

# Orientation Meeting 988 Tribal Response Sub-Awards

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# Who is AAIHB?

- The **Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board** (AAIHB) is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1980 that works with the 27 tribes across New Mexico, Southern Colorado, and West Texas.
- **Mission:** is to empower and advocate on behalf of Native peoples through the delivery of quality health care services that honors spiritual and cultural values.
- Our goal is to positively impact the health and well-being of the communities we serve.
- **Programs:** Audiology, CHERP, AASTEC, Tribal Injury Prevention Resource Center, Positive Directions Program, SW Tribal NARCH, and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education

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Executive Director

# Who is AASTEC?

- The **Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC)** is a program under AAIHB that was established in 2006. It is 1 of 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers that serves American Indians and Alaska Natives in the country.
- **Mission:** is to provide high quality health research, surveillance, and training to improve the quality of life of American Indians.
- **Health priorities:** behavioral health, healthy aging, injury prevention, chronic disease prevention and management
- **Programs:** GHWIC, Tribal Colorectal Health Program, Tribal PRAMS, YRRS-NM, Public Health Data Improvement & Access, TA, Training, and Program Evaluation

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# AASTEC Project Team

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# Overview of the grant

- Project funded by SAMHSA for a 2-year period and will be administered by AAIHB/Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center.
- Up to 9 subawards. MOAs were disseminated.
- Need signed MOAs by March 3, 2022
- Maximum initial award per tribe cannot exceed \$75,000 per year over a 2-year period.
- Start Date: 12/31/22 to 12/30/24 (contingent upon continued funding from SAMHSA).
- AAIHB/AASTECC was awarded December 28, 2022

# Overview of the grant (cont'd)

- Provide resources to improved responses to 988 contact (calls, chats, texts) originating from tribal communities and or AI/ANs.
- Ensure AI/ANs have access to culturally competent, trained 988 crisis center support.
- Improve integration and support of 988 crisis centers, tribal nation/organizations, to ensure navigation and follow up care is provided.

# Overview of the grant (cont'd)

- Facilitate collaborations with tribal, state, and territory health providers, urban Indian organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders that respects tribal sovereignty.
- Applicants expected to use trauma informed practices that acknowledge the impact of historical and inter-generational trauma.
- Applicants must use recovery oriented and equity-based practices to improve behavioral health care.
- Must use evidence-based practices, evidence informed, and/or culturally promising practices.



# Purpose of the grant

- 1) To improve response to 988 contacts originating in Tribal communities and/or activated by AIs in the AAIHB service area.
  - 2) Improve integration to ensure there is navigation and follow-up care.
  - 3) Facilitate collaborations with tribal/state health providers, tribal organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects Tribal sovereignty.
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- Project is needed to dismantle persistent barriers/disparities and fill the existing void in services by creating linkages between tribes and existing 988 crisis centers to ensure AIs have equal access to culturally competent services that honor tribal sovereignty.

# Sub-awardees

Jicarilla Apache, Mescalero Apache, Ramah Navajo, To'Hajiilee Navajo, Southern Ute(Ignacio) and Ute Mountain Ute (Towaoc), Isleta, Santo Domingo (Kewa), and Zuni

# Scope of work

## Enhance tribal readiness and utilization of existing 988 crisis resource centers

- Complete a **tribe specific readiness or needs assessment** to identify assets and gaps in tribal crisis response and follow up protocols by June 30, 2023.
- **Co-create** and disseminate **988 crisis center communication products** (i.e., billboards, posters, radio PSAs, social media/web posts, etc.) with AASTEC to strengthen community awareness and utilization of existing 988 crisis centers in year one.
- Train/hire a peer support worker to provide crisis services (i.e., recovery coaching, telephone or in-person check-ups, warmline, and other recovery supports) in the community.
- Develop a coalition of tribal program staff and **implement tribe-specific action plans to improve coordination/integration** between its tribal programs (i.e., behavioral health, law enforcement, EMTs, school, etc.) and existing 988 crisis centers by December 30, 2023.
- Develop a **quality improvement plan** for existing 988 crisis centers that focuses on policies, first contact, assessment, referral, and access to local care to ensure there is a comprehensive and coordinated response to tribal members at imminent risk for suicide within the community by December 30, 2023.

# Scope of work

## **Strengthen tribal and 988 crisis center staff capacity to support tribal members in crisis**

- Create or enhance screening and referral protocols to ensure navigation and follow-up care for tribal members post contact with 988 crisis centers end of year 1.
- Train and certify program staff and/or law enforcement in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) which are evidence-based practices for suicide prevention and crisis prevention services by December 30, 2024.
  - AASTEC will host MHFA and ASIST train the trainer sessions.
- Attend additional 988 trainings on adverse childhood experiences (ACE), social determinants of health, and/or culturally responsive crisis interventions hosted by AASTEC.

# Scope of work

## Other project activities:

- Participate in evaluation activities that include collecting GPRA data, outcomes, and other project measures at the individual/client and community levels required by SAMHSA.
- Participate in monthly meetings facilitated by AAIHB/AASTECC regarding project progress.
- Submit quarterly progress reports and quarterly invoices (December 30, March 30, June 30, and September 30) that detail project costs.
- Submit annual progress report within thirty (30) days of the completion of the program year on or before December 30.
- Share de-identified evaluation data/information with AAIHB/AASTECC and the program funding source (SAMHSA).
- Share successful strategies and lessons learned with other Tribes, Bands, Pueblos, and Nations in the I.H.S. Albuquerque Area and nationwide.
- Complete project activities and spending for project by December 30, 2024.
- Maintain a financial management system and financial records and administer funds received pursuant to this MOA in accordance with all applicable federal and state requirements, including the Uniform Guidance, 45 C.F.R. Part 75.
- Comply with the restrictions on lobbying set forth in 45 C.F.R. Part 93.

# AASTEC's role

- Provide technical assistance, expertise, and support.
- Assist with development of communication products.
- Host MHFA and ASIST train the trainer sessions.
- Facilitate training for 988 crisis center to enhance cultural competency.
- Oversight of the sub-awards
  
- Create an advisory board/coalition with all nine sub-awardees???

# Progress Report Guidelines

- Quarterly Reports and Invoices are due **15 days** after each quarter ends.
- Quarterly Reports are for activities that occur during each quarter, as follows:

Quarter 1: December 31, 2022 – March 31, 2023	Due: April 15, 2023
Quarter 2: April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	Due: July 15, 2023
Quarter 3: July 1, 2023– September 31, 2023	Due: October 15, 2023
Quarter 4: October 1, 2023 – December 30, 2023	Due: January 15, 2023
Quarter 1: December 31, 2023 – March 31, 2024	Due: April 15, 2024
Quarter 2: April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024	Due: July 15, 2024
Quarter 3: July 1, 2024– September 31, 2024	Due: October 15, 2024
Final Report: December 31, 2022 – December 30, 2024	Due: January 15, 2025

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# Funding Restrictions

- SAMHSA mandates the following funding restrictions:
- Purchasing promotional items and giveaways is unallowable. Cannot purchase items with/without logos (including the program's logo), purchase of items for the personal use of staff, program participants, or community members is strictly prohibited.
- Examples of unallowable items: water bottle, string bags, backpacks, clothing, magnets, bumper stickers, stress balls, calendars, t-shirts, buttons, fanny packs, mugs and other similar items.



# Progress Report Template – Year 1

- Complete a community readiness or needs assessment that includes assets, gaps, tribal crisis response, and follow up protocols.
- Complete sustainability/action plan to include coordination and integration of care between tribal programs (i.e., behavioral health, law enforcement, EMTs, 988 call center, etc.).
- Co-create 988 communication products with AASTEC team to enhance outreach and education.
- Attend MHFA Train the Trainer and ASIST trainings hosted by AASTEC.

# Progress Report Template – Year 1 (cont'd)

- Attend BHSD 988 meetings to educate the group on care coordination and follow up services in tribal communities.
- Sponsor a training in your community on how to access 988 and share referral and resource information.
- Participate in trainings, webinars, and AASTEC follow up meetings.
  
- OPTIONAL:** Hire a peer support worker

# Questions and Answers

