

# 2025 Federal Community Health Priorities

Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) ensures the health and well-being of urban American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities by providing culturally attuned healthcare and human services; conducting data research through its research division, Urban Indian Health Institute; and collaborating with tribal, community, and local partners.

## Maternal and Infant Health

### Invest in programs and services to support AI/AN mothers and infants.

- Support H.R. 3305/S. 1606: Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act.
- Support the establishment of a credentialing process and Medicaid reimbursement of doulas to provide care to all pregnant and postpartum individuals.
- Support the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reimbursement of Traditional Health Services to uphold health practices for AI/AN populations.\*

## Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP)

### Address violence against Native women and people.

- Support H.R. 2604: Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act (FVPSA).
- Support H.R. 6097: To amend FVPSA allowing families to stay together during treatment.
- Support S. 465: BADGES for Native Communities Act, endorsed by SIHB, to revise federal policies and procedures related to information sharing, reporting, and investigating cases of missing or murdered AI/AN people.
- Support H.R. 4524/S. 2695: Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act, endorsed by SIHB.
- Amend the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to ensure victims of family, domestic, or dating violence have access to substance use disorder treatment that allows families to stay together throughout the course of treatment.
- Increase investments in the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) to support funding for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).
- Invest \$10 million in Tribal Epidemiology Centers to improve data and evaluate violence prevention and response to the MMIWP crisis.

## Housing for Native Communities

### Address housing disparities for AI/AN individuals and families.

- Support H.R. 2918: Fair Housing for Survivors Act.
- Increase funding for culturally attuned in-patient facilities, sober beds, transitional housing, and detoxification facilities.
- Allow a Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Tribal Housing Authority to extend Indian Preference Policy to UIOs without having to allocate Indian Housing Block Grant program funding to a housing project.

## Supporting Priorities

### Nutrition

- Support S. 3010: Nutrition CARE Act to provide additional services to individuals with eating disorders under the Medicare program.
- Support S.2563: Tribal Access to Nutrition Assistance Act, endorsed by SIHB.
- Support S. 1604: WIC Act of 2023.
- Permanently extend the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) flexibility waivers established during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Extend Tribal Self-Governance to administer the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program.

\*SIHB implemented a first-of-its-kind Traditional Indian Medicine reimbursement pilot

