National Indian Health Board

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President Obama's Budget Request for the Indian Health Service (IHS) for Fiscal Year 2011

Summary:

The President's Indian Health Service budget request for Fiscal Year 2011 totals \$4.4 billion. This figure represents an 8 percent increase over the FY 2010 appropriated level.

Budget Snapshot:

	FY 09 Actual	FY 10 Actual	FY 09 Actual vs.	FY 11	FY 11
	*excludes	(dollars in	FY 10 Actual	Request	Request vs.
	ARRA Funds	thousands)	(dollars in	(dollars in	FY 10
			thousands)	thousands)	Actual
					(dollars in
					thousands)
Services	\$2,625,707	\$2,953,559	11.1%	\$3,200,000	8%
Preventative	\$135,227	\$144215	6.3%	\$151,000	8%
Health					
Other	\$430,022	\$559,744	23.1%	\$610,000	8%
Services					
Facilities	\$390,168	\$394,757	1%	\$446,000	11%
Total	\$3,581,124	\$4,052,375	11.6%	\$4,407,000	8.7%

Highlights:

- Clinical Services request of \$3.2 billion, an 8% increase
- Contract Health Services request of \$862 million, a 10% increase
- Contract Support Costs request of \$444 million, a 10% increase
- Facilities Construction request of \$445 million, a 11% increase

The Budget demonstrates the Administration's continuing commitment to honoring the Federal government's trust responsibilities and treaty obligations. Exempting IHS from the same "freeze" that other programs and agencies are under is a significant sign. However, with IHS deeply and chronically underfunded, IHS services remain woefully short of need.

The National Indian Health Board is committed to working with the Administration and Congress to ensure that the budget recommendations as put forth by the Tribal Budget Formulation Committee are adopted to meet the true level of need for health services in Indian Country.

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