

# Health Board to receive \$1.17 million federal grant

PORTLAND – The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will be receiving a \$1.17 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to partner with other national organizations to increase access to vaccines in underserved communities.

The grant was announced on Thursday, Feb. 10, by Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

The grant is awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. It will support the Tribal Epidemiology Center Consortium project to increase vaccination coverage across American Indian and Alaska Native adult populations who are currently experiencing disparities.

“I’m grateful for this funding headed to Tribal communities and I know it will help strengthen and boost accessibility to health care and health services for many,” Merkley said.

“I’m gratified the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has earned these funds that can narrow the disparities experienced by Tribal members during this pandemic and with health care overall,” Wyden said. ■



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