

**(2) Efficiency of grant application process**

The Secretary shall carry out such measures as the Secretary determines to be necessary to maximize the time and workload efficiency of the process by which Indian tribes and tribal organizations apply for grants under paragraph (1).

**(d) Collaboration**

The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall encourage Indian tribes and tribal organizations receiving grants under this section to collaborate to enable comparisons regarding best practices across projects.

**(e) Annual report**

Each grant recipient shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that—

- (1) describes the number of telemental health services provided; and
- (2) includes any other information that the Secretary may require.

**(f) Reports to Congress****(1) Initial report****(A) In general**

Not later than 2 years after the date on which the first grant is awarded under this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that—

- (i) describes each project funded by a grant under this section during the preceding 2-year period, including a description of the level of success achieved by the project; and
- (ii) evaluates whether the demonstration project should be continued during the period beginning on the date of termination of funding for the demonstration project under subsection (g) and ending on the date on which the final report is submitted under paragraph (2).

**(B) Continuation of demonstration project**

On a determination by the Secretary under clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) that the demonstration project should be continued, the Secretary may carry out the demonstration project during the period described in that clause using such sums otherwise made available to the Secretary as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**(2) Final report**

Not later than 270 days after the date of termination of funding for the demonstration project under subsection (g), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a final report that—

- (A) describes the results of the projects funded by grants awarded under this section, including any data available that indicate the number of attempted suicides;
- (B) evaluates the impact of the telemental health services funded by the grants in re-

ducing the number of completed suicides among Indian youth;

(C) evaluates whether the demonstration project should be—

- (i) expanded to provide more than 5 grants; and
- (ii) designated as a permanent program; and

(D) evaluates the benefits of expanding the demonstration project to include urban Indian organizations.

**(g) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

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## CODIFICATION

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**§ 1667c. Substance abuse and mental health services Administration grants****(a) Grant applications****(1) Efficiency of grant application process**

The Secretary, acting through the Administration, shall carry out such measures as the Secretary determines to be necessary to maximize the time and workload efficiency of the process by which Indian tribes and tribal organizations apply for grants under any program administered by the Administration, including by providing methods other than electronic methods of submitting applications for those grants, if necessary.

**(2) Priority for certain grants****(A) In general**

To fulfill the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian tribes, in awarding relevant grants pursuant to a program described in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall take into consideration the needs of Indian tribes or tribal organizations, as applicable, that serve populations with documented high suicide rates, regardless of whether those Indian tribes or tribal organizations possess adequate personnel or infrastructure to fulfill all applicable requirements of the relevant program.

**(B) Description of grant programs**

A grant program referred to in subparagraph (A) is a grant program—

- (i) administered by the Administration to fund activities relating to mental health, suicide prevention, or suicide-related risk factors; and
- (ii) under which an Indian tribe or tribal organization is an eligible recipient.

**(3) Clarification regarding Indian tribes and tribal organizations**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in applying for a grant under any program ad-

ministered by the Administration, no Indian tribe or tribal organization shall be required to apply through a State or State agency.

**(4) Requirements for affected States**

**(A) Definitions**

In this paragraph:

**(i) Affected State**

The term “affected State” means a State—

(I) the boundaries of which include 1 or more Indian tribes; and

(II) the application for a grant under any program administered by the Administration of which includes statewide data.

**(ii) Indian population**

The term “Indian population” means the total number of residents of an affected State who are Indian.

**(B) Requirements**

As a condition of receipt of a grant under any program administered by the Administration, each affected State shall—

(i) describe in the grant application—

(I) the Indian population of the affected State; and

(II) the contribution of that Indian population to the statewide data used by the affected State in the application; and

(ii) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary that—

(I) of the total amount of the grant, the affected State will allocate for use for the Indian population of the affected State an amount equal to the proportion that—

(aa) the Indian population of the affected State; bears to

(bb) the total population of the affected State; and

(II) the affected State will take reasonable efforts to collaborate with each Indian tribe located within the affected State to carry out youth suicide prevention and treatment measures for members of the Indian tribe.

**(C) Report**

Not later than 1 year after the date of receipt of a grant described in subparagraph (B), an affected State shall submit to the Secretary a report describing the measures carried out by the affected State to ensure compliance with the requirements of subparagraph (B)(ii).

**(b) No non-Federal share requirement**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Indian tribe or tribal organization shall be required to provide a non-Federal share of the cost of any project or activity carried out using a grant provided under any program administered by the Administration.

**(c) Outreach for rural and isolated Indian tribes**

Due to the rural, isolated nature of most Indian reservations and communities (especially those reservations and communities in the

Great Plains region), the Secretary shall conduct outreach activities, with a particular emphasis on the provision of telemental health services, to achieve the purposes of this part with respect to Indian tribes located in rural, isolated areas.

**(d) Provision of other assistance**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary, acting through the Administration, shall carry out such measures (including monitoring and the provision of required assistance) as the Secretary determines to be necessary to ensure the provision of adequate suicide prevention and mental health services to Indian tribes described in paragraph (2), regardless of whether those Indian tribes possess adequate personnel or infrastructure—

(A) to submit an application for a grant under any program administered by the Administration, including due to problems relating to access to the Internet or other electronic means that may have resulted in previous obstacles to submission of a grant application; or

(B) to fulfill all applicable requirements of the relevant program.

**(2) Description of Indian tribes**

An Indian tribe referred to in paragraph (1) is an Indian tribe—

(A) the members of which experience—

(i) a high rate of youth suicide;

(ii) low socioeconomic status; and

(iii) extreme health disparity;

(B) that is located in a remote and isolated area; and

(C) that lacks technology and communication infrastructure.

**(3) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this subsection.

**(e) Early intervention and assessment services**

**(1) Definition of affected entity**

In this subsection, the term “affected entity” means any entity—

(A) that receives a grant for suicide intervention, prevention, or treatment under a program administered by the Administration; and

(B) the population to be served by which includes Indian youth.

**(2) Requirement**

The Secretary, acting through the Administration, shall ensure that each affected entity carrying out a youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategy described in section 290bb-36(c)(1) of title 42, or any other youth suicide-related early intervention and assessment activity, provides training or education to individuals who interact frequently with the Indian youth to be served by the affected entity (including parents, teachers, coaches, and mentors) on identifying warning signs of Indian youth who are at risk of committing suicide.

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**§ 1667d. Use of predoctoral psychology and psychiatry interns**

The Secretary shall carry out such activities as the Secretary determines to be necessary to encourage Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other mental health care providers to obtain the services of predoctoral psychology and psychiatry interns—

- (1) to increase the quantity of patients served by the Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other mental health care providers; and
- (2) for purposes of recruitment and retention.

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## CODIFICATION

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**§ 1667e. Indian youth life skills development demonstration program**

**(a) Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to authorize the Secretary, acting through the Administration, to carry out a demonstration program to test the effectiveness of a culturally compatible, school-based, life skills curriculum for the prevention of Indian and Alaska Native adolescent suicide, including through—

- (1) the establishment of tribal partnerships to develop and implement such a curriculum, in cooperation with—
  - (A) behavioral health professionals, with a priority for tribal partnerships cooperating with mental health professionals employed by the Service;
  - (B) tribal or local school agencies; and
  - (C) parent and community groups;
- (2) the provision by the Administration or the Service of—
  - (A) technical expertise; and
  - (B) clinicians, analysts, and educators, as appropriate;
- (3) training for teachers, school administrators, and community members to implement the curriculum;
- (4) the establishment of advisory councils composed of parents, educators, community members, trained peers, and others to provide advice regarding the curriculum and other components of the demonstration program;
- (5) the development of culturally appropriate support measures to supplement the effectiveness of the curriculum; and
- (6) projects modeled after evidence-based projects, such as programs evaluated and published in relevant literature.

**(b) Demonstration grant program**

**(1) Definitions**

In this subsection:

**(A) Curriculum**

The term “curriculum” means the culturally compatible, school-based, life skills curriculum for the prevention of Indian and Alaska Native adolescent suicide identified by the Secretary under paragraph (2)(A).

**(B) Eligible entity**

The term “eligible entity” means—

- (i) an Indian tribe;
- (ii) a tribal organization;
- (iii) any other tribally authorized entity; and
- (iv) any partnership composed of 2 or more entities described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii).

**(2) Establishment**

The Secretary, acting through the Administration, may establish and carry out a demonstration program under which the Secretary shall—

- (A) identify a culturally compatible, school-based, life skills curriculum for the prevention of Indian and Alaska Native adolescent suicide;
- (B) identify the Indian tribes that are at greatest risk for adolescent suicide;
- (C) invite those Indian tribes to participate in the demonstration program by—
  - (i) responding to a comprehensive program requirement request of the Secretary; or
  - (ii) submitting, through an eligible entity, an application in accordance with paragraph (4); and
- (D) provide grants to the Indian tribes identified under subparagraph (B) and eligible entities to implement the curriculum with respect to Indian and Alaska Native youths who—
  - (i) are between the ages of 10 and 19; and
  - (ii) attend school in a region that is at risk of high youth suicide rates, as determined by the Administration.

**(3) Requirements**

**(A) Term**

The term of a grant provided under the demonstration program under this section shall be not less than 4 years.

**(B) Maximum number**

The Secretary may provide not more than 5 grants under the demonstration program under this section.

**(C) Amount**

The grants provided under this section shall be of equal amounts.

**(D) Certain schools**

In selecting eligible entities to receive grants under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 1 demonstration program shall be carried out at each of—

- (i) a school operated by the Bureau of Indian Education;