

# GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S HEALTH BOARD

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RE: Request for Applications to Northern Plains Native American Research Center for Health VII (NARCH VII)

Dear Colleague:

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board invites research proposals from research institutions to conduct biomedical, clinical, behavioral and health services research that may potentially lead to improvements in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the leading health disparities that affect many tribal communities in the Northern Plains region. The purpose of the Northern Plains Native American Research Center for Health is to support the development of Northern Plains American Indian communities in research partnerships, build upon strengths for addressing health disparities and increase the pool of trained AI/AN scientists and research professionals.

Two types of research proposals will be reviewed for funding. Pilot research projects are limited to a budget of \$75,000 in direct costs per year for four years. The pilot research project is intended for faculty/researchers without current federal research support. Proposals for regular research projects may also be submitted. Regular research project proposals based on prior NARCH pilot research projects are encouraged. No budget ceiling has been established for the regular research project proposals; the project period may extend up to five years. Ideas for regular research projects should be discussed in advance as only a limited number of regular research proposals will be submitted with the NARCH VII application. Past applicants are welcome to revise and resubmit applications that were not funded in previous NARCH funding cycles.

Only proposals that address the health priorities and disparities affecting the Tribal nations in the four state region of Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas will be considered. In the Northern Plains states, major disparities include behavioral health, chronic disease (for example, cancer and diabetes), and, maternal and child health topic areas. A complete description of the funding opportunity with areas of research interests of the participating NIH institutes may be found at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-182.html> .

This RFA consists of this cover letter and the following attachments:

Cheyenne River  
Sioux Tribe

Crow Creek  
Sioux Tribe

Spirit Lake  
Dakota Nation

Flandreau Santee  
Sioux Tribe

Lower Brule  
Sioux Tribe

Oglala  
Sioux Tribe

Omaha Tribe  
of Nebraska

Ponca Tribe  
of Nebraska

Rosebud  
Sioux Tribe

Sac & Fox Tribe  
of the Mississippi  
in Iowa

Santee Sioux Nation  
of Nebraska

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Standing Rock  
Sioux Tribe

Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara  
Affiliated Tribes

Trenton Indian  
Service Area

Turtle Mountain  
Band of Chippewa

Winnebago Tribe  
of Nebraska

Yankton  
Sioux Tribe

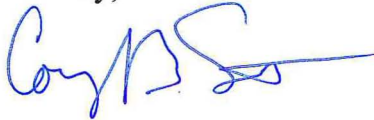
- Attachment A: Cover Sheet
- Attachment B: Application Procedure
- Attachment C: Guidance for Concept Paper
- Attachment D: Biographical Sketch and Sample

You may submit an application based on the instructions for submission in the following pages. Applications must be submitted by email to: [rfa@gptchb.org](mailto:rfa@gptchb.org) . The subject line of your email must be labeled as follows:

“[your name] –NARCH VII application”

Any questions and/or requests for clarification regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing via email to: [rfa@gptchb.org](mailto:rfa@gptchb.org) .

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

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