

**Tribal Support Center / SEMA**

**Project Title:** Tribal Support Center / SEMA  
**Grant Period:** 2010 – 2014  
**Requested Amount:** \$44,500 (\$4,500 year 1 and \$10,000 per year x 4 years)  
**Leveraged Amount:** None  
**Funding Agency:** Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

**Summary and Objectives**

The purpose of this program is to reduce commercial tobacco use among Native American tribal members, eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke, promote commercial tobacco smoking cessation, and prevent youth from beginning commercial tobacco use. The grant will be used to target four of the MPOWER framework strategies: Monitor Commercial Tobacco Use and Prevention Policies, Protect People from Secondhand Smoke, Offer Help to Quit Commercial Tobacco Use, and Warn About the Dangers of Commercial Tobacco.

Grant objectives are:

1. Establish a new or enhance an existing tribal tobacco coalition within the tribal community. It is hopeful the coalition will include respective tribal leaders, community members, elders, spiritual leaders, and other partners to assist with implementation of tobacco awareness/education strategies.
2. Complete a CHANGE (Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation) tool for monitoring tobacco policy with the assistance from the Michigan Public Health Institute and ITCM.
3. Develop an action plan for the first year and remaining consecutive years. Coalition activities will be designed to increase awareness of the dangers of commercial tobacco use and exposure.
4. Assign or hire a Coalition leader who will participate in the statewide Michigan Native American Tobacco Coalition activities, such as conference calls, initiatives, and annual program meetings.
5. By the end of the five year funding cycle implement a new or improved provider reminder system or a systems approach for treating tobacco addiction within the tribal health clinics, with support from MPHI and ITCM.
6. Agree to participate in the American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey at least twice during the five year funding cycle, ITCM will cover the costs for implementation of survey.
7. With assistance from MPHI participate in and support a project surveillance system to monitor and assess commercial tobacco use and prevention policies; utilize data and reports from this system to guide coalition activities and specific program interventions.

**Budget**

The budget includes \$4,500 the first year. Years 2 – 5 are estimated to be \$10,000 per year. Budget is scheduled for Program Supplies for hosting coalition meetings, survey incentives, or other program start-up activities.