



## DEAR TRIBAL LEADER LETTER

### Notice of Financial Opportunity

April 19, 2024  
Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader & Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On behalf of the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security, I am pleased to identify flexibilities under [Executive Order 14112](#) in providing a simplified Notice of Financial Opportunity. Pursuant to the [Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#), Social Security is marketing the application process to Tribal communities for the [Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program](#) (ICAP), due on **Monday, June 3, 2024**.

ICAP allows us to enter into shared agreements with non-federal entities to conduct “interventional” research supporting our programs. Interventional research evaluates the success of specific treatments or preventative measures, such as new service models or policy alternatives, to achieve specific outcomes.

The research and interventions funded by ICAP will target five priority research areas:

- Eliminating structural barriers for people with disabilities in the labor market that increase the likelihood of people receiving or applying for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This is particularly true for people of color and other underserved communities.
- Increasing employment and self-sufficiency of people with disabilities, including people in underserved communities.
- Coordinating planning between private and public human services agencies to improve the administration and effectiveness of the SSDI, SSI, and related programs.
- Assisting claimants in underserved communities to apply for or appeal decisions on claims for SSDI benefits and SSI.
- Conducting outreach to people with disabilities who are potentially eligible to receive SSI.

To learn more about ICAP funding opportunity and how to apply, please [register](#) to attend our information session on **Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**. Registration closes Monday, April 22, 2024.

We will continue to keep you informed of funding opportunities and updates to our policies that affect Indian Country. Together, we look forward to meeting you throughout our travel activities to continue building trust and understanding your unique needs.

Sincerely,

Reneé Ferguson, Acting Director  
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