



Indian Health Service
Nashville Area Office
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Dear Nashville Area Tribal Leaders:

I am writing to initiate tribal consultation on the Nashville Area's annual tribal shares table. The purpose of this consultation is to ensure your input and recommendations contribute to a final format that is beneficial to all Tribes during Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance (ISDEAA) negotiations, or as Tribes consider contracting or compacting under the ISDEAA.

The purpose of the Area tribal shares table is to help demonstrate the Area's total recurring funds, the distribution of tribal shares for all 36 tribal nations in the Nashville Area, and the remaining balance of the Area's residual funding. A tribal share is the portion of funds benefitting each respective tribe for the program, service, function, and activities carried out at the Area level, and are available to contract and compact for under the ISDEAA. The remaining residual funds are for inherent federal functions. Inherent federal functions are those functions which cannot legally be delegated to Tribes.

Following tribal consultation in fiscal year 2016, the Nashville Area tribal shares transitioned to recurring funding. With that transition, the Area stopped compiling an annual area-wide shares table. Instead, the Area provided each individual Tribe's shares during negotiation exchanges.

The enclosed updated Area shares table was developed in response to tribal requests the Area received to return to seeing the full Area view of funds and shares distributions. The format and included components are different than the historical tribal shares table. This is due to the change from the non-recurring re-calculation to recurring calculations. The enclosed table now breaks out each Tribe's recurring base by budget category.

The enclosed table includes the following tabs:

- NAO (acronym for Nashville Area Office) Recurring Budget
 - This tab tracks the Nashville Area recurring base, at the Area level, since the historical inception of a tribal shares table. It will show all recurring increases received from year to year, broken down by funded budget categories.
- H&C (acronym for Hospitals & Clinics)
 - This tab demonstrates the total calculation of recurring base increases within H&C that the Nashville Area received, including at the program level, sometimes also referred to as service unit, as well as the Area level. Here you will find your Tribe's recurring program base and area shares totals within H&C, and the portion of any increases received within the year. This tab will allow you to see the comparative increases received across the entire Area. This tab also includes the Area's residual amount within H&C and any applicable increases, as well as the funding maintained for Assessments and Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

Please note that the total increases and total funding will not tie to the Recurring Budget tab because this tab includes both program and area level funding.

- Dental, Mental, Alcohol and Substance Abuse (Alcohol), Public Health Nursing (PHN), Health Education (HE)
 - Similar to the H&C tab, these tabs demonstrate the total calculation of recurring base increases within the respective budget categories that the Nashville Area received, including at the program level, sometimes also referred to as service unit, as well as the Area level.

- Indian Health Care Improvement Fund (IHCIF)
 - This tab demonstrates the recurring funding received within the IHCIF budget category within the Area, and any distribution of increases that may be received.

- Direct Ops (shortened for Operations)
 - Similar to the H&C tab, this tab demonstrates the total calculation of recurring base increases within Direct Ops that the Nashville Area received, including at the program level, sometimes also referred to as service unit, as well as the Area level. Here you will find your Tribe’s recurring program base and area shares totals within Direct Ops, and the portion of any increases received within the year. This tab will allow you to see the comparative increases received across the entire Area. This tab also includes the Area’s residual amount within Direct Ops.

- Area Shares by PFSA-Summary (acronym for programs, services, functions, or activities)
 - This tab pulls each individual tribes shares over in to a summary sheet, and in some budget categories breaks the shares down further tied to programs, services, functions, or activities within the Area.

- Residual total
 - This tab tracks the total Area residual from the last historical tribal shares table, and adds in residual funding received with newly federally recognized tribes funding and any increases received each year.

As part of this consultation the Nashville Area will host two virtual sessions for review and discussion related to the format and data to be included in the table.

Nashville Area Tribal Shares Virtual Session	
Date	Tuesday, December 14 th
Time	1:00-2:30 central / 2:00-3:30 eastern
Conference Line	1-415-527-5035 Access Code: 2762 822 3126
Webex Link	https://hhs-ihh.webex.com/hhs-ihh/j.php?MTID=m2ae6e38f3c8cdee03c874e50785eb077

Nashville Area Tribal Shares Virtual Session	
Date	Friday, January 19 th
Time	1:00-2:30 central / 2:00-3:30 eastern
Conference Line	1-415-527-5035 Access Code: 2760 487 9662
Webex Link	https://hhs-ihs.webex.com/hhs-ihs/j.php?MTID=m29a23b29db56fd7657f2b6339a465c28

Please provide all comments and written input by January 31, 2024. Questions and your written feedback may be sent via email to Ashley Metcalf at Ashley.Metcalf@ihs.gov, using the subject line: Tribal Shares Table. You may also mail your feedback to:

Beverly Cotton, Nashville Area Director
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike
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ATTN: Tribal Shares Tables

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Metcalf by telephone at (615)-495-1297, or at the email listed above.

Sincerely,

Beverly Cotton
Area Director