

American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion Funding Opportunity Announcement

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1. Can an organization apply for this funding even though we are not a Tribe? If we do apply can we serve tribal and non-tribal children at a facility located on tribal land? We would be leasing the facility from the tribe and collaborating with them for staff training around cultural sensitivities, language preservation, etc....

Per the *Executive Summary* and *Section III.1 Eligible Applicants* in the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), "ACF solicits applications from public entities, including states; Native American Tribal organizations; Native American Tribal Governments (federally recognized); private, non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations; or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act." That said, interested applicants should also be aware of the additional eligibility requirement stated in *Section III.1 Eligible Applicants* that reads, "Eligible applicants are also subject to section 641(e) of the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9836, Prohibition Against Non-Indian Head Start Agency Receiving a Grant for an Indian Head Start program." Interested applicants are encouraged to read these sections of the Head Start Act prior to submitting an application in response to this FOA.

2. I have a question regarding the American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion grant, Funding opportunity # HHS-2017-ACF-OHS-CH-R11-1212. Page 6 , under Administrative Cost Waiver, references administration costs that are limited at 15%. The organization I work for has an indirect rate of 42.30%, which also includes administration costs such as financial management, office space costs, etc. for the project. Is this limit referring to a 15% limit on indirect costs, or to costs of efforts to develop and implement the program after the grant is awarded? In the budget, there is also a section where an applicant would enter their indirect cost rate, as well as provide a copy of their Indirect Rate Agreement. Can you please clarify?

Thank you for your interest in becoming an American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start grantee.

You are encouraged to review the following Administrative Cost Limitation resource, available at: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/mang-sys/fiscal-mang/fiscal_faq_00038_061505.html and information on direct and indirect costs contained in the Uniform Guidance, 45 CFR §§75.412-415. The 15% administrative cost limitation applies independently of the organization's established indirect cost rate.

You are also encouraged to review *Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission, The Project Budget and Budget Justification* of the FOA for information on the inclusion of organization's indirect cost rate in content of the application. Per this Section of the FOA, the indirect cost rate agreement can be included in the Appendices of the application.