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Indian Health Service Small Ambulatory Program Awards \$25 Million to Eight Tribes and Tribal Organizations

The Indian Health Service is announcing \$25 million in fiscal year 2024 funding to eight tribes and tribal organizations as part of the competitive <u>Small Ambulatory Program</u> to invest in the construction, expansion, or modernization of small ambulatory health care facilities.

"Since the program began in 2001, more than 91 projects have been funded, totaling more than \$203 million," said IHS Acting Director Benjamin Smith. "The Indian Health Service is committed to strengthening tribal health infrastructure through strategic investments like the Small Ambulatory Program."

The Small Ambulatory Program is expanding access to various outpatient services for patients, including offering new services, building on existing services, and upgrading outdated facilities. Ninety five percent of tribally operated health care facilities provide primarily ambulatory services. These services include preventative services for chronic diseases such as diabetes. Ambulatory care settings operated by tribes and tribal organizations also provide increased access to culturally appropriate, quality health care.

The following tribes and tribal organizations received FY 2024 funding:

Recipient	Location	Amount	Type of Project
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians	Redwood Valley, CA	\$2,951,030	Expansion of an existing facility
Eastern Shoshone Tribe	Fort Washakie, WY	\$594,771	Expansion of an existing facility
Indian Township Tribal Government	Indian Township, ME	\$418,507	Construction of a replacement facility
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas	Horton, KS	\$2,835,463	Expansion of an existing facility
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	Ledyard, CT	\$3,560,000	Construction of a replacement facility
Omaha Tribe	Macy, NE	\$3,512,000	Construction of a replacement

			behavioral health facility
Omaha Tribe	Macy, NE	\$552,000	Modernization of an existing facility (EMT renovation)
Omaha Tribe	Macy, NE	\$1,227,000	Construction of a new EMT facility
Omaha Tribe	Macy, NE	\$2,912,000	Renovation of a specialty clinic facility
Omaha Tribe	Walthill, NE	\$807,000	Construction of a new satellite facility
Three Affiliated Tribes	Parshall, ND	\$3,527,000	Construction of a replacement facility
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC)	Mertarvik, AK	\$2,148,229	Construction of a replacement facility

The IHS <u>Office of Environmental Health and Engineering</u> supports IHS and tribal communities by providing functional, well maintained health care facilities and staff housing, technical, and financial assistance to tribes on safe water and wastewater systems, and a broad range of environmental health and injury prevention activities throughout Indian Country.

The IHS, an agency in the <u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.8 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to <u>574 federally recognized tribes</u> in 37 states. Follow the agency via social media on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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