

American Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council

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ICWA Grants

3 Grant Types:

1. Primary:

Direct to Indian tribes, Indian organizations and tribal social services agency programs located off-reservation that serve Indian children and their families.

- **Tribal Primary**
- **Urban Primary**

2. Special Focus:

Establishes funding to local social services agencies, tribes, Indian organizations and other organizations for placement prevention and family reunification for Indian children.

3. Compliance:

Directed toward Indian child welfare defense corporation, as defined in section 611.216, subd. 1a to promote statewide compliance with MIFPA and ICWA...providing legal advocacy services statewide.

Eligible and Ineligible Services

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Eligible services:

Placement prevention/reunification, family based services, crisis intervention/counseling, foster and adoptive placement resources (including recruitment and licensing), court advocacy, training and consultation to county or private adoption agencies, transportation to prevent placement or reunite with the family and other activities approved by Commissioner

Generally used:

- Support staff salary
- cultural services
- Training needs

Indian child welfare grant money must not be used for:

- 1) child day care necessary solely because of employment or training for employment of a parent or other relative with whom the child is living;
- 2) foster care maintenance or difficulty of care payments;
- 3) residential facility payments;
- 4) adoption assistance payments;
- 5) public assistance payments for Minnesota family investment program assistance, supplemental aid, medical assistance, general assistance, general assistance medical care, or community health services authorized by sections 145A.01 to 145A.14; or
- 6) administrative costs for income maintenance staff.

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Primary/Special Focus funding allocation

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Allocation Formula: \$1.482 million of state dollars each year

- **Primary grants** \$1,185,600 (4/5 allocated to primary funding)

70% - Tribes = \$829,920

Each tribe receives a 5% base allocation of \$42,252 (Total \$422,520), remaining dollars are distributed based on federal Census population reported

30% - Urban Programs = \$355, 680

Distribution and amount for urban programs is based on recommendations of proposal review team and approved or determined if different from recommendations of the ICWA Advisory Council.

- **Special Focus** \$296,400 (1/5 allocated to Special Focus)

Amount and agency funded is based on recommendations of proposal review team and approved or determined if differently by the ICWA Advisory Council.



ICWA TRAINING

Current ICWA Specific Training:

Tribal Training Certification Partnership

- New County Social Workers and Tribal Social Worker
- ICWA Guardian Ad Litem's

Children's Justice Initiative

- Judges, Attorney's

Training Needed:

- Law Enforcement

Propose funding to support ICWA Specific training for Law enforcement.