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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) at Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) would like to call your attention to the **Maternal Health Research Collaborative for Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)** notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). MSIs are defined as institutions that have demonstrated record of or historical commitment to serving underrepresented or disadvantaged students, including racial and ethnic minorities. Tribal Colleges and Universities are MSIs eligible for this funding.

The “Collaborative” funding is to establish a multi-institutional research network of MSIs to build the capacity to conduct research addressing disparities in maternal health outcomes and to find community-based solutions to address these disparities and advance health equity. MSIs are uniquely positioned to engage the communities they serve in the translation of research into culturally competent, measurable, and sustained improvements in health outcomes.

The “Collaborative” consists of two funding announcements.

- **HRSA-23-112- Research Centers (RCs)** that will build the capacity of MSIs to conduct maternal health disparity research
  - Approximately \$7,200,000 available to annually fund 16 awards
- **HRSA-23-113- Coordinating Center (CC)** that will provide technical assistance and other support to the RCs to help them build their institution’s research capacity in this type of research
  - Approximately \$2,230,000 available to annually fund one (1) award

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**. Please note: MSIs are especially encouraged to apply to this opportunity. Those applicants that are not MSIs are expected to partner with an MSI for this initiative.

**This application closes June 12, 2023.** We encourage you to apply early and review the attached NOFO flyers for additional information.

Maternal health serves as an important indicator of the nation’s health. HRSA MCHB strives to eliminate inequities in maternal health by collaborating with key partners, listening to community members, and investing in programs that address the disparities. We look forward to your partnership as we continue to fund innovative and data-driven programs to help solve the maternal mortality crisis.

Sincerely,

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