

issues. Project proposals go through a competitive evaluation process, and are scored and ranked by a committee. IAD grants awards to qualified tribal-serving organizations and federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located wholly or partially in New Mexico. It is atypical and likely against best practices to avoid the ISD's selection process allocation of state funds by identifying a specific entity in appropriation legislation such as this.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

IAD notes these types of service are a significant part of its mission to serve tribal and pueblo people who live within the Albuquerque metropolitan area and that urban Indians' need for support services span many social and health concerns. Significant numbers experience chronic homelessness and are medically vulnerable. Fifty-five thousand Native Americans live in the Albuquerque metro area and of those, 8,250, or 15 percent are homeless and are medically vulnerable and access one or more organizations. (IAD sites the NM Coalition to End Homeless and Heading Home and Albuquerque Indian Center for this information.)

IAD's special projects pertain to health, education, social and cultural issues and one or more tribal-serving organizations and federally recognized Indian nations can apply for the funds. This grant is implemented by IAD staff through the following:

- Training for interested applicants for the grant funds, including application process and reporting requirements;
- Setting up intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) between IAD and grantee(s);
- Providing the IGAs to DFA's Contracts Bureau;
- Obligating the funds once signature are on IGAs;
- Reimbursing funds based on monthly or other request;
- Reviewing grantees' quarterly progress reports for successful completion of performance measures; and
- Process budget modifications as requested.

IAD notes the impact would be moderate since the process is relatively routine for the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

IAD notes that appropriations through the IAD require oversight. In its administration of these funds, IAD will be required to process pay requests, conduct site visits/inspections and other tasks associated with ensuring proper use of funds.

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