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CRIHB'S PROPOSAL WRITING RESULTS IN \$4 MILLION AWARDED TO CALIFORNIA TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER

Sacramento, CA – Funding for a five-year Building Public Health Infrastructure grant has been awarded to Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Of the 12 TECs awarded, the California Tribal Epidemiology Center (CTEC), housed within the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), has been awarded \$4 million for five years. The grant will increase the capacity of TECs to address a wide range of public health needs and accelerate improvements in health outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations across their Indian Health Service Administrative Area.

Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide support to CTEC to enhance public health capacity and infrastructure for chronic disease prevention, health promotion and prevention and control of priority public health problems. “CTEC has a focus of providing training and technical assistance on data and epidemiology throughout California,” commented Lisa Elgin, CRIHB Board Chair. “This funding is an incredible opportunity to strengthen the service needs for chronic disease prevention and health promotion in Indian Country in California.”

“Over the next five years, CTEC will build public health infrastructure and data surveillance among California Indian Health Programs and Tribes,” said Dr. Mark LeBeau, CRIHB CEO. “Ultimately, the grant funded programs gather data and builds capacity to improve the health and well-being of AI/AN throughout California.”

The goals of the project are to gather and strengthen AI/AN surveillance data in California, increase CTEC staff statistical capacity to prioritize and report on surveillance data, and to provide enhanced training and technical assistance to California Tribes, Tribal Health Programs, and other CDC-funded projects. CTEC will also engage in ongoing collaboration, sustainability, and evaluation efforts to ensure success of the award.

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