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Dear Tribal Leader,

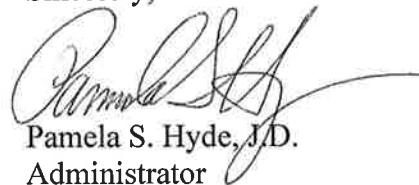
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) thanks you for your support in obtaining Fiscal Year 2014 program funding and is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for tribes, tribal organizations or consortia. The Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (short title: Native Connections) is designed to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance abuse and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) young people up to and including age 24.

Congressional appropriation language directs SAMHSA to focus funding on AI/AN young people within tribal entities with the highest suicide rates per capita over the past ten years. It is anticipated that SAMHSA will award 20, five-year cooperative agreements with award amounts of up to \$200,000 per year. The deadline for application submission is June 17, 2014. It should be noted that tribes, tribal organizations or consortia may choose to contract with a public or non-profit organization to develop and implement a proposed project.

The request for application announcement has been posted on Grants.gov and is available on the SAMHSA grants website at <http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants>. Additional information on the program and an upcoming technical assistance webinar can be obtained by contacting Michelle Carnes at (240) 276-1869 or michelle.carnes@samhsa.hhs.gov. Grant management and budget inquiries should be directed to Gwendolyn Simpson at gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov or (240) 276-1408.

This SAMHSA program supports efforts to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness among those who are the most vulnerable - young people – and we are looking forward to working with all interested tribes, tribal organizations or consortia to make this opportunity of significant value to successful applicants.

Sincerely,



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Administrator