

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (FPHS) DOH-Tribal Consultation – June 14, 2023, Summary

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance list is attachment A.

Proposed funding amount in attachment B.

Letters from Tribal Leaders in attachment C.

Slide decks [linked here](#).

2. Purpose of the Roundtable

Engage in consultation with tribal representatives regarding the allocation of foundational public health services (FPHS) general fund budget dollars to support tribally led FPHS work in the 2023-2025 biennium.

2. Background

The governmental public health system in Washington State is a partnership between sovereign tribal nations, Indian health programs, local health jurisdictions, the State Board of Health and DOH. In the 2019-2021 biennium, the Washington State Legislature appropriated \$28 million of state general funds to support FPHS services. A DOH-tribal consultation was held on June 26, 2019, and made the following consensus agreement regarding allocation of FPHS funding for tribal partners.

FPHS Funding Distribution of \$1.2 million tribal FPHS funds for biennium 2019-2021:

1. \$500k each year to the tribal epidemiologists (\$250k each per year)
2. \$100K each year to the American Indian Health Commission

For the 2021-2023 Biennium, the Washington State Legislature funded an additional \$147 million. On June 17, 2021, DOH-Tribal Consultation was held on these funds. The rest of the governmental public health partners had agreed to set aside an additional \$6.96 million for tribal FPHS.

FPHS Funding Distribution of \$6.96 million tribal FPHS funds for biennium 2021-2023:

1. \$2,445,000 each year distributed equally between the tribes and urban Indian health programs
2. An additional \$187,500 each year to the tribal epidemiologists
3. An additional \$800K each year to the American Indian Health Commission

4. Summary of Consultation

- a. A Dear Tribal Leader letter was sent May 1, 2023, announcing the roundtable and consultation on the recommendation for tribal partners' allocation of state general funds in the 2023-2025 budget for FPHS to be made by the state-level FPHS Steering Committee on June 1, 2023.
- b. Prior to consultation, DOH and the American Indian Health Commission held two Tribal Roundtables on May 25, 2023, and June 1, 2023.
- c. Summary of funding proposal for tribes and tribal organizations brought forth by AIHC (attachment B)
- d. Funding requests brought forward by UIHI, AIHC and NPAIHB/NWTEC are found in the slide deck (attachment C)
- e. Key comments and considerations surfaced:
 - i. Requests for the additional funding presented by Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and Urban Indian Health Institute.
 - ii. NPAIHB – Requests: \$500,000
 - Full funding request in PowerPoint slides

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- Some tribes have given tribal registration data but then the data is purged.
 - Don't share numbers of less than 5 people (something they may speak to)
 - Public Health curricula being developed are broad training classes to establish a library.
 - Once library is created, then they can support additional tailored work for a tribe if requested.
- iii. UIHI – Requests: \$500,000
- Full funding request in PowerPoint slides
 - Funding request, 250k per year, 500k in total
 - Supplement FPHS funding with in-kind funding
 - UIHI uses WDRS reporting to help urban Indian leadership (6 organizations) know impacts to their communities.
 - Worked with NPAIHB COVID-19 reporting corrections and then shared with urban Indian leadership.
 - Anything less than \$500,000 for the biennium is below the threshold for what we would accept from FPHS funds due to administrative costs.
- iv. AIHC – Requests \$830,000 for the biennium, a reduction to support \$200,000 per year per tribe
- Full funding request in PowerPoint slides
 - Coordinated the 200k per tribe per year as a Tribal Coordinating Entity
 - This funding request is half of previous funding.
- v. Key comments shared verbally during consultation:
- FPHS is an important investment, and we need to work towards a 10 percent investment to address health disparities.
 - With these funds, tribes have the opportunity to hire a public health coordinator and bring forward needs from the community. This also gives tribes a chance to attract more funding.
 - These funds are ongoing. If there is an opportunity for additional FPHS funds in the future, another Tribal Consultation will be needed.
 - This is stable funding, and as we receive more money there may be a cap in the future, so this will become the base of FPHS funds.
 - AIHC is happy to share emergency preparedness and response templates.

5. Comments and Next Steps

- a. Department of Health would like to receive input from Tribes in writing
- b. Please respond within 10 calendar days (June 24) to Jeff Ketchel (Jeff.ketchel@doh.wa.gov) and Candice Wilson (candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov)

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Attachment A

Tribe	Leaders and Representatives Present
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Jesse Reichert, representative
Hoh Indian Tribe	
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Tia Skerbeck, representative
Lummi Nation	Maureen Kinley, Council member
Makah Tribe	
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	
Nisqually Indian Tribe	
Nooksack Indian Tribe	RoseMary LaClair, Chairwoman
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	
Puyallup Tribe	
Quileute Tribe	
Quinault Indian Nation	
Samish Indian Nation	
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe	Kim Coombs, representative
Skokomish Indian Tribe	
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	Libby Watanabe, representative
Spokane Tribe of Indians	
Squaxin Island Tribe	Charlene Abrahamson, representative Kay Culbertson, representative
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	
Suquamish Tribe	Stephen Kutz, representative
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	Sarah Wilborn, representative Sarah Sullivan, representative
Tulalip Tribes	
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe	
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	

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TRIBAL ORGANIZATION

Organization	Representatives Present
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board/NWTEC	Victoria Warren-Mears Nancy Bennett Bridget Canniff
American Indian Health Commission	Vicki Lowe Jessica McKee Jen Olson Lisa Rey Thomas Summer Hammons
Seattle Indian Health Board/UIHI	Abigail Echo-Hawk Rose James Veronica Smith
NATIVE Project	Maureen Rosette

GOVERNMENT PARTERS AND INVITED GUESTS

Organization	Representatives Present
Washington State Department of Health	Dr. Umair Shah Kristin Peterson Candice Wilson Carolyn Cartwright Kathy Pierre John Tuttle-Gates Todd Mountin Macie Parker Jeff Ketchel
OTHER	Harue Fujioka Michels, UW medicine Contract Heather Hoyle, DSHS Dan Rivera, Hope Practice Management & Associates, Inc.

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Attachment B

Summary of Tribal FPHS Funding proposal from the 2023-2025 biennium:

The 2021-2023 funding total of \$8,460,000 includes the continuation of \$1,200,000 from Level 1. The proposed 2023-25 biennial funds include the continuation of \$8,460,000 combined level 1 and 2 funds from the previous biennium (2021-2023).

	LEVEL 1 FUNDING (2019-21 BIENNIUM)	LEVEL 2 FUNDING (2021-23 BIENNIUM)	LEVEL 3 FUNDING (2023-25 BIENNIUM)
TRIBES AND UIHO*	-	\$4,910,000	\$11,900,000
AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH COMMISSION	\$ 200,000	\$1,600,000	\$ 830,000
NWTEC	\$ 500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 365,000
URBAN INDIAN HEALTH INSTITUTE	\$ 500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 365,000
TOTAL	\$1,200,000	\$8,460,000*	\$13,460,000

*Equal to \$200,000 per year per Tribe to staff Tribal FPHS, \$75,000 per UIHO per year



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'Working together as one to Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en'

June 23, 2023

Submitted via e-mail to: Candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov

Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH
Secretary of Health
State of Washington Department of Health
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WA 98504-7890

Re: Tribal Foundational Public Health Services Funding Allocation for State Biennium 2023 – 2025

Dear Secretary Shah

On behalf of the Lummi Nation, a sovereign government recognized under the Constitution of the United States and a signatory of the Point Elliot Treaty of 1855, we submit recommendations regarding the Tribal Foundational Public Health Services Funding Allocation for State Biennium 2023 – 2025 - plan for Tribal FPHS from new state general funds appropriated by the Washington Legislature in the amount of \$324 million.

First of all, we thank you for hosting this consultation and your commitment to conducting regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal Nations as outlined in accordance with chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, government-to-government Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Consultation and Collaboration Procedure with Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements and program implementation that directly affects Indian tribes and tribal people.

Our FPHS project work conducted during the previous biennium has been very successful in planting seeds and establishing foundational supports to help build up our drug prevention activities and driving initiatives to help promote healthy and safer environments. We are pleased to know on-going funds will be available to us to continue this vital public health work. As you know the Fentanyl crisis affecting our communities here in the Pacific Northwest is both devastating and traumatic and we are taking action to ensure we continue to strengthen our families and youths' resilience against drug harms and develop innovative and culturally attuned enviro-social prevention-based activities to help bring our community to a better place.

Much has been achieved during the past biennium with our FPHS funds and in this new funding cycle, we will continue to build on growing and strengthening prevention and health promotion activities which we have seeded within the Lummi community with the help of the Lummi Drugs Task Force and the Lummi Youth Council as drivers in FPHS prevention and health promotion work against drug harms. We will continue our focus on activities that will contribute specifically to enhancing social environments such as community, school, and family and our work will emphasize purposeful healthy engagements in all three domains to help promote good mental health, physical health and strengthen our youths abstaining from drug use and experimentation. Additionally, our next level of work will seek to build confidence, combat youth loneliness, strengthen and grow youth resiliency from within our community of young people, some of whom we know will become the future adult leaders of tomorrow.

The Lummi Nation supports the Tribal FPHS fund increase for 2023 - 2025 in the amount of \$11,900 million to be allocated to tribes which would be approximately \$200k per year per tribe over the upcoming biennium. We agree other additional funds to be allocated again to the American Indian Health Commission who takes a major role in FPHS and has provided excellent support and guidance to us. In respect to other apportionments, we agree it is vitally important to this ongoing work to ensure funding for public health initiatives reaches all areas of Indian health and wellbeing. Therefore, we support funds should be made available to the Urban Indian Health Institute, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center as discussed in the round tables on May 25th, 2023, June 1st, 2023, and in the Consultations held on June 14, 2023.

In closing, the Lummi Nation appreciates this funding opportunity, and we are excited to continue this very important grassroots public health work.

Thank you again Secretary Shah. Please contact us if you require additional information on our FPHS work. We can be reached as follows; Karlie Kinley Chief of Staff at karliek@lummi-nsn.gov (360) 380- 8584

Sincerely,



Anthony Hillaire Chairman
Lummi Indian Business Council

CC Candice Wilson – Quatz'tenaut, Tribal Policy Director
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June 22, 2023

Umar A. Shaw
Secretary of Health
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Re: Letter Recommending Distribution of Foundational Public Health Funds for the State Biennium 2023-2024, Follow-Up to Consultation on June 14, 2023

Dear Umar:

On behalf of Suquamish Tribe, I would like to provide our Tribes input into the Foundational Public Health Funds (FPSH) and their importance to Tribes. As you may or may not be aware of, the Federal Government through their Indian Health Service (IHS) funding receive very little funding for Public Health and those funds are for Community Health.

Tribes understand the need for a Public Health system to assist us in addressing the health of our Tribal community. This was most recently identified as a need in the Tribes response to COVID and we utilized COVID funding to stand up this response that helped us keep our community safe and our government employees safe during this emergency.

Ongoing funding is needed to help us stand up the different parts of our Tribes Public Health system to address the Public Health related needs in our community and we are looking to the FPSH funds to help us stabilize this effort.

Our Tribe works closely with the American Indian Health Commission (AIHC) in the development of funding distribution recommendations and look to their leadership and support on the Foundational Public Health Steering Committee where the use of FPSH funds are discussed. The AIHC and their staff was a critical support system that we relied on during the COVID response and know that their ongoing Tribal Public Health efforts in writing protocols for Department of Health (DOH) and putting plans in place was critical to the Tribe's response to the COVID Emergency. We also relied on them to support our planning and reporting required for the first distribution of the FPSH funds in the last biennium and supporting their efforts of Tribes as they build up their respective Public Health systems.

We realize that the funds that the Tribal Public Health system is insufficient for the task of a Tribal Public Health system but believe that the Tribes must receive an adequate ongoing base of funds to support this effort at the 29 Tribes local level, and we will look for needed increases in the future. At this level of funding we will barely be able to fund one Public Health position and the two Urban Indian Programs getting a very small amount to fund their coordination with Tribes and their Local Health Jurisdictions

The Suquamish Tribe

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We support the AIHC recommendations to distribute the FPSH funds in the following categories.

Tribes/UIHOs - \$11,900,000.00

AIHC - \$830,000

NWTEC - \$365,000

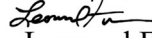
UIHI - \$365,000

Total funds - \$13,460,000.00

The Tribes may then utilize their funds to support local efforts and regional collaborative efforts as they make sense for the Tribes. We appreciate your support of these efforts.

DocuSigned by:

Sincerely,



Leonard Forsman

Chairman

Suquamish Indian Tribe

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The Tulalip Tribes are federally recognized successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott.

June 21st, 2023

The Honorable Umair A. Shah,
 Secretary of Health, Department of Health
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 Sent Via email: umair.shah@doh.wa.gov

RE: Consultation on Tribal Foundational Public Health Services Funding Allocation for State Biennium 2023-2025

Secretary Shah,

The Tulalip tribes are the successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied bands signatory to the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott. The United States Constitution recognizes three distinct sovereigns in addition to the Federal Government; the several states, foreign nations, and Indian Tribes. As a sovereign government, Tulalip Tribes governing responsibilities mirrors those other sovereign governments. The Tulalip Tribes is, as it has been for thousands of years, a government exercising its powers to best determine the needs of its traditional territories and tribal citizens.

The executive members of the American Indian Health Commission of Washington State (AIHC) serve on the FPHS Steering Committee with partners from the State Board of Health, Local Health Jurisdictions, and DOH. As per the RCW 43.70.515, the Steering Committee certified the agreement of allocations to the Washington State Office of Financial Management and then the funds are released to DOH for distribution.

In follow up to the Consultation on Tribal Foundational Public Health Funding, Tulalip Tribes fully supports the proposed budget for Tribal FPHS funding for them 2023-25 biennium as presented at the Roundtables and Consultations held on & June 14th, 2023 from the new state general funds appropriated by the Washington Legislature. We appreciate all the work AIHC has done with tribes to advocate for this funding.

Proposed 23-24*

Tribes	\$ 11,900,000.00
AIHC	\$ 830,000.00
NWTEC	\$ 365,000.00
UIHI	\$ 365,000.00
Total Level Funding	\$ 13,460,000.00

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns and for considering our recommendation. Should you have any questions or need further follow up, please contact Ryan Miller rmiller@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov or Summer Hammons at Summerh@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Miller".

Ryan Miller,
Treaty Rights & Governmental Affairs Director

Cc:

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Jeff Ketchel
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RE: Tribal FPHS Consultation Comments

Dear Director Ketchel:

On behalf of Seattle Indian Health Board and our research division Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI), we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Tribal Foundational Public Health Service (FPHS) Consultation held on June 14, 2023. We continue to support the distribution of the Tribal FPHS funding and request a minimum of \$500,000 in the 2023-2025 biennium for our FPHS prevention and health promotion programming.

UIHI's research and data strengthens Washington's public health systems to support the health and wellness for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people. UIHI utilizes FPHS funding for the following public health activities:

- **Community Health Assessments (CHA) Review:** UIHI collects, analyzes, and disseminates AI/AN data that is supplemented with interviews and discussions with Tribal Public Health and Local Health Jurisdictions in counties with high AI/AN populations to produce CHA Reviews.
- **Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS) COVID-19 Surveillance Reports:** UIHI provides the only AI/AN COVID-19 surveillance system to input, manage, monitor, and analyze COVID-19 related data including hospitalization and mortality. These reports support the State's and counties' data-driven decision making for programming, services, and distribution of public health resources.
- **Workforce Development Internships:** We are committed to strengthening and expanding the public health workforce. UIHI is supporting the next generation of Indigenous researchers through our internships that include four positions within public health and epidemiology.

At a minimum, UIHI is requesting \$500,000 to support our threshold for state grants. It is imperative that we reach adequate funding levels to deliver the highest quality of research, data, and evaluation to strengthen the health of AI/AN people. The continuation of our public health programming can improve policies, services, and funding reaching AI/AN communities to reduce risk factors, social determinants of health, and inequities unique to the AI/AN population.

We thank you for your consideration of our \$500,000 request to support our public health programming provided for Washington State. If we can provide any additional information, please contact us using the information provided below.

Sincerely,

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