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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the primary federal agency with responsibility for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable, including American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) at HRSA is pleased to announce three open funding opportunities focused on improving maternal health outcomes. Tribes and tribal organizations are eligible to apply to these opportunities. You can find more details at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and on our [webpage](#), as well as summary information below.

### **Currently open opportunities**

#### **[Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health \(AIM\) Capacity](#)** (closes May 9)

*The purpose is to support state and regional capacity to implement AIM patient safety bundles and expand the reach, depth, and quality of AIM implementation throughout the United States.*

#### **[AIM Technical Assistance \(TA\) Center](#)** (closes May 9)

*The purpose of this program is to expand implementation and reach of AIM program activities by funding the AIM TA Center to support all 50 states, D.C., jurisdictions, U.S. territories, tribal communities, and birthing facilities that are participating in the AIM program.*

#### **[Integrated Maternal Health Services \(IMHS\)](#)** (closes May 24)

*The purpose of the IMHS initiative is to improve maternal health outcomes in the U.S. by increasing access to quality, equitable, comprehensive care for pregnant and postpartum people.*

### **Forecasted opportunities that may be of interest**

#### **Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program (PMHCA)**

*The purpose of the PMHCA Program is to promote behavioral health integration into pediatric primary care by supporting the planning and development of state, jurisdiction, tribal or regional pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs.*

- States, political subdivisions of states, and Tribes and tribal organizations that are not currently funded under HRSA-21-122 and HRSA-22-121 are eligible to apply for new awards. **Please note that Tribes and tribal organizations in states with existing awards are eligible to apply for new awards.**

#### **Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Program**

*The purpose of the Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders program is to expand health care providers' capacity to screen, assess, treat, and refer pregnant and postpartum people for maternal mental health and substance use disorders.*

- States, Tribes, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

#### **Maternal Health Research Collaborative for Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)**

*The purpose of the collaborative is to establish a multi-institutional research network that is comprised of and supports MSIs to build their capacity to conduct research addressing disparities in maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health outcomes and to find community-based solutions to address these disparities and advance health equity*

- Eligibility is limited to public or non-profit institutions of higher learning and public or private non-profit agencies engaged in research or in programs relating to maternal and child health and/or services for children with special health care needs. **Faith-based and community-based organizations, Tribes, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply.**

**Within the next few weeks, we expect to share additional notices of funding opportunities. We acknowledge that some of the application windows are shorter than the typical ones,** so we encourage you and your organizations to begin planning and drafting applications as soon as possible. We invite you to visit the MCHB homepage at [www.mchb.hrsa.gov](http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov) where you can access a recent webinar that discussed some of the opportunities referenced above, as well as tips on how to apply.

HRSA is committed to assisting Tribal Nations and Urban Indian Organizations in addressing the maternal and child health needs of Indian Country. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with Tribes and tribal organizations on delivering respectful and effective health care, including behavioral health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Through our partnerships and connections with families, state and local organizations and service providers, together we can help all mothers, children, and families thrive and reach their full potential.

We encourage you and your organizations to share this information widely and to continue to visit [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) for additional MCHB funding opportunities. Thank you for your continued dedication to improving outcomes for maternal and child populations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Warren", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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