



Native American Public Health Act (NAPHA) Fact Sheet

➤ **What**

The Native American Public Health Act was written to improve public health infrastructure and provide for safe and healthy lives for future generations of Native Americans in Nebraska.¹ The Act recognizes there are health hardships faced by this population and addresses one of the core issues of not having enough basic public health services. Funds are used to improve public health infrastructure through health education and preventive health measures.

➤ **Funding**

Annual funding is awarded according to NDHHS Regulations, Title 181 Special Health Programs, Chapter 11, Native American Public Health Program language:

A minimum of \$100,000.00 each, or equal amounts if the Native American Public Health Act (NAPHA) appropriation is less than \$400,000.00, each year shall be for contracts with Nebraska's federally recognized Native American Tribes. Any remaining funds can be made available in further amounts to the Tribes and to Indian Health Organizations and eligible Public Health Organizations.

➤ **Who is Eligible**

Health clinics of Nebraska's federally recognized Native American tribes, Indian health organizations, or other public health organizations that have a substantial Native American clientele to provide educational and public health services targeted to Native American populations.

➤ **Activities**

Funds are used to support public health activities and preventive health education such as prenatal care, diet and physical activity, depression and mental health, parenting, stopping tobacco and alcohol use, case management, special needs, women's health, diabetes and others.

¹For the most current statute, follow this link: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=71-7615>