not less than 2000 eligible AI/AN beneficiaries. SAP's must be ambulatory health care facilities, located apart from a hospital and located on municipal, private or Tribal land. Funds from this program may be used to construct a new facility or replace an old facility. Other grant funds maybe used in conjunction with this funding and NO other source of IHS funds may be used, except Tribal equipment replacement funds for non-IHS funded portion of the project. Funding is subject to congressional appropriation and funds are for construction only.
 - SAP Grant Success
 - Historical Funding of \$39.3 million
 - 27 projects funded since FY 1998
 - \$2.5 million appropriated in FY 2008
- ✓ Dental Facilities Program: funds new or replacement dental facilities in a 3-year application cycle, which just closed. The next cycle will not be until 2010. \$2 million appropriated in FY 2008.
- ✓ Tribal Equipment Fund: provides equipment funds for a new health facility operated by a federally recognized tribe under a 93-638 agreement with the IHS; however, the new facility must be built with Non-IHS funds and is up to 20% of the project construction cost, aware not to exceed \$300k. Approximately \$5 million appropriated by Congress annually.
- ✓ Area Distribution is a concept developed by the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) as part of their recommended new Health Facility Construction Priority System Methodology. This concept is included in the Senate version of the IHCI A and it is hoped that the Senate language will be added to the House version of the bill. The FAAB meets in June to develop a detailed draft of the process, which will go out for formal consultation.

Matthew Johnson discussed the Tribal Self-Governance Cooperative Agreements within OTSG, which gets their granting authority through ISDEAA. There are two types of agreements, 1) Planning Cooperative Agreements, which is available annually and generally OTSG awards 12 per year, and 2) Negotiation Cooperative Agreements, which is also available annually to assist Tribes with the negotiation activities like identifying the PSFA's. Generally, OTSG awards 12 per year.

Mr. Johnson announced that the PFSA Manual went out last week for Tribal comment, which is due 6/11/08. The PFSA Manual was mailed to all Federally Recognized Tribes.