

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
(Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President)
104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta,
Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Whitney Holding Corporation*, New Orleans, Louisiana; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of American Bank, Houston, Texas.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
(Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *First Banks, Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri, through its subsidiary, First Banks America, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The San Francisco Company, San Francisco, California, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 25, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), National Health Information Infrastructure Workgroup, Health Statistics for the 21st Century Workgroup.

Time and Date: November 20, 2000, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: National Center for Health Statistics (New Facility), 4105 Hopson Road, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, (919) 541-0171.

Status: Open.

Purpose: Two Workgroups of the NCVHS, the National Health Information Infrastructure Workgroup and the Health Statistics for the 21st Century Workgroup, are conducting a joint public hearing to solicit opinions from the public, including oral and written testimony, about the issues raised in two interim reports: "Toward a National Health Information Infrastructure" and "Shaping a Vision for 21st Century Health Statistics." The interim reports may be downloaded from the NCVHS homepage at: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> and all participants are encouraged to review them before the meeting.

The hearing will explore challenges to the development and implementation of a National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII). As envisioned in the interim report,

the NHII is the set of technologies, standards, applications, systems, values, and laws that support all facets of individual health, health care, and public health. The broad goal of the NHII is to deliver information to individuals—consumers, patients, and professionals—when and where they need it, so they can use this information to make informed decisions about health and health care. Speakers invited by the NHII workgroup will discuss barriers to accomplishing the objectives described in the report, including financial and technical barriers to the NHII, along with recommendations for actions which could be taken by the Federal government and others to overcome constraints.

The hearing will also seek comments about major trends and issues in population health and their implications for future information needs described in the report, "Shaping a Vision for 21st Century Health Statistics." The report outlines themes that have emerged from national consultations involving health statistics users, public health providers, advocacy groups and health care providers at local, state, and Federal levels. Speakers invited by the 21st Century Workgroup will be asked to discuss specific local and state health statistics needs, specific means for generating private and public cooperation in defining health statistics needs and generating health statistics collaborations. Invited speakers will also be asked to provide specific comments and suggestions on the interim report, particularly as it relates to local and state health statistics needs and private and public cooperation.

The November hearing is the third of a series of joint public hearings to be conducted in several regions of the country through the fall of 2000 to solicit testimony on the reports. Information from the hearings will be incorporated in the final reports expected to be completed in early 2001.

Persons who would like to make a brief oral comment (3-5 minutes) during the November hearing will be placed on the agenda as time permits. To be included on the agenda, please submit testimony by November 8, 2000, to Patrice Upchurch at (301) 458-4540, by e-mail at puupchurch@cdc.gov, or postal address at NCHS, Presidential Building, Room 1100, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Persons wishing to submit written testimony only (no more than 2-3 typewritten pages) should also adhere to the due date of November 8, 2000. Testimony will also be accepted on-site as time permits. Please consult Ms. Upchurch for further information about these arrangements. Additional information about the meeting will be provided on the NCVHS homepage at: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> shortly before the meeting date.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782,

telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. 93612-2002]

Administration for Native Americans: Availability of Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Administration for Native Americans (ANA), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of competitive financial assistance to assist eligible applicants in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of their Native American languages.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2001 funds and other available funds for Native American language projects. Financial assistance provided by ANA is designed to assist applicants in designing projects which will promote the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. The Administration for Native Americans advises all applicants that grant awards made under this announcement will have a September 30, 2001 project Start Date. Applicants should, therefore develop projects that begin no earlier than this date.

Application Kit: Application kits, approved by the OMB under control number 0980-0204, which expires April 30, 2003, containing the necessary forms and instructions to apply for a grant under this program announcement, may be obtained by calling toll free: The Applicant Help Desk, Administration for Native Americans, 1-877-922-9262. Or, copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may also be obtained electronically at the ANA World Wide Web Page:

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana>
Application kits may also be obtained from ANA training and technical assistance providers. ANA employs contractors to provide short-term training and technical assistance (T/TA) to eligible applicants. T/TA is available under these contracts for a wide range of grant application needs; however, the

contractors are not authorized to write applications. The Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) is provided at no cost. The ANA Providers serve six areas divided as follows:

Area I—Eastern serves federally recognized Tribes in AL AR CT DC DE FL GA IL IN KY LA MA MD ME MI MN MS NC NH NJ NY OH PA RI SC TN VA VT WI and WV.

Area II—Central serves federally recognized Tribes in AZ CO IA KS ND NE NM MO MT OK SD UT WY NV ID and TX.

Area III—Western serves federally recognized Tribes in CA OR and WA.

Area IV—Alaska serves all eligible applicants in AK.

Area V—Pacific serves all eligible applicants in Hawaii (HI) and the Pacific Islands of American Samoa (AS), Guam (GU), Northern Mariana Islands (MP), and Palau (PW).

Area VI—National serves all eligible applicants on the mainland United States not served by providers for areas 1 through 5. This includes non-federally recognized Tribes, Urban Indians, off-reservation rural Indian communities, Native Americans served through non-federally recognized urban and consortia arrangements and organizations serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Island Natives living on the Mainland.

ANA employs contracting firms to provide short-term training and technical assistance (T/TA) to clients in the six identified, geographical regions which are served by ANA. The ANA training and technical assistance (T/TA) contractors and their Geographic Areas are:

Geographic Area I

Eastern

Native American Management Services, Inc., Tonya Parker, Project Director, 6858 Old Dominion Drive, Suite 302, McLean, Va. 22101, (703) 821-2226, Fax (703) 821-3680 or (703) 821-8626, 1 (800) 388-7670 (Toll Free), E-mail: nams@namsinc.org

Geographic Area II

Central

RJS & Associates, Inc., Dr. Robert J. Swan, C.E.O., RR1, Box 694, Box Elder, Mt. 59521, (406) 395-4727, Fax (406) 395-4759, 1 (888) 838-4757 (Toll Free), Website: <http://www.rjsinc.org/region2.html> E-mail: rjsinc@rjsinc.org

Geographic Area III

Western

Development Associates, Inc., E. Robles, Project Director, 1475 North

Broadway, Suite 200, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94596, (925) 935-9711, 1 (800) 666-9711 (Toll Free), Fax (925) 935-0413, Website: <http://www.devassoc.com/ana/index.htm> E-mail: ana3@devassoc.com

Geographic Area IV

Alaska

Native American Management Services, Inc., P.J. Wilkins-Bell, Project Director, 1515 Tudor Road, Suite No. #4, Anchorage, Alaska 99519, (907) 770-6230, Fax (907) 770-6232, 1-877-770-6230, E-mail: pjbell@gci.com

Geographic Area V

Pacific

Development Associates, Inc., Tom Torres, Project Director

*Office will be located in Hawaii. The address and telephone numbers were not available for this printing. Please contact their California office at 1-800-666-9711 or (925) 935-9711 and ask for Dr. Elidoro Robles. Their fax number in California is (925) 935-9711. The e-mail address for their California office is ana3@devassoc.com. Check the ANA website (www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana) for Region V's address and telephone number or call ANA at 1-877-922-9262.

Geographic Area VI

National

RJS & Associates, Inc., Dr. Robert J. Swan, C.E.O., RR 1, Box 694, Box Elder, Mt. 59521, (406) 395-4757, Fax (406) 395-4759, 1 (888) 838-4757 (Toll Free), Website: <http://www.rjsinc.org/region6.html> E-mail: rjsinc@rjsinc.org

The printed **Federal Register** notice is the only official program announcement. Although reasonable efforts are taken to assure that the files on the ANA World Wide Web Page containing electronic copies of this Program Announcement is accurate and complete; they are provided for information only. The applicant bears sole responsibility to assure that the copy downloaded and/or printed from any other source is accurate and complete.

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is March 16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Cooper, Native American Program Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, 370 L'Enfant Promenade,

Mail Stop HHH 348F, Washington, DC 20447, telephone: (202) 690-5787 or 1-877-922-9262, telefax: (202) 690-7441, or e-mail: scooper@acf.dhhs.gov

Part I: Supplementary Information

A. Purpose and Availability of Funds

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of fiscal year 2001 financial assistance to eligible applicants for the purpose of assisting Native Americans in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of their languages. Financial assistance awards made under this program announcement will be on a competitive basis and the proposals will be reviewed against the evaluation criteria in this announcement. Approximately \$2,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2001 has been allocated for category I and II grants. For Category I, Planning Grants (project length: 12 months), the funding level for a budget period of 12 months will be up to \$50,000. For Category II, Design and/or Implementation Grants (project length: up to 36 months), the funding level for a budget period of 12 months will be up to \$125,000. In accordance with current agency policies, ANA may fund additional highly ranked applications if additional funds become available prior to the next competition.

ANA continues a variety of requirements directed towards enforcing its policy that an eligible grant recipient may only have one active ANA grant awarded from a competitive area at any time. Therefore, while eligible applicants may compete for a Native American language grant in either of the two categories, an applicant may only submit one application and no applicant may receive more than one Native American language grant. All applicants are strongly encouraged to provide a retirement plan fringe benefit for grant-funded employees' salaries up to five (5) percent. Applicants must include sufficient funds for principal representatives, for example; the chief financial officer or project director, from the applicant organization to travel to one post-award grant training and technical assistance conference. This expenditure is mandatory for new grant recipients and optional for grantees that have had ANA grants in the past.

Continuing for fiscal year 2001, under the goals of the Executive Order on Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCU's), TCU's may now independently apply for an ANA Grant without impacting the eligibility of the Tribe to apply. Previously, only one application was accepted, either from the Tribe or the TCU. Now both the Tribe and the TCU may compete for and

receive ANA grants at the same time, in the same program(s).

New for fiscal year 2001, are two White House Initiatives relating to Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, and People with Disabilities. In accordance with the Executive Order on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, ANA encourages greater participation from Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. The Executive Order on People with Disabilities encourages all communities to address the needs of people with disabilities in all programs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ANA encourages all Native communities to address the needs of People with Disabilities in all aspects of their programs. ANA also encourages greater participation from Native organizations serving People with Disabilities.

B. Background

The Congress has recognized that the history of past policies of the United States toward Indian and other Native American languages has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number of Native American languages that have survived over the past 500 years. Consequently, the Native American Languages Act (Title 1, P.L. 101-477) was enacted to address this decline.

This legislation invested the United States government with the responsibility to work together with Native Americans to ensure the survival of cultures and languages unique to Native America. This law declared that it is the policy of the United States to "preserve, protect and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans to use, practice and develop Native American languages." While the Congress made a significant first step in passing this legislation in 1990, it served only as a declaration of policy. No program initiatives were proposed, nor any funds authorized to enact any significant programs in furtherance of this policy.

In 1992, Congressional testimony provided estimates that of the several hundred languages that once existed, about 150 are still spoken or remembered today. However, only 20 are spoken by persons of all ages, 30 are spoken by adults of all ages, about 60 are spoken by middle-aged adults, and 45 are spoken by the most elderly.

In response to this testimony, the Congress passed the Native American Languages Act of 1992 (the Act), P.L. 102-524, to assist Native Americans in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of their languages. Passage of the Act was an important second step in attempting to ensure the survival and

continuation of Native languages, as it provides the basic foundation upon which the tribal nations can rebuild their economic strength and rich cultural diversity.

While the Federal government recognizes that substantial loss of Native American languages over the past several hundred years, the nature and magnitude of the status of Native American languages will be better defined when eligible applicants under the Act have completed language assessments.

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) believes that the responsibility for achieving self-sufficiency rests with the governing bodies of Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages, and in the leadership of Native American groups. This belief supports the ANA principle that the local community and its leadership are responsible for determining goals, setting priorities, and planning and implementing programs that support the community's long-range goals.

Therefore, since preserving a language and ensuring its continuation is generally one of the first steps taken toward strengthening a group's identity, activities proposed under this program announcement will contribute to the social development of Native communities and significantly contribute to their efforts toward self-sufficiency.

The Administration for Native Americans recognizes that eligible applicants must have the opportunity to develop their own language plans, technical capabilities, and access to the necessary financial and technical resources in order to assess, plan, develop and implement programs to assure the survival and continuing vitality of their languages. ANA also recognizes that potential applicants may have specialized knowledge and capabilities to address specific language concerns at various levels. This program announcement reflects these special needs and circumstances.

C. ANA Program and Administrative Policies

Applicants must comply with the following programmatic policies:

- Funds will not be awarded for projects addressing dead languages. For purposes of this announcement, dead languages are those languages that are no longer spoken by any tribal member or community member.
- The Commissioner shall determine the repository for copies of products from Native American language grants funded under this program announcement. At the end of the project

period, products or project models of Native American languages grants funded by this program announcement should be sent to the designated repository. Federally recognized Indian Tribes are not required to comply with this condition.

Applicants must comply with the following administrative policies:

- Current Native American language grantees whose grant project period extends beyond September 30, 2001, or who have requested an extension of the grant project beyond that date, are not eligible to apply for a grant under the same program area. Current Native American language grantees with project periods beyond September 30, 2001, may not compete for additional Native American language grants.

- Applicants for Category I may propose 12- to 17-month projects; applicants for Category II may propose up to 36-month projects.

- Applicants must describe a locally determined strategy to carry out a proposed project with fundable objectives and activities.

- An application from a federally recognized Tribe, Alaska Native Village or Native American organization must be from the governing body of the Tribe or organization.

- ANA will not accept applications from tribal components which are tribally-authorized divisions of a larger Tribe, unless the application includes a tribal resolution which clearly demonstrates the Tribe's support of the project and the Tribe's understanding that the other applicant's project supplants the Tribe's authority to submit an application under the Native American languages program both for the current competition and for the duration of the approved grant period, should the application be funded.

- If a federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native village chooses not to apply, it may support another applicant's project (e.g., a tribal organization) which serves or impacts their reservation. In this case, the applicant must include a tribal resolution that clearly demonstrates the Tribe's approval of the project and the Tribe's understanding that the other applicant's project supplants the Tribe's authority to submit an application under the Native American languages program both for the current competition and for the duration of the approved grant period, should the application be funded.

- ANA will only accept one application that serves or impacts a reservation, Tribe, or Native American community.

- Any non-profit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its non-profit status in the application at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the applicant's listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate, or by providing a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

- If the applicant, other than a Tribe or an Alaska Native Village government, is proposing a project benefiting Native Americans or Native Alaskans, or both, it must provide assurance that its duly elected or appointed board of directors is representative of the community, to be served. To establish compliance with the requirement in the regulations for a Board representative of the community, applicants should provide information establishing that at least ninety (90) percent of the individuals serving on a non-profit applicant's board fall into one or more of the following categories: (1) a current or past member of the community to be served; (2) a prospective participant or beneficiary of the project to be funded; or (3) have a cultural relationship with the community to be served.

- Organizations incorporating in American Samoa are cautioned that the Samoan government relies exclusively upon IRS determinations of non-profit status; therefore, articles of incorporation approved by the Samoan government do not establish non-profit status for these organizations for the purpose of eligibility for ANA funds.

- Grantees must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the ACF share and the non-Federal share. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions. Therefore, a project requesting \$100,000 in Federal funds must provide a match of at least \$25,000 (20% of the total approved \$125,000 project cost). Failure to provide the amount will result in disallowance of Federal match.

As per 45 CFR part 74.2, In-Kind contributions are defined as "the value of non-cash contributions provided by non-Federal third parties. Third party in-kind contributions may be in the form of real property, equipment, supplies and other expendable property, and the value of goods and services directly benefiting and specifically identifiable to the project or program."

In addition it may include other Federal funding sources where legislation or regulations authorize using specific types of funds for match; examples follow:

Indian Child Welfare funds, through the Department of Interior;
Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance funds, through the Department of Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services; and
Community Development Block Grant funds, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

An itemized budget detailing the applicant's non-Federal share, and its source(s), must be included in an application.

If an applicant plans to charge or otherwise seek credit for indirect costs in its ANA application, a current copy of its Indirect Cost Agreement must be included in the application.

A request for a waiver of the non-Federal share requirement may be submitted in accordance with 45 CFR 1336.50(b)(3) of the Native American Program Regulations.

Applications originating from American Samoa, Guam, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are covered under Section 501(d) of Public Law 95-134, as amended (48 U.S.C. 1469a) under which HHS waives any requirement for matching funds under \$200,000 (including in-kind contributions). Therefore, for the grants under this Native American language program, no match is required for grants to these insular areas.

D. Proposed Projects To Be Funded

Category I—Planning Grants

The purpose of a Planning Grant is to conduct an assessment and to develop the plan needed to describe the current status of the language(s) to be addressed and to establish community long-range goal(s) to ensure its survival. Project activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Data collection, compilation, organization and description of current language status through a "formal" method (e.g. work performed by a linguist, and/or a language survey conducted by community members) or an "informal" method (e.g. a community consensus of the language status based on elders, tribal scholars, and/or other community members);
- Establishment of community long-range language goals; and
- Acquisition of necessary training and technical assistance to administer the project and achieve project goal(s).

Category II—Design and/or Implementation Grants

The purposes of Design and/or Implementation Grants are (1) so Tribes or communities may design and/or implement a language program to achieve their long-range goal(s); and (2) to accommodate where the Tribe or community is in reaching their long-term language goal(s).

Applicants under Category II must be able to document that:

(a) Language information has been collected and analyzed, and that it is current (compiled within 36 months prior to the grant application);

(b) The community has established long-range language goals; and

(c) Community representatives are adequately trained so that the proposed project goals can be achieved.

Category II applications may include purchasing specialized equipment (including audio and video recording equipment, computers, and software) necessary to achieve the project objectives. The applicant must fully justify the need for this equipment and explain how it will be used to achieve the project objectives. The types of projects ANA may fund under Category II include, but are not limited to:

- Establishment and support of a community Native American language project to bring older and younger Native Americans together to facilitate and encourage the teaching of Native American language skills from one generation to another;

- Establishment of a project to train Native Americans to teach Native American languages to others or to enable them to serve as interpreters or translators of such languages;

- Development, printing, and dissemination of materials to be used for the teaching and enhancement of Native American languages;

- Establishment or support of a project to train Native Americans to produce or participate in television or radio programs to be broadcast in Native American languages; and

- Compilation, transcription and analysis of oral testimony to record and preserve Native American languages

E. Eligible Applicants

The following organizations are eligible to apply under this competitive area:

- Federally recognized Indian Tribes;
- Consortia of Indian Tribes;
- Incorporated non-federally recognized Tribes;
- Incorporated nonprofit multi-purpose community-based Indian organizations;

- Urban Indian Centers;
- National or regional incorporated nonprofit Native American organizations with Native American community-specific objectives;
 - Alaska Native villages as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and/or nonprofit village consortia;
 - Incorporated nonprofit Alaska Native multi-purpose community-based organizations;
 - Nonprofit Alaska Native Regional Corporations/Associations in Alaska with village specific projects;
 - Nonprofit Native organizations in Alaska with village specific projects;
 - Public and nonprofit private agencies serving Native Hawaiians (The populations served may be located on these islands or on the continental United States);
 - Public and nonprofit private agencies serving native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, Palau, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The populations served may be located on these islands or in the United States; and
 - Tribally controlled community colleges, tribally controlled post-secondary vocational institutions; and,
 - Native controlled colleges and universities located in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Palau, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands which serve Native American Pacific Islanders.
 - Non-profit Alaska Native community entities or tribal governing bodies (Indian Reorganization Act or traditional Councils) as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Further information on eligibility requirements is presented in Part I–C. ANA Program and Administrative Policy. Some important policies found in Part I are highlighted as follows:

Current ANA Native American language grantees whose grant project period ends on or before September 30, 2001 are eligible to apply for a grant award under this program announcement. The Project Period is noted in Block 9 of the “Financial Assistance Award” document. Applicants for new grants may not have a pending request to extend their existing grant beyond September 30, 2001.

Any non-profit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its non-profit status in the application at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the applicant’s listing in the Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS) most recent list of tax exempt organizations described in

Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate, or by providing a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State or Tribe in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

If the applicant, other than a Tribe or an Alaska Native Village government, is proposing a project benefiting Native Americans or Alaska Natives, or both, it must provide assurance that its duly elected or appointed board of directors is representative of the community, to be served. To establish compliance with the requirement in the regulations for a Board representative of the community applicants should provide information establishing that at least ninety (90) percent of the individuals serving on a non-profit applicant’s board fall into one or more of the following categories: (1) A current or past member of the community to be served; (2) a prospective participant or beneficiary of the project to be funded; or (3) have a cultural relationship with the community to be served. A list of board members with this information including tribal or Village affiliation, is one of the most suitable approaches for demonstrating compliance with this requirement.

Under each competitive area, ANA will only accept one application that serves or impacts a reservation, Tribe, or Native American community. If a federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native village chooses not to apply, it may support another applicant’s project (e.g., a tribal organization) which serves or impacts their reservation. In this case, the applicant must include a tribal resolution which clearly demonstrates the Tribe’s approval of the project and the Tribe’s understanding that the other applicant’s project supplants the Tribe’s authority to submit an application under that specific competitive area both for the current competition and for the duration of the approved grant period.

Participating Organizations: If a tribal organization, or other eligible applicant, decides that the objective of its proposed Native American language project would be accomplished more effectively through a partnership arrangement with a tribal school, college, or university, the applicant shall identify such school, college or university as a participating organization in its application. Under a partnership agreement, the applicant will be responsible for the fiscal, administrative and programmatic management of the grant.

F. Grantee Share of the Project

Grantees must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the Federal share and the non-Federal share. Further information on this requirement is presented in Part I–C. ANA Program and Administrative Policy.

Applications originating from American Samoa, Guam, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are covered under Section 501(d) of Public Law 95–134, as amended (78 U.S.C. 1469a) under which HHS waives any requirement for matching funds under \$200,000 (including in-kind contributions). Therefore, for the ANA grants under these announced programs, no match is required for grants to these insular areas.

G. Review Criteria

The proposed project should address the purposes of the Native American languages stated and described in the section I.B, “Background” of this announcement.

The evaluation criteria below are closely inter-related. Points are awarded only to applications which respond to these criteria. Proposed projects will be reviewed on a competitive basis using the following separate sets of evaluation criteria; one set for planning grant applications, the other for design and/or implementation grant applications:

H. Planning Grants

(1) Current Status of Native American Language(s) (15 points)

The application fully describes the current status of Native American language(s) in the community. Since obtaining this data may be part of the planning grant application being reviewed, applicants can meet this requirement by explaining their current language status and providing a detailed description of any circumstances or barriers which have prevented the collection of community language data. If documentation exists, describe it in terms of current language status.

(2) Goals and Available Resources (25 points)

The application describes the proposed project’s long-range goals and strategies, including:

- How the specific Native American long-range community goal(s) relate to the proposed project; and
- How the goal(s) fit within the context of the current language status.

(b) The application explains how the community and the tribal government

(where one exists) intends to achieve these goals. The type of community served will determine the type of documentation necessary to demonstrate participation. All Tribes and communities, however, must indicate in their application how they intend to involve elders and other community members in their projects and include them in development of language goals and strategies and in evaluation of project outcomes. Ways to demonstrate community and tribal government support for the project include:

- A resolution from Tribes or tribal organizations stating that community involvement has occurred in project planning;

- Community surveys and questionnaires, including those developed to determine the level of community support for tribal resolutions; and

- Minutes of community meetings, tribal presentations and discussion forums;

Applications from National Indian and Native organizations must clearly demonstrate a need for the project, explain how the project was originated, state who the intended beneficiaries will be, and describe how the recipients will actually benefit from the project. National Indian and Native organizations should describe their membership and define how the organization operates.

(c) Available resources (other than ANA and the non-federal share) which will assist and be coordinated with the project are described. These resources should be documented by letters of commitment of resources, and not "letters of support".

- "Letters of support" merely express another organization's endorsement of a proposed project. Such support letters and related documentation do not indicate a binding commitment, do not establish the authenticity of other resources, and do not offer or bind specific resources to the project.

- "Letters of commitment" are binding and specify the nature, amount and conditions under which another agency or organization will support a project funded with ANA funds. These resources may be human, natural or financial, and may include other Federal and non-Federal resources. Applicant statements that additional funding will be sought from other specific sources are not considered a binding commitment of outside resources.

- Non-ANA resources should be leveraged to strengthen and broaden the impact of the proposed project in the community. Project designs should

explain how those parts of projects which ANA does not fund will be financed through other sources. For example, ANA does not fund construction. Applicants must show the relationship of non-ANA funded activities to those objectives and activities that are funded with ANA grant funds.

If the applicant proposes to enter into a partnership arrangement with a school, college or university, documentation of this commitment must be included in the application.

(3) Project Objectives, Approach and Activities (30 points)

The proposed objectives in the Objective Work Plan(s) relate to the goal to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American language(s). More specifically, together they will achieve for the Tribe or community's language goals for the proposed project. Each Objective Work Plan clearly describes:

- The tribal government's and community's active involvement in the continuing participation of Native American language speakers;

- Measurable or quantifiable results or outcomes;

- How the results or outcomes relate to the community's long-range goals or the establishment of those goals;

- How the project can be accomplished with the available or expected resources during the project period;

- How the main activities will be accomplished;

- Who specifically will conduct the activities under each objective; and

- What the next steps may be after the Planning project is completed.

(4) Organizational capabilities/Qualifications (20 points)

(a) The management and administrative structure of the applicant is explained. Evidence of the applicant's ability to manage a project of the proposed scope is well defined. The application clearly demonstrates the successful management of projects of similar scope by the organization and or by the individual designated to manage the project.

(b) Position descriptions and/or resumes of key personnel, including those of consultants, are presented. The position descriptions and/or resumes relate specifically to the staff proposed in the Approach Page and in the proposed budget of the application. Position descriptions very clearly describe the position and its duties and clearly relate to the personnel staffing required to achieve the project objectives. Resumes demonstrate that

the proposed staff are qualified to carry out the proposed activities. Either the position descriptions or the resumes contain the qualifications, and/or specialized skills, necessary for overall quality management of the project. Resumes must be included if individuals have been identified for positions in the application.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to give preference to Native Americans in hiring staff and contracting services under an approved ANA grant.

(5) Budget (10 points)

A detailed and fully explained budget is provided for each budget period requested which:

- Identifies and explains each line item, with a well-written justification, in the budget categories in Section B of the Budget Information of the application, including the applicant's non-Federal share and its source.

Applicants from American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands are not required to provide a 20% match for the non-Federal share since the level of funding available for the grants would not invoke a required match for grants to these insular areas. Therefore, applicants from these insular areas may not have points reduced for the lack of matching funds. They are, however, expected to coordinate and organize the delivery of any non-ANA resources they propose for the project, as are all ANA applicants.

- Includes and justifies sufficient cost and other necessary details to facilitate the determination of cost allowability and the relevance of these costs to the proposed project; and

- Requests funds which are appropriate and necessary for the scope of the proposed project.

- Includes sufficient funds for principal representatives from the applicant organization to travel to one post-award grant training and technical assistance conference. This expenditure is mandatory for new grantees and optional for grantees that have had an ANA grant in the past. This travel and training should occur as soon as practical.

- Where implemented, includes an employee fringe benefit budget that provides grant-funded employees with a retirement plan in addition to Social Security. The applicant is strongly encouraged to provide a retirement plan fringe benefit for grant-funded employees' salaries up to five (5) percent.

ANA supports a retirement plan to be a necessary, reasonable and allowable cost in accordance with OMB rules.

Minimum standards for an acceptable retirement fringe benefit plan are:

- The plan exists for the exclusive benefit of the participants; funds are to be used for retirement and certain other pre-retirement needs, not for the organization's needs.

- The plan must have a vesting schedule that does not exceed the initial budget period of the ANA grant.

- An alternate proposal may be submitted for review and approval during grant award negotiations.

Alternate proposals may include the use of Individual Retirement Accounts, Money Purchase Pension Plans, Defined Benefit Pension Plans, Combination Plans, etc.

II. Design and/or Implementation Grants

(1) Current Status of Native American language(s) (10 points)

(a) The application fully describes the current status of the Native American language to be addressed; current status is defined as data compiled within the previous 48 months. The description of the current status minimally includes the following information:

- Number of speakers.
- Age of speakers.
- Gender of speakers.
- Level(s) of fluency.
- Number of first language speakers (Native language as the first language acquired).

- Number of second language speakers (Native language as the second language acquired).

- Where Native language is used (e.g. home, court system, religious ceremonies; church, media, school, governance and cultural activities).

- Source of data (formal and/or informal).

- Rate of language loss or gain.

(b) The application fully describes existing community language or language training programs and projects, if any, in support of the Native American language to be addressed by the proposed project. Existing programs and projects may be formal (e.g., work by a linguist, and/or language survey conducted by community members) or "informal" (e.g., a community consensus of the language status based on elders, tribal scholars, and/or other community members).

The description should answer the following: (1) Has applicant had a community language or language training program within the last 48 months? (2) Within the last 10 years? If so, fully describe the program(s), and include the following:

- Program goals.

- Number of program participants.
- Number of speakers.
- Age range of participants (e.g., 0–5, 6–10, 11–18, etc.).
- Number of language teachers.
- Criteria used to acknowledge competency of language teachers.
- Resources available to the applicant (e.g. valid grammars, dictionaries, and orthographies or describe other suitable resources).
- Program achievements.

If applicant has never had a language program, a detailed explanation of what barriers or circumstances prevented the establishment of a community language program should be included.

(2) Goals and Available Resources (20 points)

(a) The application describes the proposed project's long-range goals and strategies, including:

- How the specific Native American long-range community goal(s) relate to the proposed project; and
- How the goal(s) fit within the context of the current language status;
- A clearly delineated strategy to assist in assuring the survival and continued vitality of the Native American languages addressed in the community.

(b) The application explains how the community and the tribal government (where one exists) intend to achieve these goals. The type of community served will determine the type of documentation necessary to demonstrate participation. All Tribes and communities, however, must indicate in their application how they intend to involve elders and other community members in their projects and include them in development of language goals and strategies and in evaluation of project outcomes. Ways to demonstrate community and tribal government support for the project include:

- A resolution from Tribes or tribal organizations stating that community involvement has occurred in project planning;
- Community surveys and questionnaires, including those developed to determine the level of community support for tribal resolutions; and
- Minutes of community meetings, tribal presentations and discussion forums.

Applications from National Indian and Native organizations must clearly demonstrate a need for the project, explain how the project was originated, state who the intended beneficiaries will be, and describe how the recipients will actually benefit from the project.

National Indian and Native organizations should describe their membership and define how the organization operates.

(c) Available resources (other than ANA and the non-federal share) which will assist and be coordinated with the project are described. These resources should be documented by letters of commitment of resources, and not "letters of support".

- "Letters of support" merely express another organization's endorsement of a proposed project. Such support letters and related documentation do not indicate a binding commitment, do not establish the authenticity of other resources, and do not offer or bind specific resources to the project.

- "Letters of commitment" are binding and specify the nature, amount and conditions under which another agency or organization will support a project funded with ANA funds. These resources may be human, natural or financial, and may include other Federal and non-Federal resources. Applicant statements that additional funding will be sought from other specific sources are not considered a binding commitment of outside resources.

- Non-ANA resources should be leveraged to strengthen and broaden the impact of the proposed project in the community. Project designs should explain how those parts of projects which ANA does not fund will be financed through other sources. For example, ANA does not fund construction. Applicants must show the relationship of non-ANA funded activities to those objectives and activities that are funded with ANA grant funds.

If the applicant proposes to enter into a partnership arrangement with a school, college or university, documentation of this commitment must be included in the application.

(3) Project Objectives, Approach and Activities (30 points)

The proposed objectives in the Objective Work Plan(s) relate to the goal to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American language(s). More specifically, together they will achieve for the Tribe or community's language goals for the proposed project. If the project is for more than one year, the application includes Objective Work Plans for each year (budget period) proposed. Each Objective Work Plan clearly describes:

- The tribal government's and community's active involvement in the continuing participation of Native American language speakers;

- Measurable or quantifiable results or outcomes;
- How they relate to the community's long-range goals or the establishment of those goals;
- How the project can be accomplished with the available or expected resources during the project period;
- How the main activities will be accomplished;
- Who specifically will conduct the activities under each objective; and
- How the project will be completed, become self-sustaining, or be financed by other than ANA funds at the end of the project period.

(4) Organizational capabilities/Qualifications (15 points)

The management and administrative structure of the applicant is explained. Evidence of the applicant's ability to manage a project of the proposed scope is well defined. The application clearly demonstrates the successful management of projects of similar scope by the organization and or by the individual designated to manage the project.

Position descriptions and/or resumes of key personnel, including those of consultants, are presented. The position descriptions and/or resumes relate specifically to the staff proposed in the Approach Page and in the proposed budget of the application. Position descriptions very clearly describe the position and its duties and clearly relate to the personnel staffing required to achieve the project objectives. Resumes demonstrate that the proposed staff are qualified to carry out the proposed activities. Either the position descriptions or the resumes contain the qualifications, and/or specialized skills, necessary for overall quality management of the project. Resumes must be included if individuals have been identified for positions in the application.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to give preference to Native Americans in hiring staff and contracting services under an approved ANA grant.

(5) Budget (10 points)

A detailed and fully explained budget is provided for each budget period requested which:

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funding available for the grants would not invoke a required match for grants to these insular areas. Therefore, applicants from these insular areas may not have points reduced for the lack of matching funds. They are, however, expected to coordinate and organize the delivery of any non-ANA resources they propose for the project, as are all ANA applicants.

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Requests funds that are appropriate and necessary for the scope of the proposed project.

Includes sufficient funds for principal representatives from the applicant organization to travel to one post-award grant training and technical assistance conference. This expenditure is mandatory for new grant recipients and optional for grantees that have had ANA grants in the past. This travel and training should occur as soon as practical.

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- The plan must have a vesting schedule that does not exceed the initial budget period of the ANA grant.
- An alternate proposal may be submitted for review and approval during grant award negotiations. Alternate proposals may include the use of Individual Retirement Accounts, Money Purchase Pension Plans, Defined Benefit Pension Plans, Combination Plans, etc..

(6) Evaluation, Sharing and Preservation Plans (15 points)

The application should include the following three plans:

- An "evaluation plan" with a baseline to measure project outcomes, including, but not limited to, describing effective language growth in the community (e.g., an increase of Native American language use). This plan will be the basis for evaluating the

community's progress in achieving its language goals and objectives.

- A "sharing plan" that identifies how the project's methodology, research data, outcomes or other products can be shared and modified for use by other Tribes or communities. If this is not feasible or culturally appropriate, provide the reasons. The goal is to provide opportunities to ensure the survival and the continuing vitality of Native languages.

- A "plan to preserve project products" describes how the products of the project will be preserved through archival or other culturally appropriate methods, for the benefit of future generations.

I. Application Due Date

The closing date for submission of applications under this program announcement is March 16, 2001.

J. For Further Information Contact

Sheila Cooper, Native American Program Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, Mail Stop HHH 348F, Washington, D.C. 20447, telephone: (202) 690-5787 or 1-877-922-9262; telefax: 202-690-7441; e-mail: scooper@acf.dhhs.gov.

Part II: General Guidance to Applicants

The following is provided to assist applicants to develop a competitive application.

A. Definitions

- "Language preservation" is the maintenance of a language so that it will not decline into non-use.
- "Language vitality" is the active use of a language in a wide range of domains of human life.
- "Language replication" is the application of a language program model developed in one community to other linguistically similar communities.
- "Language survival" is the maintenance and continuation of language from one generation to another in a wide range of aspects of community life.
- "Multi-purpose community-based Native American organization" is an association and/or corporation whose charter specifies that the community designates the Board of Directors and/or officers of the organization through an elective procedure and that the organization functions in several different areas of concern to the members of the local Native American

community. These areas are specified in the by-laws and/or policies adopted by the organization. They may include, but need not be limited to, economic, artistic, cultural, and recreational activities, and the delivery of human services such as health care, day care, counseling, education, and training.

- “Multi-year project” is a project on a single theme that requires more than 12 months to complete and affords the applicant an opportunity to develop and address more complex and in-depth strategies than can be completed in one year. A multi-year project cannot be a series of unrelated objectives with activities presented in chronological order over a two or three year period.

- “Budget Period” is the interval of time (usually 12 months) into which the project period is divided for budgetary and funding purposes.

- “Core administration” is funding for staff salaries for those functions that support the organization as a whole, or for purposes unrelated to the actual management or implementation of work conducted under an ANA approved project. However, functions and activities that are clearly project related are eligible for grant funding. For example, the management and administrative functions necessary to carry out an ANA approved project are not considered “core administration” and are, therefore, eligible costs. Additionally, ANA will fund the salaries of approved staff for time actually and reasonably spent to implement a funded ANA project.

- “Real Property” means land, including land improvements, structures and appurtenances thereto, excluding movable machinery and equipment.

- “Construction” is the term that specifies a project supported through a discretionary grant or cooperative agreement, to support the initial building of a facility.

B. Activities That Cannot Be Funded

The Administration for Native Americans does not fund:

- Projects that operate indefinitely or require ANA funding on a recurring basis.

- Projects in which a grantee would provide training and/or technical assistance (T/TA) to other Tribes or Native American organizations which are otherwise eligible to apply to ANA (“third party T/TA”). However, the purchase of T/TA by a grantee for its own use or for its members’ use (as in the case of a consortium), where T/TA is necessary to carry out project objectives is acceptable.

- The support of on-going social service delivery programs or the expansion, or continuation, of existing social service delivery programs.

- ANA will not fund the purchase of real property.

- ANA will not fund construction.

- ANA will not fund objectives or activities for the support of core administration of an organization.

- Costs of fundraising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions are unallowable under a grant award. However, even though these costs are unallowable for purposes of computing charges to Federal awards, they must be treated as direct costs for purposes of determining indirect cost rates. They must also be allocated their share of the organization’s indirect costs if they represent activities which: (1) Include the salaries of personnel; (2) occupy space; and (3) benefit from the organization’s indirect costs.

Projects or activities that generally will not meet the purposes of this announcement are discussed further in Section H, “General Guidance to Applicants”, below.

C. Multi-Year Projects

Only Category II “Design and/or Implementation” projects may be developed as multi-year projects, *i.e.* for up to three years. The information in this section is not applicable to Category I, planning projects.

A multi-year project is a project on a single theme that requires more than 12 to 17 months to complete. It affords the applicant an opportunity to develop and address more complex and in-depth strategies. A multi-year project cannot be a series of unrelated objectives with activities presented in chronological order over a two or three year period. Initial awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period (up to 17 months), although project periods may be for three years.

Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period, although project periods may be for three years. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the one-year budget period, but within a two-to-three year project period, will be funded in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis. Continuation grants are subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the Government. Therefore, this program announcement does not apply to current

ANA grantees with multi-year projects that apply for continuation funding for their second or third year budget periods.

D. Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

Executive Order 12372 or 45 CFR Part 100 does not cover this program.

E. The Application Process

1. Application Submission by Mail

One signed original, and two copies, of the grant application, including all attachments, must be mailed on or before the closing date to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, ACYF/Office of Grants Management, 370 L’Enfant Promenade, SW, Mail Stop HHH 326-F, Washington, DC 20447-0002, Attention: Lois B. Hodge, ANA No. 93612-992.

2. Application Submission by Courier

Applications hand-carried by applicants, applicant couriers, 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, ACYF/Office of Grants Management, ACF Mail Room, Second Floor Loading Dock, Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024, Attention: Lois B. Hodge, ANA No. 93612-992.

3. Application Consideration

The ANA Commissioner determines the final action to be taken on each grant application received under this program announcement.

All applicants should take the following points into consideration:

- Incomplete applications and applications that do not conform to this announcement will not be accepted for review. Applicants will be notified in writing of any such determination by ACF. An incomplete application is one that is:

- Missing Form SF 424.
- Does not have a signature on Form SF 424.
- Does not include proof of non-profit status, if applicable.

- The application (Form 424) must be signed by an individual authorized (1) to act for the applicant Tribe or organization, and (2) to assume the applicant’s obligations under the terms and conditions of the grant award, including Native American Program statutory and regulatory requirements.

- Complete applications that conform to all the requirements of this program announcement are subjected to a competitive review and evaluation process. Independent review panels consisting of reviewers familiar with American Indian Tribes and Native American communities and organizations, and Native American languages evaluate each application using the published criteria in this announcement. As a result of the review, a normalized numerical score will be assigned to each application.

- Each Tribe, Native American organization, or other eligible applicant may compete for one grant award under this program announcement.

- The Administration for Native Americans will accept only one application for this program announcement from any one applicant. If an eligible applicant sends in two applications for this program announcement, the one with the earlier postmark will be accepted for review unless the applicant withdraws the earlier application.

- The Commissioner's funding decision is based on the review panel's analysis of the application, recommendation and comments of ANA staff, State and Federal agencies having contract and grant performance related information, and other interested parties.

- The Commissioner makes grant awards consistent with the purpose of the Act, all relevant statutory and requires this program announcement, and the availability of funds.

- Successful applicants are notified through an official Financial Assistance Award (FAA) document. The FAA will state the amount of Federal funds awarded, the purpose of the grant, the terms and conditions of the grant award, the effective date of the award, the project period, the budget period, and the amount of the non-ACF matching share requirement.

F. The Review Process

1. Initial Application Review

Applications submitted by the closing date and verified by the postmark under this program announcement will undergo a pre-review to determine that:

- The applicant is eligible in accordance with the Eligible Applicants Section of this announcement; and,
- the application is signed and submitted by the deadline; and,
- the application narrative, forms and materials submitted are adequate to allow the review panel to undertake an in depth evaluation and the project described is an allowable type. (All

required materials and forms are listed in the Grant Application Checklist in the Application Kit).

Applications subjected to the pre-review described above which fail to satisfy one or more of the listed requirements will be ineligible or otherwise excluded from competitive evaluation.

2. Competitive Review of Accepted Applications

Applications which pass the pre-review will be evaluated and rated by an independent review panel on the basis of the specific evaluation criteria listed in Part II. These criteria are used to evaluate the quality of a proposed project, and to determine the likelihood of its success.

- ANA staff cannot respond to requests for information regarding funding decisions prior to the official notification to the applicants.

- After the Commissioner has made decisions on all applications funded with fiscal year 2000 funds, unsuccessful applicants are notified in writing within 30 days. The notification will be accompanied by a critique including recommendations for improving the application.

3. Appeal of Ineligibility

Applicants, who are initially excluded from competitive evaluation because of ineligibility, may appeal the ANA decision of their ineligibility. Likewise, applicants may also appeal an ANA decision that their proposed activities are ineligible for funding consideration. The appeals process is stated in the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 19, 1996 (61 FR 42817).

G. General Guidance to Applicants

The following information is provided to assist applicants in developing a competitive application.

1. Program Guidance

- The Administration for Native Americans funds projects that demonstrate the strongest prospects for addressing the stated purposes of this program announcement.

- Projects will not be ranked on the basis of general financial need.

- In discussing the goals, strategy, and problems being addressed in the application, include sufficient background and/or history of the community concerning these issues and/or progress to date, as well as the size of the population to be served. This material will assist the reviewers in determining the appropriateness and

potential benefits of the proposed project.

- In the discussion of community-based, long-range goals, non-Federally recognized and off-reservation groups are encouraged to include a description of what constitutes their specific "community."

- Applicants must document the community's support for the proposed project and explain the role of the community in the planning process and implementation of the proposed project. For Tribes, a current signed resolution from the governing body of the Tribe supporting the project proposal stating that there has been community involvement in the planning of this project will suffice as evidence of community support/involvement. For all other eligible applicants, the type of community you serve will determine the type of documentation necessary. For example, a tribal organization may submit resolutions supporting the project proposal from each of its members Tribes, as well as a resolution from the applicant organization. Other examples of documentation include: community surveys; minutes of community meetings; questionnaires; tribal presentations; and/or discussion/position papers.

- Applications from National Indian and Native American organizations must demonstrate a need for the project, explain how the project was originated, state who the intended beneficiaries will be, and describe how the recipients will actually benefit from the project.

- An application should describe a clear relationship between the proposed project, language goals, and the community's long-range goals or plan.

- The project application, including the Objective Work Plans, must clearly identify in measurable terms the expected results, benefits or outcomes of the proposed project, and the positive or continuing impact that the project will have on the community.

- Supporting documentation, including letters of support, if available, or other testimonies from concerned interests other than the applicant should be included to demonstrate support for the feasibility of the project and the commitment of other resources to the proposed project.

- In the ANA Project Narrative, Section A of the application package, "Resources Available to the Proposed Project," the applicant should describe any specific financial circumstances that may impact on the project. Include such circumstances as any monetary or land settlements made to the applicant and any restrictions on the use of those settlements. When the applicant appears

to have other resources to support the proposed project and chooses not to use them, the applicant should explain why it is seeking ANA funds and not utilizing these resources for the project.

- Applications that were not funded under a previous years-closing date may be resubmitted. However, for resubmission applicants should make a reference to the changes or reasons for not making changes in their current ANA application which are based on the ANA panel review comments.

2. Technical Guidance

It is strongly suggested that the applicant follow the Supplemental Guide included in the ANA application kit to develop an application. The Guide provides practical information and helpful suggestions, and is an aid to help applicants prepare ANA applications.

- Applicants are encouraged to have someone other than the author apply the evaluation criteria in the program announcement and score the application prior to its submission, in order to gain a better sense of the application's quality and potential competitiveness in the ANA review process.

- For purposes of developing an application, applicants should plan for a project start date approximately 120 days after the closing date under which the application is submitted.

- The Administration for Native Americans will not fund essentially identical projects serving the same constituency.

- If a project could be supported by other Federal funding sources, the applicant should fully explain its reasons for not pursuing other Federal funds for the project.

- For purposes of this announcement, ANA is using the Bureau of Indian Affairs' list of federally recognized Indian Tribes which includes nonprofit Alaska Native community entities or tribal governing bodies (IRA or traditional councils). Other federally recognized Indian Tribes, which are not included on this list (*e.g.*, those Tribes that have been recently recognized or restored by the United States Congress), are also eligible to apply for ANA funds.

- The Objective Work Plan proposed should be of sufficient detail to become a monthly staff guide for project responsibilities if the applicant is funded.

- Applicants proposing multi-year projects under Category II must fully describe each year's project objectives and activities. Separate Objective Work Plans (OWPs) must be presented for each project year and a separate

itemized budget of the Federal and non-Federal costs of the project for each budget period must be included.

- Applicants for multi-year projects under Category II must justify the entire time-frame of the project (*i.e.*, why the project needs funding for more than one year) and clearly describe the results to be achieved for each objective by the end of each budget period of the total project period.

- The Administration for Native Americans will critically evaluate applications in which the acquisition of equipment is a major component of the Federal share of the budget. "Equipment is tangible, non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per "unit." During negotiation, ANA may delete such expenditures from the budget of an otherwise approved application, if not fully justified by the applicant and deemed not appropriate to the needs of the project.

- Applicants are encouraged to request a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service as proof of timely mailing.

3. Grant Administrative Guidance

- The application's Form 424 must be signed by the applicant's representative authorized to act with full authority on behalf of the applicant.

- The Administration for Native Americans recommends that the pages of the application be numbered sequentially and that a table of contents and tabbing of the sections is provided.

- An application with an original signature and two additional copies are required.

- The Cover Page (included in the Kit) should be the first page of an application, followed by the one-page abstract.

- The applicant should specify the entire project period length on the first page of the Form 424, Block 13, not the length of the first budget period. Should the application propose one length of project period and the Form 424 specify a conflicting length of project period, ANA will consider the project period specified on the Form 424 as the request. ANA may negotiate a reduction of the project period. The approved project period is shown on block 9 of a Financial Assistance Award.

- Line 15a of the Form 424 must specify the Federal funds requested for the first Budget Period, not the entire project period.

- Applicants may propose up to a 17-month project period under Category I and up to a 36-month project period under Category II.

4. Projects or Activities that Generally Will Not Meet the Purposes of this Announcement

- Core administration functions, or other activities, which essentially support only the applicant's ongoing administrative functions.

- Project goals which are not responsive to this program announcement.

- Proposals from consortia of Tribes that are not specific with regard to support from, and roles of, member Tribes. ANA expects an application from a consortium to have goals and objectives that will create positive impacts and outcomes in the communities of its members. Proposals from consortia of Tribes should have individual objectives that are related to the larger goal of the proposed project. Project objectives may be tailored to each consortia member, but within the context of a common goal for the consortia. In situations where both tribal consortia and a Tribe who belongs to the consortia receives ANA funding, ANA expects that consortia groups will not seek funding that duplicates activities being conducted by their member Tribes.

- Projects that will not be completed, self-sustaining, or supported by other than ANA funds, at the end of the project period. All projects funded by ANA must be completed, or self-sustaining or supported with other than ANA funds at the end of the project period. "Completed" means that the project ANA funded is finished, and the desired result(s) have been attained. "Self-sustaining" means that a project will continue without outside resources. "Supported by other than ANA funds" means that the project will continue beyond the ANA project period, but will be supported by funds other than ANA's.

- Renovation or alteration unless it is essential for the project. Renovation or alteration costs may not exceed the lesser of \$150,000 or 25 percent of the total direct costs approved for the entire budget period.

- Projects originated and designed by consultants who provide a major role for themselves in the proposed project and are not members of the applicant organization, Tribe or village.

H. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 10413)

The Program Narrative information collection with this Program Announcement is approved under 0980-0204, Expiration Date 04/30/2003.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to

average 29.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

I. Receipt of Applications

Applications must either be hand delivered or mailed to the address in Section E, The Application Process. The Administration for Native Americans cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ANA electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt. Videotapes and cassette tapes may not be included as part of a grant application for panel review.

Applications and related materials postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late.

1. Deadlines

- Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are either received on or before the deadline date or sent on or before the deadline date and received by ACF in time for the independent review to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, ACYF/Office of Grants Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Mail Stop HHH 326-F, Washington, D.C. 20447-0002. Attention: Lois B. Hodge ANA No. 93612-992.

- Applicants are cautioned to request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

- Applications hand carried by applicants, applicant couriers, or by overnight/express mail couriers shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date or postmarked on or before the deadline date, Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays), between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 p.m. at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, ACYF/Office of Grants Management, ACF Mailroom, 2nd Floor Loading Dock, Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. (Applicants are cautioned that express/

overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

- ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt.

- No additional material will be accepted, or added to an application, unless it is postmarked by the deadline date.

2. Late applications

Applications that do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

3. Extension of deadlines

The Administration for Children and Families may extend an application deadline for applicants affected by acts of God such as floods and hurricanes, or when there is a widespread disruption of the mails. A determination to extend or waive deadline requirements rests with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.612 Native American Programs; and 93.587 Promoting the Survival and Continuing Vitality of Native American languages)

Dated: October 3, 2001.

Gary Mounts,

Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00N-1426]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Emergency Health Surveys

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by November 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW., rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer for FDA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Emergency Health Surveys

Under section 519 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 360(i)), FDA is authorized to require: (1) Manufacturers to report medical-device-related deaths, serious injuries, and malfunctions; and (2) user facilities to report device-related deaths directly to FDA and to manufacturers, and to report serious injuries to the manufacturer. Section 522 of the act (21 U.S.C. 360(l)) authorizes FDA to require manufacturers to conduct postmarket surveillance of medical devices. Section 705(b) of the act (21 U.S.C. 375(b)) authorizes FDA to collect and disseminate information regarding medical products or cosmetics in situations involving imminent danger to health or gross deception of the consumer. Section 903(b)(2) of the act (21 U.S.C. 393(b)(2)) authorizes the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner) to implement general powers (including conducting research) to effectively carry out the mission of FDA. These sections of the act enable FDA to enhance consumer protection from risks associated with medical device usage that are not foreseen or apparent during the premarket notification and review process. Currently FDA monitors medical product related postmarket adverse events via both the mandatory and voluntary MedWatch Reporting Systems using FDA Forms 3500 and 3500A (OMB Control No. 0910-0281).

FDA is seeking OMB clearance to collect information via a series of surveys, thus implementing section 705(b) of the act and the Commissioner's authority as specified in section 903(b)(2) of the act. Participation in these surveys will be voluntary. This request covers