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The Indian Health Service announced $24 million in funding to 12 tribes and tribal organizations on Feb. 20 as part of a competitive Small Ambulatory Program to invest in the construction, expansion or modernization of small ambulatory health care facilities.

“The IHS Small Ambulatory Program supports our tribal partners by expanding access to culturally appropriate, quality health care in an environment that promotes patient safety,” IHS Director Roselyn Tso said. “Small ambulatory health care facilities are a critical part of the Indian health system because they meet the diverse health care needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

The tribes that received funding are based in Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Nebraska and Washington.