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# **Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Increase Use of American Indian and Native  
Americans in the Objective Review Process**



# **Health Resources and Services Administration– HRSA**

- Primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for the uninsured, isolated and medically vulnerable.
- Awards grants to organizations to provide health care to persons living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and children, families and other population in need.
- Awards grants to train health professionals and improve systems of care in rural communities.



## Objective Reviews

- Receives between 3500–5000 competitive applications annually.
- HRSA has need for outside reviewers with education and experience in the following areas:
  - health professions training
  - HIV/AIDS treatment
  - maternal and child health services
  - organ transplantation
  - primary care for underserved persons
  - rural health care



# HRSA Reviewer Database

- HRSA maintains an electronic reviewer database.
- Currently has over 9000 registrants.
- Reviewers are either self-nominated or are nominated to the reviewer database by program officials.
- Prospective reviewers upload resume to the reviewer database.
- LINK: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webreview/>



# HRSA Reviewer Database

- Reviewers enter the following types of information to the database:
  - residence, gender, ethnicity, race
  - credentials, education, degrees
  - specialty, occupation, work experience

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## Examples of Reviewer Occupational Categories needed by HRSA

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Nutritionists
- Social workers
- Psychologists
- Health administrators
- Patient Navigators
- Health Economists
- Physician Assistants
- Allied Health Providers



# AI/NA Reviewers Currently in HRSA Database

- Currently, only 207 of HRSA reviewers have identified themselves as AI/NA
- Sample list of occupations represented by HRSA AI/NA reviewers include:
  - Doctors
  - Nurses
  - Researchers
  - Physician Assistants
  - Social Workers
  - Nurse Practitioner
  - Chief Fin. Officer
  - Epidemiologist
  - Psychologist
  - Dental Hygienist

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## HRSA Initiatives to Increase the Number of AI/NA Reviewers

	<u>HRSA Action</u>	<u>AI/NA Beg.</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Net Addition</u>
Aug 2010	HRSA Administrator Outreach Letter	153	35
March 2011	HRSA/IHS Outreach Communication	188	17
Aug 2011	HRSA Outreach to TCUS	205	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	
<b>Jan 2012</b>	Reviewer Training Outreach Targeting AI/NA Organizations		

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## BE A GRANT REVIEWER

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