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Re: Collaborative – Environmental Justice Grants Listening Sessions

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration on two environmental justice grants, the [Healthy Environment for All \(HEAL\) Tribal Capacity Grant](#) and the [Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change Grant](#).

We will provide an update of the [Consultation Closure on Environmental Justice Capacity Grant](#), November 30, 2023, and [Consultation Closure – Two Environmental Justice Grants](#), September 18, 2024. These grants have been funded for the 2025-2027 biennium, although at a greatly reduced amount. We are seeking your guidance and input of how to administer the funds and improve the grant programs, at the following:

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
Listening Session #1	Thursday August 14, 2025 at 8:30-10:00 am	Zoom Meeting: 883 795 487 Passcode: GW3jLk
Listening Session #2	Thursday August 21, 2025 at 10-11:30 am	Zoom Meeting: 883 795 487 Passcode: GW3jLk

For additional information, please contact Rachele Hurt, Tribal Relations Strategist, at rachele.hurt@doh.wa.gov or (564) 233-5170 or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or (360) 819-7626.

Respectfully,

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANTS LISTENING SESSION

August 14, 2025

Overview of Environmental Justice Grants



HEAL Capacity

- \$26,355,000
- One-time funding
- Capacity to engage in Healthy Environment for All Act:
 - Agencies' implementation
 - Env Justice Council
 - Env Health Disparities map
- At least 50% to Tribes and Tribal Orgs
- Funding may be used to hire or contract staff



Workplace Safety

- \$10,000,000
- Ongoing funding
- Improve workplace health and safety for workers burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts, can include purchasing equipment



Community Budget

- \$38,600,000
- One-time funding
- Community-recommended decarbonization* and climate resiliency projects in five communities

*reducing greenhouse gas emissions

DOH Commitments from 2023-2025 Consultation

- Create clear, simple, and flexible grant processes that respect tribal sovereignty and incorporate learnings from DOH and other state agency contracting efforts with Tribes.
- Allow self-determination in application and scopes of work, while also providing templates to support the uniqueness of each Tribe and reduce administrative burdens on Tribes.
- Allow both reimbursement and prepayment-based funding options for Tribes.
- Limit the collection of tribal data and protect data to the extent allowable by law.
- Create ongoing, frequent, and meaningful opportunities for collaboration as programs are developed.
- Set aside grant funds for Tribes: Workplace Safety grant had 20% set aside and 50% of HEAL Capacity funds were allocated to Tribes.

Updates from 2023 – 2025 Biennium

HEAL Tribal Capacity Grant

- Awarded \$10.1 million to 18 Tribes to engage with state agencies, the Environmental Justice Council, or the Environmental Health Disparities Map, or focus on projects related to environmental assessments, food sovereignty, and other environmental justice projects

Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change

- Awarded \$1.8 million to 13 Tribes to procure supplies that benefit outdoor workers affected by climate change and to provide related training

Updates for 2025 – 2027 Biennium



HEAL Tribal Capacity Grant

2023 - 2025 Biennium

- \$26.3 million
- 50% set aside for Tribes

2025 – 2027 Biennium

- \$4 million
- 50% set aside for Tribes



Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change Grant

2023 – 2025 Biennium

- \$10 million
- 20% set aside for Tribes

2025 – 2027 Biennium

- 4 million
- 20% set aside for Tribes

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