

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-221

WHEREAS, the USET Board has established the Health Directors Committee to provide the Board with information on and recommendations regarding the critical health policy concerns facing USET tribes, and

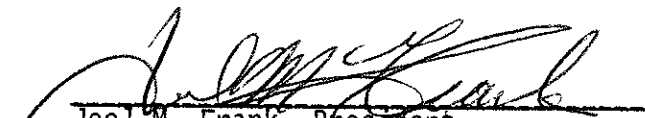
WHEREAS, this Committee has reviewed the FY 1990 Appropriations Budget submitted by the President for the Indian Health Service and found many key initiatives and programs have not been proposed for funding.

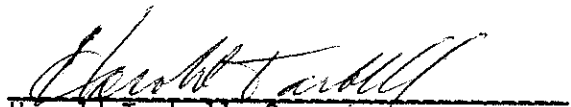
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. that the USET Board officially oppose the deletion of the attached list of unfunded initiatives by the Presidents budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board present its objection to the Congressional Appropriations Committee in testimony and request that Congress restore full funding to these programs as indicated in their authorizing legislation.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors meeting held in Washington, DC; February 13 through 16, 1989, at which a quorum was present.


Joel M. Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes


Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes

UNFUNDED INITIATIVES OF P.L. 100-713 AND P.L. 100-690

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 1988 authorized a number of new programs which did not receive a FY 1990 appropriation request. The following programs in P.L. 100-713 did not receive any funding:

- * The recruitment and scholarship program for nurses authorized at \$5 million for FY 90 (with \$1 million of the amount earmarked for training of nurse midwives.)
- * A grant program for tribes and tribal organizations to establish their own recruitment/retention programs. Tribes and tribal organizations would receive equal opportunity to apply for and receive this funding. A \$1 million authorization was provided in FY 1990.
- * An advanced training and research program for health professionals serving in IHS and contract facilities. Tribal contract employees would have the same opportunity to participate in the program as those persons employed by the IHS. No set funding was authorized under this provision.
- * A retention bonus program providing payments of up to \$25,000 per year to a medical professional in return for extension of service in the IHS. \$3.2 million was authorized for this program. The program is not available to medical personnel hired directly by tribal contractors.
- * The Indian Health Care Improvement Fund authorized at \$19 million for FY 1990. This money would be allocated in a manner designed to systematically elevate tribes' levels of health care.
- * A program under IHS sanitation facilities for financial, technical, emergency repair and operational assistance for tribes (authorized at \$3 million for FY 1990) and a program under the IHS sanitation services portion of the budget for the cost of IHS personnel to provide technical assistance to tribes (authorized at \$850,000 for FY 1990).
- * A grant program for tribes to establish demonstration projects for the phased assumption by the tribe of the entire health delivery system for tribal members living on and near the reservation. This program was authorized to receive such sums as necessary, the Congressional Budget Office projected \$500,000 as the annual need.
- * A program to offer IHS employees educational instruction in the history and culture of the tribes they are serving. The program is, to the extent feasible, to be carried out in conjunction with the tribal colleges. \$1 million was authorized in FY 1990.

- * A grant program for community colleges to assist in establishing programs leading to a medical degree for individuals who wish to practice medicine on a reservation or in a tribal clinic. \$1 million was authorized for FY 1990 for this purpose.
- * An incentive pay program by which health professionals employed by IHS (not tribal contractor direct hires) could receive payment of up to \$2,000 per year as an incentive to stay with IHS. \$600,000 was authorized for FY 1990 for this program.

The total level of authorizations not included in the FY 1990 appropriation request, totals \$35,150,000.

The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 authorized a number of Indian/Alaska Native programs which were not included in the President's FY 1990 budget request. The following programs did not receive funding requests:

IHS

- * A \$10 million authorization for FY 1990 for contracts with public or private providers of substance abuse services for youth and their families. The funding was to be in addition to contract health service funds otherwise appropriated.
- * A \$5 million FY 1990 authorization for a new program of grants for urban Indian organizations for health and education services related to substance abuse.
- * A \$1 million FY 1990 authorization for development of Tribal Action Plans to coordinate efforts and set goals for combatting substance abuse.
- * A \$3 million FY 1990 authorization for construction of regional youth substance abuse treatment centers.
- * An \$11 million FY 1990 authorization for operation of the regional substance abuse centers (\$7.5 million is contained in the budget proposal for this purpose.) Amount of remaining need for staffing is \$3.5 million in FY 1990. A \$3 million authorization is included in FY 1990 for the construction and renovation of these centers.
- * A \$1 million FY 1990 authorization for employee substance abuse training.
- * \$3 million is authorized in FY 1990 for community education on alcoholism and substance abuse.

- * A \$200,000 FY 1990 authorization for the Navajo Alcohol Rehabilitation Program.

The total amount of remaining IHS appropriation authorizations not funded in FY 1990 is \$29.7 million.

BIA

- * A \$3 million FY 1990 authorization for planning, construction and renovation of emergency shelters and halfway houses and \$3 million for staffing and operation of these shelters in FY 1990.
- * An authorization of \$500,000 for Tohono O'Odham and \$450,000 for the St. Regis Mohawk tribes in FY 1990 for illegal narcotics trafficking. (\$1,335,000 has been requested in FY 1990 to address law enforcement-source eradication within the BIA and is funded at the central office level.)
- * \$1.5 million is authorized in FY 1990 to provide training to Law Enforcement and Judicial personnel on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.
- * \$5 million is authorized for construction and renovation of juvenile detention centers in FY 1990. \$5 million is also authorized for the staffing of these centers in FY 1990.
- * \$300,000 is authorized in FY 1990 to continue publication of an alcohol and substance abuse newsletter.

The total amount of BIA appropriation requests for those P.L. 100-690 activities not funded in FY 1990 is \$18.75 million.

A total of \$48,450,000 remains unfunded in FY 1990 to address the authorizations provided for in P.L. 100-690 under both the IHS and BIA Budget requests.