Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) do not receive any federal funding for facilities and infrastructure. Urban Indian Organizations help carry out the federal government’s trust responsibility to the more than 70% of AI/ANs living in urban areas. However, UIOs only receive funding from one line item of the IHS budget, with zero dollars allocated for critical support such as funding for facilities and infrastructure.

COVID-19 has exacerbated failing infrastructure at UIOs due to longstanding needs without funding.

- 86% report needing new and/or upgraded infrastructure
- 86% report needing facility upgrades and improvements
- 74% report needing new construction

With over 75% of UIOs reporting needing funds for telehealth infrastructure.

Greatest Reported Needs due to COVID-19

**Facility Construction**
- 31% need Modular Facilities
- 26% need a new Urgent Care Facility
- 26% need new Infectious Disease Areas

**Facility Upgrades**
- 63% need Capacity Expansion
- 54% need upgrades for No-Contact Care
- 51% need standard upgrades to their facility

**Infrastructure**
- 76% need new Telehealth Systems
- 53% need new Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems
- 47% need more Medical Equipment
- 47% need upgrades to Facility Security

*This document includes UIO survey responses from April 22 - May 19 from 85% of all UIOs.*
As Health Care costs rise due to medical inflation, UIOs are left to foot the bill for all upgrades to their facilities using limited general funds that must also cover health services. As their needs compound during the pandemic, so do the costs.

**A minimum of $80 million in dedicated UIO facilities funding is imperative to continue to provide high quality, culturally competent services**

A dedicated facilities fund ensures that UIOs receive critical money while also preserving much needed facilities funds for Tribal Health Programs.

### Average Reported Needs

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### Facility Upgrades

| No-contact health care                     | $578,333                        |
| Capacity expansion                         | $378,588                        |
| Standard maintenance                       | $4,142,000                      |
| Sanitation                                 | $124,000                        |
| **Total reported needs**                   | **$24,583,000**                 |

### Other UIO needs include:

- Office expansion for social distancing
- Physical separations between behavioral and clinical health
- Ventilation system renovations
- Negative pressure rooms
- Touchless capabilities
- In-house pharmacy