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## SUBJECT: Collaborative - Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan; Implementation of the Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders,

I am writing to notify you of the publication of the Office of Drinking Water's 2024 State Revolving Fund Construction Loan and Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Intended Use Plan (IUP). In accordance with Chapter 43.376 RCW, the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, and the DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure, we are inviting collaboration on the Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan, Implementation of the Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program.

This IUP outlines how the <u>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</u> (DWSRF) funding from the US EPA will be distributed for construction and lead service line projects, with tribes eligible for these funds. Additionally, we invite comments on the use of EPA grant funding under the <u>Water Infrastructure</u> <u>Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act for Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged</u> <u>Communities (ECSD)</u>. This funding supports water testing, technical assistance, and projects for communities affected by emerging contaminants. Tribes are also eligible for ECSD grants.

If you have any comments or questions please contact Christopher Pettit, DWSRF Program Manager at <u>chris.pettit@doh.wa.gov</u> with any comments, or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations (OTPHR) at (360) 819-7626 or <u>candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov</u>.

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