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Dear Financial Assistance Recipient,

As you may be aware, there has been a lapse in appropriated federal funds as of October 1, 2025. The Indian Health Service received advance appropriations for FY 2026, which means that 100 percent of IHS staff will continue to report to work. IHS grant funding is not affected by the lapse in appropriations, except for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). However, the IHS will continue to operate the SDPI program using prior year funding, and SDPI grantees are currently funded through December 2025.

HHS's Payment Management System will remain operational to continue processing drawdown requests, so that payments can be made for your program. The robust internal controls that currently exist will continue to ensure the integrity of grant draw down requests and payments. Please note, if you received your notice of grant award with restrictive terms and conditions, or if your drawdown request triggers one of the Payment Management System edit checks and/or the drawdown limit controls, you may not be able to draw down funds.

If you are considering applying for additional HHS or IHS federal financial assistance funding, please be advised that the Grants.gov system will be operational and will be accepting applications. For those programs subject to the funding lapse, the Grants.gov system will accept and store applications until such time as the responsible awarding agency has the authority and funding to return to normal business operations.

Please check our website at www.ihs.gov/dgm/ and www.HHS.gov for updates. Thank you for your assistance during this period of government shutdown and your ongoing support of the **Indian Health Service**.

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