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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: Collaboration-Invitation to Tribal Briefing on Two Environmental Justice Grants

In accordance with [chapter 43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [Department of Health \(DOH\) Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration with Tribes and Tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affects Tribes and Tribal people. I am writing today to invite your collaboration on two grant programs, the [Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change Grant and the Community Budgeting for Decarbonization and Resilience Grant](#). The development of these grant programs is a significant agency action under RCW [70A.02.010](#).

This is a follow-up letter to the Dear Tribal Leader Letter sent on June 14, 2023, for [DOH Implementation of New Grant Programs During 2023- 2024 Biennium](#) and on August 28th, 2023, for [Invitation to Consultation](#). The focus of the Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate grant is workplace health and safety for farmworkers, construction workers, and other workers who face the most risk from climate-related effects. The focus of the Community Budgeting for Decarbonization and Resilience grant is to select five geographically diverse overburdened communities in Washington to engage in participatory budgeting projects that center on decarbonization and resilience.

DOH invites tribal leaders and representatives to attend a virtual briefing on:

Date	Time	Zoom Link
Wednesday, May 8th	3:30 – 5:30pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9837954487?pwd=SkNlbGV4OFVKb2dYb2N1aWROKzlpdz09

At this briefing, DOH staff will provide updates on the two grant opportunities and seek input on how to develop these new programs.

I appreciate your feedback if you have suggestions or questions about how to best work with your nation, community, and people.

Please direct your written comments or requests for additional information to Rachele Hurt, Tribal Relations Strategist, at rachele.hurt@doh.wa.gov or (564)233-5170, or Candice Wilson, Executive Director of Tribal Public Health and Relations, at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or (360)819-7626.

Sincerely,

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