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To: Honorable Tribal Governors and Respective Tribal Programs

From: De Alva Calabaza, General Manager
Indian Education Division

Through: Latifah Phillips
Assistant Secretary for Indian Education

Subject: NM INDIAN EDUCATION STRENGTHENING TRIBAL PROGRAMS

The PED-Indian Education Division is issuing a Request for Application (RFA) to the New Mexico pueblo and tribal governments. The purpose of the Indian Education Strengthening Tribal Programs is to provide a grant for a one year period to the New Mexico tribal governments for the purpose of supporting the strengthening of tribal education programs and/or continue the support of revitalization, maintenance and sustainability of native languages.

The PED-IED is administering this RFA in order to select NM Tribes that will receive state funding for implementing quality programs in the following priority areas:

- 1) Increasing attendance and reducing truancy;
- 2) Improving educational opportunities for American Indian students to keep them engaged in school and on a pathway to college and/or career success (i.e. Academic enrichment programs, after-school/Saturday/summer programs, project based learning opportunities geared specifically toward American Indian students, etc.);
- 3) Improve student outcomes by strengthening culturally responsive learning environments (i.e. culturally and linguistically responsive teaching, diversity and cultural sensitivity training etc.)
- 4) Supporting the maintenance of Native language;
- 5) Addressing challenges that exist across schools and school systems (i.e. transition-planning, reduction in student mobility, addressing academic gaps, etc.).



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An award letter will be issued notifying the tribe of the grant award; thereafter an executed Intergovernmental Agreement will be issued upon review and approval of the program work plans and outcomes.

The Indian Education Division will conduct a pre-application webinar. The pre-application webinar is scheduled as follows:

- April 20, 2017 – Go To Meeting Webinar (9:00am – 11:00am):
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/621357493>

The pre-application conference is required for all prospective applicants and/or designated staff from the Tribal governments. There will be discussion regarding different procedural methods for next year involving intergovernmental agreements between tribes/pueblos and NMPED

The RFA is provided as an attachment to this memo and will be posted on the PED website at www.ped.state.nm.us. If you should have any questions, you may contact De Alva Calabaza at (505) 827-6679 or email at dealva.calabaza@state.nm.us .

Attachment