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Eligible applicants for funding under this program announcement include:

1. Federally recognized Indian Tribes.
2. Consortia of Indian Tribes.
3. Incorporated non-Federally recognized Tribes.
4. Incorporated non-profit multi-purpose community-based Indian organizations.
5. Urban Indian Centers.
6. National or regional incorporated non-profit Native American organizations with Native American community-specific objectives.
7. Alaska Native villages, as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA) and/or non-profit village consortia.
8. Incorporated nonprofit Alaska Native multi-purpose community-based organizations.
9. Non-profit Alaska Native Regional Corporations/Associations in Alaska with village specific projects.
10. Incorporated non-profit Alaska Native multi-purpose community based organizations.
11. Public and nonprofit private agencies serving Native Hawaiians
12. Public and non-profit private agencies serving native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the populations served may be located on these islands or in the continental United States).
13. Tribally-controlled Community Colleges, Tribally-controlled Post-Secondary Vocational Institutions, and colleges and universities located in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands which serve Native peoples.
14. Non-profit Alaska Native community entities or Tribal governing bodies (Indian Reorganization Act or

Traditional Councils) as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b; 45 CFR 1336.33(a)(1) and (2)*).

Organizations in Palau are not longer eligible for assistance from ANA. (*Legal authority: 48 U.S.C. 1931*)

*Cost Sharing or Matching:* Yes.

*Explanation of Application Due Date:*

*Deadline:* The closing time and date for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on March 26, 2004. Mailed or hand carried applications received after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date will not be considered. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline time and date at the: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, Attention: Lois B. Hodge, ANA No. 93612-2004, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Mail Stop: Aerospace Center 8th Floor-West, Washington, DC 20447-0002.

Applicants are responsible for mailing applications well in advance, when using all mail services, to ensure that the applications are received on or before the deadline time and date. ACF/ANA will not acknowledge receipt of applications.

Hand delivered applications by applicants, applicant couriers, other representatives of the applicant or by overnight/express mail couriers shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). Application may be delivered to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, ACF Mail Room, Second Floor Loading Dock, Aerospace Center 901 D Street, SW., Washington DC 20024, Attention: Lois B. Hodge, ANA No. 93612-2004.

Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

*Late Applications:* Applications that do not meet the deadline criteria above are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its

application will not be considered in the current competition. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

*Extension of Deadline:* ACF may extend application deadlines when circumstances such as acts of God (floods, hurricanes, etc.) occur, or when there are widespread disruptions of mails service. Determinations to extend or waive deadline requirements rest with the Chief Grants Management Officer (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b*)

*Funding Opportunity Description:* The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), within the Administration for Children and Families, announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for new community-based activities under ANA's Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. ANA's FY 2004 SEDS goals and areas of interest are focused on strengthening children, families, and communities through community-based organizations, Tribes, and Village governments.

This program announcement emphasizes community-based partnerships and projects. This emphasis will increase the number of grants to local community organizations and expand the number of partnerships among locally based non-profit organizations. ANA will accept applications for funding and award grants to multiple organizations located in the same geographic area, provided the activities are not duplicative of previously funded ANA projects in the same geographic area or to the same grantee. Previously, under each competitive program area, ANA accepted one application that served or impacted a reservation, Tribe or Native American community. The reason for this change is to expand and support large Native American rural and urban communities that provide a variety of services in the same geographic area. Although Tribes are limited to three simultaneous ANA grants (one each under SEDS, Language and Environmental programs) at any one time, this clarification allows other community based organizations to apply for ANA funding to support on-going community-based efforts, provided the activities do not duplicate currently funded projects serving the same geographic area. (*Legal authority: Sections 803(a) and (d) and 803C of the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b and 2991b-3*)