



## HEAL Community Capacity Building Grant Application Information Session



April 15, 2024  
April 22, 2024 (Spanish speakers)  
April 24, 2024

# AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Background on HEAL and capacity grants

Application process

Q&A

# Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act – Intent

- The purpose of the law is to 1. reduce environmental and health disparities, 2. center environmental justice in state government and, 3. improve the health of all Washington state residents, by:
  - Implementing Environmental Justice Council Recommendations
  - Administering programs to remedy the effects of past disparate treatment
  - Using the Environmental Health Disparities map to document and understand concentration and distribution of environmental health issues across Washington
  - Collaborating with communities and populations navigating environmental health challenges

*In order for all communities in Washington state to be healthy and thriving, state government should aim to concentrate government actions to benefit communities that currently have the greatest environmental and health burdens. (RCW [70A.02.005](#))*

# Healthy Environment for All Act – Overview

## Environmental Justice Council

Community Forum

Guidance to Governor, Legislature, and Agencies

Agency Accountability

## Washington Tracking Network

Tribal Consultation

Maintain and update [Environmental Health Disparities Map](#)

## Healthy Environment for All Act Covered Agencies

Tribal Consultation

Community Engagement

Strategic Planning

Environmental Justice Assessments

Budgeting and Funding

Metrics and Reporting

## Transformation of Agency Culture, Policy, and Practice



# Healthy Environment for All Act Capacity Grant - Background

Idea  
(2022)

- Environmental Justice Council identified need for communities, Tribes, and Tribal Organizations to build capacity to engage with and guide the HEAL Act work.
- Environmental Justice Council developed recommendation to governor and legislature in their 2022 [funding recommendations](#) and [budget priorities](#).

Proviso  
(2023)

- Legislature created proviso (funding line item in state budget) to create new grant program. Funding source: [Climate Commitment Act](#).
- Department of Health assigned funds for \$23.4M in grants, 50% reserved for Tribes.

Implement  
(2023-24)

- Department of Health plans grant program: community advisory committee, Tribal consultation
- Tribal RFA (2023), community/Tribal org RFA (2024)

# Healthy Environment for All Act Capacity [Grant](#) - Background

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- \$11.7 million total
- Open to 501c(3) organizations, including Urban Native and Tribal Organizations
- Funding to build capacity to provide guidance and input to:
  - Seven HEAL covered agencies focused on addressing environmental justice issues
  - Environmental Justice Council
  - Environmental Health Disparities map
- Funds must be spent by June 30, 2025
- Tribes can apply for the [HEAL Tribal Capacity Grant](#)

# Traditional Knowledge & Data Sov

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*From RFA:* Tribal organizations and Urban Native led non-profits with 501(c)3 status with service areas in WA state are encouraged to apply for either type of funding. These applications will be scored to account for Tribal sovereignty, data sovereignty, and proprietary traditional knowledge protection. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible to apply for the Tribal Heal Capacity reserved for Tribal governments.

*Grant matrix:* For organizations serving Urban Natives, Tribal Nations, or Tribal organizations: How do your board and senior staff reflect the community you serve? Does the project design and evaluation center Native priorities while valuing Indigenous ways of knowing and protecting traditional knowledge?

If working on the EHD map, we have Tribal and Social Justice staff on the EHD map team.

This HEAL capacity grant will also be the way to apply for the Tribal orgs portion of the Tribal HEAL Capacity grants, which is open longer.

# Two Funding Opportunities

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## Passthrough Grants (\$500,000-\$1 million)

- Trusted organizations fund smaller organizations and grassroots groups to build capacity for HEAL
- Builds off HEAL Community! Fund created by Front and Centered
- Goal: expanded reach of funds → better engagement in HEAL → improved policies, programs, funding for those most impacted by environmental justice

## Project Grants (\$250,000-\$500,000)

- Direct funding to individual or multiple organizations for HEAL capacity building activities
- Creates improved infrastructure for EJ planning statewide



# Healthy Environment for All Capacity Grants – Examples of How Funding Can be Used

Example Task	Example Deliverable
<b>Hire staff (or pay existing staff) to lead environmental justice activities and state agency coordination</b>	Record of hiring and onboarding staff
<b>Increase community/organization knowledge and understanding of the HEAL Act</b>	List of community meetings, outreach activities, events Meeting agendas or documentation of meeting minutes Establishment of a community coalition
<b>Increase community knowledge about a particular environmental justice issue</b>	List of community meetings, outreach activities, events Documentation of an educational video Meeting agendas or documentation of meeting minutes
<b>Attend Environmental Justice Council meetings or agency briefings related to specific topic areas</b>	Documentation of meetings, such as meeting minutes or summary, shared or co-created with state agency program manager.
<b>Conduct environmental health and justice assessment related to specific topic areas</b>	Documentation of assessment, such as summary of key findings.
<b>Participate on technical workgroups, or other offerings to inform the Environmental Health Disparities Map development.</b>	List of new or updated health indicators. Documentation of technical workgroup meetings, such as meeting minutes or summary, shared or co-created with DOH program manager.

# Apply now!

## Application timeline

Application release date	April 8, 2024
Informational webinars	April 15, 2024, 11am-12pm April 22, 2024, 1-2pm (Spanish) April 24, 2024, 5-6pm
Application due date	May 5, 2024 at 11:59pm
Estimated internal review of applications	May 6-29, 2024
Estimated notification of award	May 31, 2024
Estimated contract execution/start date	July 1, 2024

# Application Materials

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1. Applicant information form
2. Project Narrative (1-3 pages)
3. Statement of work – updated to reflect planned activities
4. Budget narrative form – updated to reflect expected expenses
5. Attestations and Recommendation Letters (project specific)

Background information and application can be found here:

[HEAL Act Community Capacity Grants | Washington State Department of Health](#)

# Other Announcements

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- Tribal Capacity Grants (open until October 2024)
- Additional Info Sessions on April 22, 2024 in Spanish
- EJ Grant Tribal briefing on May 8 3:30-5:30pm
  - Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9837954487?pwd=SkNlbGV4OFVKb2dYb2N1aWROKzlpdz09>

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