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THE IMPORTANCE OF

# URBAN INDIAN HEALTH FUNDING

*FOR URBAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES*

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### How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"The increase in funds from IHS have supported Native Health's growth to meet the increasing healthcare demand for AI/ANs in Phoenix. The funds help cover the recruitment of new providers and support staff and address the increased costs of supplies, equipment, support services, and medications."

### How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"Any cut would cause a direct decrease in service availability to AI/AN patients at our clinics in Phoenix."



Source: <https://ncuih.org/2024/09/26/september-policy-updates-election-resources-fy25-appropriations-legal-developments-and-more/>

### How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

“The increase in funding has helped us with Narcan and opioid education to the community. We need more funding because we need to reach more people.”

### How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

“We do not have enough funding to adequately serve our Native people.”



# BAKERSFIELD AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT

District Served: CA-22



## How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"The line item has helped increase services to the hard-to-reach and remote geographic areas of our county. These dollars contribute the success of eliminating death by suicide among our AI/AN community."

## How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"Any cuts to our funding will directly affect the clinic clinical care team which are essential to keep Natives well and thriving."



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# DENVER INDIAN HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

District Served: CO-01



## How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"Increased funding will allow our UIO to sustain our program capacity, maintain our workforce (staff needed before the pandemic but did not have funding for), provide quality health care to our community by being AAAHC accredited, expand infrastructure needs, and expand health services that are greatly needed within our community."

## How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"Funding cuts to our UIO would be a disservice to our American Indian/Alaska Native individuals living within our community by taking away health services, re-engaging health inequity, and continuing historical trauma."



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### How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"Through the increased funding, we were able to upgrade and expand our parking lot in November of 2023, and we are currently working on an expansion to our main clinic. This will increase our exams rooms allowing us to increase access to quality care for our community."

### How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"When cuts are made to Urban Indian funding, the US is not honoring its treaty with these sovereign nations, and Natives risk not receiving the quality healthcare deserved. While UIOs stretch the budget to provide as many services as possible, budget cuts reduce what can be provided."



# NATIVE AMERICAN LIFELINES

Districts Served: MD-07, MA-08



## How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"Additional funding to the Urban Indian line item is critical in ensuring that our funding better meets the needs of Urban Tribal citizens who come to us seeking medical, dental, and behavioral health care. Tribes are often unable to meet the needs of at-large citizens, particularly when they are in crisis. Increased funding means that we can worry less about having to deny or delay care because of budget constraints."

## How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"Cuts to the Urban Indian line item translate into Tribal citizens lacking access to care that is guaranteed to them through the trust and treaty obligations held by the United States. Cuts mean UIOs can't provide things like insulin for diabetics, counseling services for survivors of domestic violence, and oral surgery for our relatives. And because we can't do those things, it means that culturally and practically, we are not being good relatives."



Source: <https://native-american-lifelines.careerplug.com/account>

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# JUEL FAIRBANKS CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY FACILITY

District Served: MN-04



**How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?**

“The increase has allowed us to build and retain our clinical staff to better provide high quality services to the community.”

**How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?**

“A decrease would force us to reduce our staff and impact the services provided to the community.”



Source: <https://juelfairbanks.org/cultural-services/>

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# INDIAN HEALTH BOARD OF MINNEAPOLIS

District Served: MN-05



**How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?**

"Fully funding our health system is crucial in fulfilling trust responsibilities."

**How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?**

"Loss of funding post COVID/ transition would be devastating to our system of health and the initial investment would be lost."



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# KANSAS CITY INDIAN CENTER

District Served: MO-05



**How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?**

"Increased funding has allowed us to work strategically and build partnerships rather than perpetually working in crisis mode."

**How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?**

"Cuts to the Urban Indian Line Item will mean fewer services we can provide to patients."



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### How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

“Increased funding from Congress has allowed our AI/AN community members to access critical resources as they navigated through the pandemic to support their mind, body and spirit.”

### How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

“As All Nations Health Center transitions to a new facility, leveraging money and resources is critical in moving our community into a new facility so any cuts to funding would impact building funds secured.”





# BUTTE NATIVE WELLNESS CENTER

District Served: MT-01

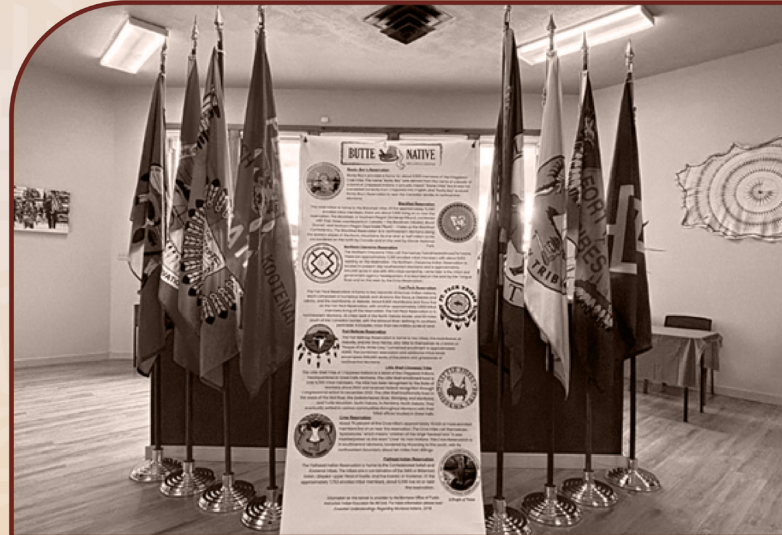


## How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"The funding allowed us to hire a psychiatric nurse practitioner, therapist, and case manager to increase our ability to diagnose and treat both mental health and substance use disorders through increased testing/screening, counseling, medication management, medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, and connection to supportive services such as housing, food, disability services, employment services, etc."

## How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"Any cuts to our funding will result in a reduction of staff and available services, significantly impacting our ability to provide quality health and wellness services to our American Indian and Alaska Native residents."



Source: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz9PUlKRQ80/>

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# INDIAN FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

District Served: MT-02



**How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?**

"IFHC was able to hire more staff to serve the increasing need for our American Indian/Alaska Natives in our community."

**How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?**

"IFHC would have to lay employees off which in turn would reduce the services we would be able to offer."



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# FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY HEALTHSOURCE

District Served: NM-01



## How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"The increases helped us expand and enhance our service delivery, staffing, and infrastructure, which also allowed us to increase our capacity to serve more patients."



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### How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"We have been able to update our technology which is more efficient for our community."

### How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"The impact of cuts is less services to our community."



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# INDIAN HEALTH CARE RESOURCE CENTER OF TULSA

District Served: OK-01



**How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?**

“All increases help us to serve more patients and expand our services.”

**How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?**

“Any cuts will only hurt our patients – we are underfunded now. All of the Indian Health Service is underfunded now.”



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### How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"We have been able to be more competitive with salaries, resulting in recruitment of better talent, especially providers."

### How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"We are already so underfunded, cuts would mean cutting direct care staff, thus reducing the ability to provide critical care to our patients, 76% of which are uninsured."



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# URBAN INDIAN CENTER OF SALT LAKE

District Served: UT-02



**How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?**

“Increased funding has and would further prepare UICSL to offer a full range of value-based care and care coordination services for our patients.”



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# AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM

District Served: WI-05



## How has increased Urban Indian health funding helped you serve your community?

"The increased Urban [Indian] line item has allowed us to increase staff, space, and increase service offerings and community outreach opportunities."

## How would cuts to Urban Indian health funding impact your clinic?

"Cuts to the Urban [Indian] line item may impact the continuation of some of our service offerings or maintain our level of staffing."



Source: <https://www.aicamilwaukee.com/>

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