

Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

MISSION STATEMENT

ANA promotes the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and the peoples of Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Promoting Self-Sufficiency for Native Americans

ANA is the only Federal agency providing grants, training and technical assistance to all Native Americans including:

- 562 federally recognized Tribes
- Incorporated non-federally recognized Tribes
- American Indian and Alaska Native Organizations
- Native Hawaiian Non-profit Organizations
- Native populations throughout the Pacific basin

MAJOR GOALS

- Foster the development of stable, diversified local economies and economic activities which will provide jobs, promote community and economic well-being, encourage community partnerships and reduce dependency on public funds and social services
- Support local access to, control of, and coordination of services and programs that safeguard the health and well-being of Native children and families
- Increase the number of projects involving youth and intergenerational activities in Native American communities

Grant Programs

ANA provides competitive financial assistance grants in support of locally determined and designed projects that address community needs and goals. Grants are provided through three programs to promote economic and social self-sufficiency, to ensure the survival and vitality of Native languages and to improve Tribal capability to regulate environmental quality.

Examples of projects that help to promote the economic and social development of Native Americans are:

- Creation of new jobs and development or expansion of business enterprises and social service initiatives

- Community strategic planning
- Enactment of new codes and management improvements to strengthen the governmental functions of Tribes and Native American organizations
- Youth development
- Strengthening family relationship skills
- Training language teachers
- Formulation of environmental policies, ordinances and training for the use and control of natural resources
- Establishment of local court systems

Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)

ANA provides project funding that supports and invests in community-based projects that meet the goal of improving the lives of children and families in our communities.

- **Economic Development Projects:** Involve the promotion of the physical, commercial, technological, industrial, and/or agricultural components necessary for a sustainable local community. Applicants are encouraged to develop sustainable projects to support stable and diversified private sector local economies.
- **Social Development Projects:** Involve investment in human and social capital for advancing peoples' well-being. Applicants are encouraged to develop and implement culturally appropriate projects to enhance Tribal, community and village activities. Social development projects under this area support families, elders, parents, positive youth development, healthy marriage, individuals with disabilities and personal commitment.
- **Governance Projects:** Involve assistance to federally-recognized Tribal and Alaska Native Village Governments to increase their ability to exercise local control and decision-making over governance activities.

In 2009 \$28,508,306 million was obligated for projects for Social and Economic Development Strategies.

Language Preservation

ANA provides project funding to eligible applicants for the purpose of promoting the survival and continued vitality of native languages. This program area is divided into two categories: (1) Native Language Preservation and Maintenance and (2) Esther Martinez Initiative. The Language Preservation and Maintenance Grants are 12, 24 or 36-month projects that enable communities to conduct assessments of native languages, plan language programs and implement language projects that support the communities' long-term language preservation goals. The Esther Martinez Initiative Grants are 36-month projects that will be awarded to applicants that meet the statutory requirements for immersion projects with language nests, restoration programs or language survival schools in accordance with P.L. 109-394.

In 2009,\$9,805,374 was obligated for Native Language projects.

Environmental Regulatory Enhancement

ANA provides project funding to eligible applicants to strengthen Tribal Governments by building capacity to identify, plan and develop environmental programs consistent with Native culture. ANA funds projects that address the responsibility of Tribes and Villages to formulate environmental ordinances, implement laws, and train community members in the use and control of their natural resources.

In 2009, \$2,471,419 was obligated for Environmental Regulatory Enhancement.

Intra-Departmental Council on Native American Affairs

The ANA Commissioner is the Chair and the Director, Indian Health Service is the Vice Chair of the Intra-Departmental Council on Native American Affairs (ICNAA), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The ICNAA advises the Secretary on Native American issues. The Council is composed of the heads of all the principal operating divisions within HHS and is the Departmental focal point for all initiatives affecting Native people.

Under its Charter, the ICNAA coordinates and encourages the cooperation of the Department's and other federal agencies' resources for Native people. It also develops and implements a meaningful policy on Native American affairs for the entire Department. It ensures that this policy will be applied consistently throughout the Department and, where possible, throughout the Federal Government.

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