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Re: Informative – DOH preparing for CDC NOFO Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response Cooperative Agreement

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

We are writing to provide information that the Department of Health (DOH) Office of Immunization is preparing an application for the CDC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response Cooperative Agreement. These funds will allow us to continue to operate our Immunization Program and support activities for the Budget Period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, and the Period of Performance July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030.

In alignment with chapter 43.376 RCW, the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, and DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure, DOH is committed to dedicating noncompetitive funds from this potential funding opportunity, as well as ensuring equitable distribution of vaccine to Tribes.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Niels, Tribal Immunization Liaison, at <a href="mailto:lisa.niels@doh.wa.gov">lisa.niels@doh.wa.gov</a> or Candice Wilson – Quatz'tenaut, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at <a href="mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov">candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov</a> or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

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