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On February 13-14, 2020, the Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup (TBFWG) convened in Arlington, Virginia to develop the National Tribal Budget Recommendation for fiscal year (FY) 2022. On May 4, 2020, a summary of the TBFWG's Budget Recommendation was released in a document called Reclaiming Tribal Health: A National Budget Plan to Rise Above Failed Policies and Fulfill Trust Obligations to Tribal Nations. The FY 2022 National Tribal Budget Recommendation is \$12.759 billion, representing a 30% increase above the FY 2021 National Tribal Budget Recommendation.

The TBFWG recommended a **\$90.94** million increase for the urban Indian health line item, bringing the funding for Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) to a total of **\$200.5** million.

Other UIO priorities the TBFWG included were:

- 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for UIOs
- Reimbursement from the Department of Veterans Affairs for services provided to dually eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) for UIOs
- Eligibility for malpractice insurance through the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) for UIOs
- Eligibility for UIOs to participate in more IHS grant programs.

In addition, the TBFWG highlighted \S 105(l) leases by requesting mandatory funding for \S 105(l) leases of \S 337 million, permanent reauthorization for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) with an increase of funding to \S 200 million per year, advance appropriations for IHS, and renewal of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

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