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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners,

**SUBJECT: Collaboration - New Communities Building Resilient Youth Prevention Grant**

In accordance with the Department of Health (DOH) [Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#) to promote public health partnership opportunities, we invite collaboration for a new grant through the [DOH Injury and Violence Prevention \(IVP\) Program](#).

The purpose of this funding is to support community-led initiatives that prevent suicide, gender-based and other forms of violence experienced by youth. Communities that experience health inequities (historically and currently) are being prioritized for this grant. Community-based and tribal organizations interested in applying are encouraged to identify community-driven priorities and culturally responsive activities that promote protective environments and overall wellbeing of youth. Currently, \$615,000 is available to support this initiative and we anticipate funding 7-10 grants for between \$30,000 to \$82,000. Additional information and grant applications available online at [DOH IVP](#). Applications are due to DOH no later than **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**.

For questions or comments, please contact Gender Based Violence Prevention Program Manager Carolyn House-Higgins at [carolyn.house-higgins@doh.wa.gov](mailto:carolyn.house-higgins@doh.wa.gov) or 564-200-2790.

For tribal related matters, please contact Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations Executive Director Candice Wilson at 360-819-7626 or [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov).

Please feel free to forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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