

# REVENUE STREAMS FOR URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS: A 2018–2022 OVERVIEW BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF URBAN INDIAN HEALTH

As COVID–19 supplemental funding either expired or was rescinded, urban Indian organizations (UIOs) have shared that it has been difficult to maintain and expand the services they grew during those funding periods.

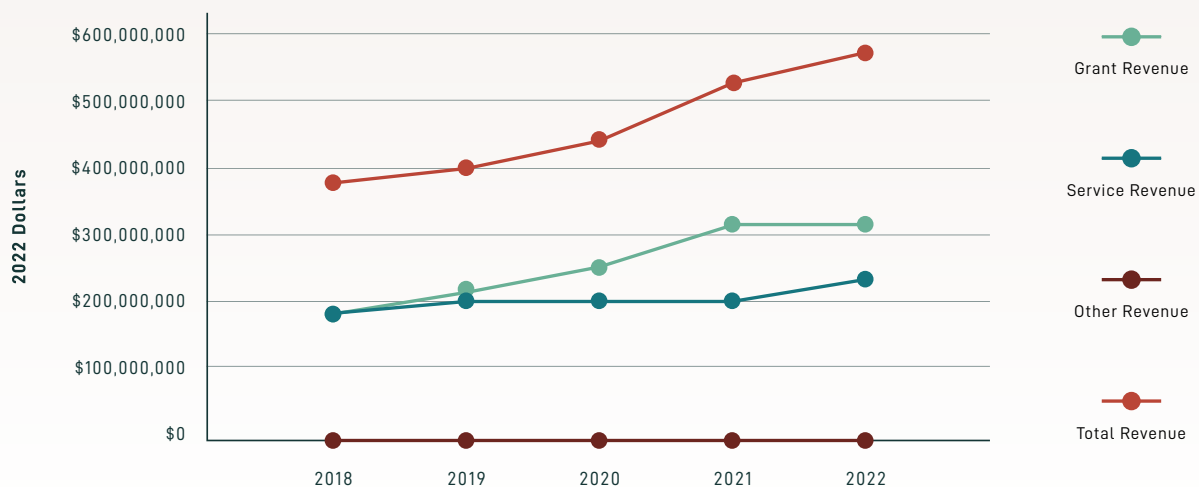
*“If it were not for other grants and COVID funding we would not be able to meet payroll.”*  
– UIO Leader <sup>1</sup>

*“Any funding below the level provided with the COVID–19 supplemental funding would mean rationing care. And delayed care is denied care.”*  
– UIO Leader <sup>2</sup>

During the height of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), Congress passed a series of bipartisan relief bills that provided UIOs with additional monetary support.<sup>3</sup> These funding increases from COVID-19 relief allowed UIOs to advance existing programs, invest in infrastructure needs, establish mobile clinics, expand dental health care, hire more staff, and engage in additional outreach efforts. Despite the supplemental funding increases, UIOs remain chronically underfunded, still falling short of meeting the one-year funding amount needed and requested by the National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup.<sup>4</sup>

## A Closer Look at Funding Streams:

UIO Revenue Sources 2018-2022 (Inflation-Adjusted 2022 Dollars)



Source: SOI Tax Stats - Annual Extract of Tax-Exempt Organization Financial Data | Internal Revenue Service.  
<https://www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-annual-extract-of-tax-exempt-organization-financial-data>

1 National Council of Urban Indian Health, 2023 Annual Policy Assessment, (Jan. 2024), <https://ncuih.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-NCUIH-Policy-Assessment.pdf>.

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3 Government Accountability Office, Indian Health Service: Relief Funding and Agency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic, Mar. 31, 2023, available at: <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao/22-104360.pdf>

4 National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup, Honor Trust and Treaty Obligations: A Tribal Budget Request to Address the Tribal Health Inequity Crisis The National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup's Request for the Indian Health Service Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, (Apr. 2023) <https://www.nihb.org/resources/FY2025%20IHS%20National%20Tribal%20Budget%20Formulation%20Workgroup%20Requests.pdf> (The NTBFWG's FY2025 request for the Urban Indian Health line item was \$965.254 million).

**In 2020, due to service disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic, UIOs experienced a decrease in inflation-adjusted<sup>5</sup> program service revenue<sup>6</sup> from \$193 million to \$190 million.**

- UIO grant revenue increased in 2020 and 2021 largely because of Federal COVID-19 Supplement Funding Packages.
- Several COVID-19 funding packages expired in 2021 and grant revenue plateaued in 2022.
- According to estimates, grant revenue for UIOs decreased in 2023 as several more funding packages expired.
- Grant revenue is expected to continue to decrease in 2024, which will continue to cause financial strain on chronically underfunded UIOs, hindering their capacity to sustain the level of services provided during the peak of the pandemic, especially as patient volume recovers and exceeds pre-pandemic levels.

## COVID-19 Supplemental Funding Packages

Bill Name	Agency	UIO Funding Amount	Date Allocated	Date Expired
Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations (PL 116-123) <sup>7</sup>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	\$ 8 million	3/20/2020	9/20/2022
Families First Coronavirus Response Act (PL 116-27) <sup>8</sup>	Indian Health Service (IHS) (Services Account)	\$3 million	3/27/2021	9/30/2022
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (PL 116-36) <sup>9</sup>	IHS	\$50 million	4/23/2020	9/30/2021
CARES Act (PL 116-36) <sup>10</sup>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	\$1.3 million	5/15/2020	9/30/2021
CARES Act (PL 116-36) <sup>11</sup>	Health and Human Services (HHS)	\$300,000	5/18/2020	9/30/2022
Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PL 116-39) <sup>12</sup>	Health and Human Services (HHS)	\$50 million	5/19/2020	Available until expended
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (PL 11-260) <sup>13</sup>	CDC to IHS	\$50 million	1/15/2021	9/30/2024
Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 11-260) <sup>14</sup>	IHS	\$10 million	1/15/2021	9/30/2022
Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 11-260) <sup>15</sup>	SAMHSA	\$14.3 million	Unavailable	None
American Rescue Plan Act (PL 117-2) <sup>16</sup>	IHS	\$251 million	4/16/2021	Available Until Expended
American Rescue Plan Act (PL 117-2) <sup>17</sup>	IHS	\$60 million	6/22/2021	Available Until Expended

5 Medical Care Services Price Inflation, 2018-2022." Accessed March 26, 2024. <https://www.in2013dollars.com/Medical-care-services/price-inflation>

6 Program service revenue is a revenue category which includes third-party billing from Medicare, Medicaid, private insurers, as well as patient fees. Roberts, Andrea Suozzo, Alec Glassford, Ash Ngu, Brandon. "Nonprofit Explorer." ProPublica, May 9, 2013. <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/>.

7 Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations, 2020, PL 116-123, PUBL123.PS (congress.gov).

8 Families First Coronavirus Response Act, 2020, PL 116-127, <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ127/PLAW-116publ127.pdf>.

9 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, 2020, PL 116-136, <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ136/PLAW-116publ136.pdf>.

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