

NCUIH Urges Congress to Protect and Expand Tribal Health Set-Asides in FY 2027

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On June 4, 2026, the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) sent a letter to Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Shelley Moore Capito and Ranking Member Tammy Baldwin outlining priorities related to Tribal set-asides and other Native health investments as the subcommittee develops the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Labor-HHS bill.

NCUIH outlined the following priorities to the subcommittee:

- Maintain all enacted Tribal set-asides at or above FY 2026 enacted levels;
- Adopt the Tribal set-asides included in the FY 2026 House mark that were not included in the final enacted bill, and add Tribal set-asides to health programs where AI/AN populations face disproportionate burden;
- Preserve designated standalone Native health programs from elimination and increase funding where possible; and
- Strengthen report language to ensure Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs can access programs where dedicated funding is not explicitly protected in the bill.

Read the full letter [here](#).

NCUIH is continuing to engage with national Native organizations and partners throughout the FY 2027 appropriations process to elevate shared priorities related to Tribal set-asides and Native health programs. These collaborative efforts help ensure policymakers are informed about the role of dedicated funding in supporting Native health services.