



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20447

February 27, 2004

Dear Tribal Leaders and Native American Non-Profit Organizations:

I am pleased to share with you some of the improvements and clarifications we have made in the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) programs.

During the past year, ANA staff has listened to and worked diligently with community and organizational representatives, grantees, and our technical assistance partners to improve and clarify the ANA program announcements and the delivery of our services. Our main goal during this process was to insure our programs and services support your Tribe, the numerous community-based Native organizations, and the people that work so hard to meet the needs of our children, youth, elders, and families.

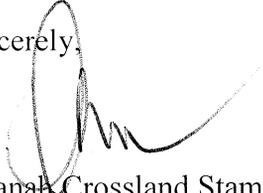
ANA programs serve American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and native people of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. ANA manages an annual discretionary budget of approximately \$46 million, and funds three program areas: Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS), Language Preservation and Maintenance, and Environmental Regulatory Enhancement. ANA manages a portfolio of 320 grantees, and oversees a highly competitive grant process that annually reviews, analyzes, and scores approximately 560 applications requesting over \$101 million in project funding.

When making decisions on awards of grants, ANA considers whether the project is essentially identical or similar, in whole or significant part, to projects in the same community previously funded or being funded under the same competition. ANA also considers whether the grantee is already receiving funding for a SEDS, Language, or Environmental project, as well as whether a proposed project would require funding on an indefinite or recurring basis. Based on these factors, ANA's funding thresholds, and the applicant's score, ANA will award one grant for approximately every 4 applicants.

To summarize ANA's Notice of Public Comment published in the Federal Register November 14, 2003, attached is a synopsis of the ANA program clarifications, and copies of the FY 2004 Program Announcements for SEDS, Environmental, and

Native Language. I urge you take the time to read through this information and to apply to ANA for your community project funding needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ANA Help Desk or your Regional Technical Assistance Provider. For more information on the Administration for Native Americans, please visit the ANA website at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana)

Sincerely,



Quanah Crossland Stamps, Commissioner  
Administration for Native Americans

Enclosures:

- 1) List of Technical Assistance Providers
- 2) 2004 Program Announcements  
(SEDS, Environmental, and Native Language – 3 Total)
- 3) Clarification of ANA Program Announcements