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Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders & Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION UPDATE – Environmental Justice Grants Prioritization Requested by July 26th, 2024

I respectfully request your ongoing participation in the Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH) Tribal consultation process regarding two environmental justice grant programs.

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [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.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, we held a consultation on two environmental justice grants: the [Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change grant](#) and the [Community Budgeting for Decarbonization and Resilience grant](#).

The intent 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 intent of the *Community Budgeting for Decarbonization and Resilience* grant is to engage in participatory budgeting projects that center on decarbonization and resilience.

At the consultation we shared a [Consultation Party Response Form](#) requesting Tribal leaders, or their authorized representatives, and Tribal organization leaders as parties to the consultation to provide input into the prioritization of allocation grant funds for the *Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change* and *Community Budgeting for Decarbonization and Resilience* grants. **Please provide written comments or complete the form by 11:59 pm on Friday, July 26, 2024.** After receiving responses, we will determine if there is agreement or if an additional consultation is needed.

If you need additional information, please contact Laura Johnson, Office Director for Environmental Public Health Sciences, at 360-236-3325 or laura.johnson@doh.wa.gov.

For Tribal related matters please contact Candice Wilson – Quatz'tenaut, WA-DOH, Executive Director of Tribal Public Health and Relations, by telephone at 360-819-7626 or by email at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov.

Enclosed please find: the presentation and notes from Roundtable 1, Roundtable 2, and the consultation. In addition, attached is a copy of the [Consultation Party Response Form](#) to provide input. We request tribal concurrence regarding the information provided in the summary.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Best,



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Enclosures (4)

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