

# Environmental Justice Grant Tribal Consultation WA DOH

Jul 10, 2024

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WA DOH Consultation & Collaboration Procedure

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Consultation Party Response Form - Appendix B

Tribal response form by July 26, 2024

Name of Action or Policy: Environmental Justice Grants - Tribal Consultation

- Tribal Set Aside for Workplace Safety Grant
- Tribal Set Aside for Community Informed Budgeting Grant
- Tribal Organization Prioritization

We welcome written/email/letter correspondence, or this form response, COMMENTS will be open for 10 days after Consultation (working days - to July 26th, 2024).

**1. First & Last Name**

Enter your answer

**2. Tribal Representation\***

(If other, please describe your role - *\*authorized representative*)

- Tribal Leader
- Tribal Delegate
- Tribal Representative
- Tribal Organization Representative
- Other

**Tribal Set Aside for Workplace Safety Grant**

3. Is it agreeable to have a \$2M (20%) set aside for Federally Recognized Tribes for the Worker Safety Grant Program?

- Yes
- No
- Other

## Tribal Organization Prioritization for Worker Safety Grant

4. If Tribes do not fully expend the Worker Safety set aside funds, how should the DOH prioritize spending?

- Reallocate unspent funds to Tribes only
- Reallocate unspent funds to Tribes and up to 15% of unspent funds to Tribal Organizations
- Other

5. Rank the options in priority for which Tribal Organizations should be eligible for reallocated funds from the set aside

No funding to Tribal Organizations

Funding to Tribal Organizations to DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure

Funding to GOIA Indian Organizations

Funding to both DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure and GOIA Indian Organizations

6. Tribal Organization Prioritization Comments

Enter your answer

## Tribal Set Aside for Community Informed Budgeting Grant

7. Is it agreeable to have a \$3.2M (10%) set aside for Federally Recognized Tribes for the Community Informed Budgeting Grant Program?

- Yes
- No
- Other

**8. Response to this request for consultation:**

- Thank you for the information and initiation letter; however, we do not need to consult any further on this issue.
- We do not have a comment or concern at this time, although we request continued notification regarding this issue.
- We wish to consult on this issue at the time and location referenced in DTLL.
- We wish to consult on this issue at an alternate time and location referenced in the DTLL. Please contact us at the number listed below to schedule this time.

**9. Signature of Individual completing form:**

Enter your answer

**10. Date:**

Enter your answer

**11. Your Email: \***

Enter your answer

12. Has there been a change to your authorized representative? If so, whom should we contact about this issue if you are interested in further discussing this issue or receiving additional information?

Please provide, Name, Phone Number, and Email/Fax Number:

Enter your answer

We honor and appreciate your time & consideration, especially your guidance for the important critical work for our Environmental Justice Grants Consultation. Thank you!

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*This concludes Tribal Consultation response.*

Please use the QR code or link below if you prefer to submit an electronic response to this form.  
This is an optional method for providing comments, and DOH will accept any form of written  
correspondence until the closure of the comment period on:

Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11:59pm

If you have any questions, please contact Candice Wilson, Executive Director Office of Tribal Public  
Health and Relations at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-8197626



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## Environmental Justice Grants Tribal Roundtable #1



June 25th, 2024



Welcome and Introductions

# AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Background on HEAL Act

Summary of Tribal Briefing

Workplace Safety Grant Proposal and Discussion

Community Informed Budgeting Proposal and Discussion

Next Steps and Closing



# Introduction to the Team

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Secretary

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# Environmental Justice Grants - Background

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## HEAL Capacity

- \$26,355,000 (50% to Tribes and Tribal Orgs)
- One-time funding
- Capacity to engage in Healthy Environment for All Act including Agencies' implementation, Env Justice Council, or Env Health Disparities map
- Funding may be used to hire or contract staff
- Documents: [Closure of Consultation DTLL](#) and [Application](#)



## Workplace Safety

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## Community Budgeting

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

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# Healthy Environment for All Act – Intent

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- The purpose of the law is to reduce environmental and health disparities in Washington, center environmental justice in Washington state government, and improve the health of all Washington state residents, by:
  - Implementing Environmental Justice Task Force Recommendations
  - Reducing exposures to environmental hazards within Indian country due to off-reservation activities within the state
  - Improving state practices to reduce contamination of traditional foods
  - Administering programs to remedy the effects of past disparate treatment

*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 - Context of Grant Programs

2021:

- [Chapter 70A.02 RCW](#), or the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act directs the Department of Health to staff an [Environmental Justice Council](#). Council includes four tribal representatives:

Councilmember	Council Seat
Hon. Jarred-Michael Erickson	Member from tribal community, Eastern Washington
Hon. Jeremy Wilbur	Member from tribal community, Western Washington
Hon. Misty Napeahi (delegate: AJ Dotzauer)	Member from tribal community (Climate Commitment Act)
Hon. Monica Tonasket	Member from tribal community (Climate Commitment Act)

- [Chapter 70A.65 RCW](#), or the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) caps and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
  - At least 35% of funds invested in projects that benefit overburdened communities, and a minimum of 10% go to projects with Tribal support

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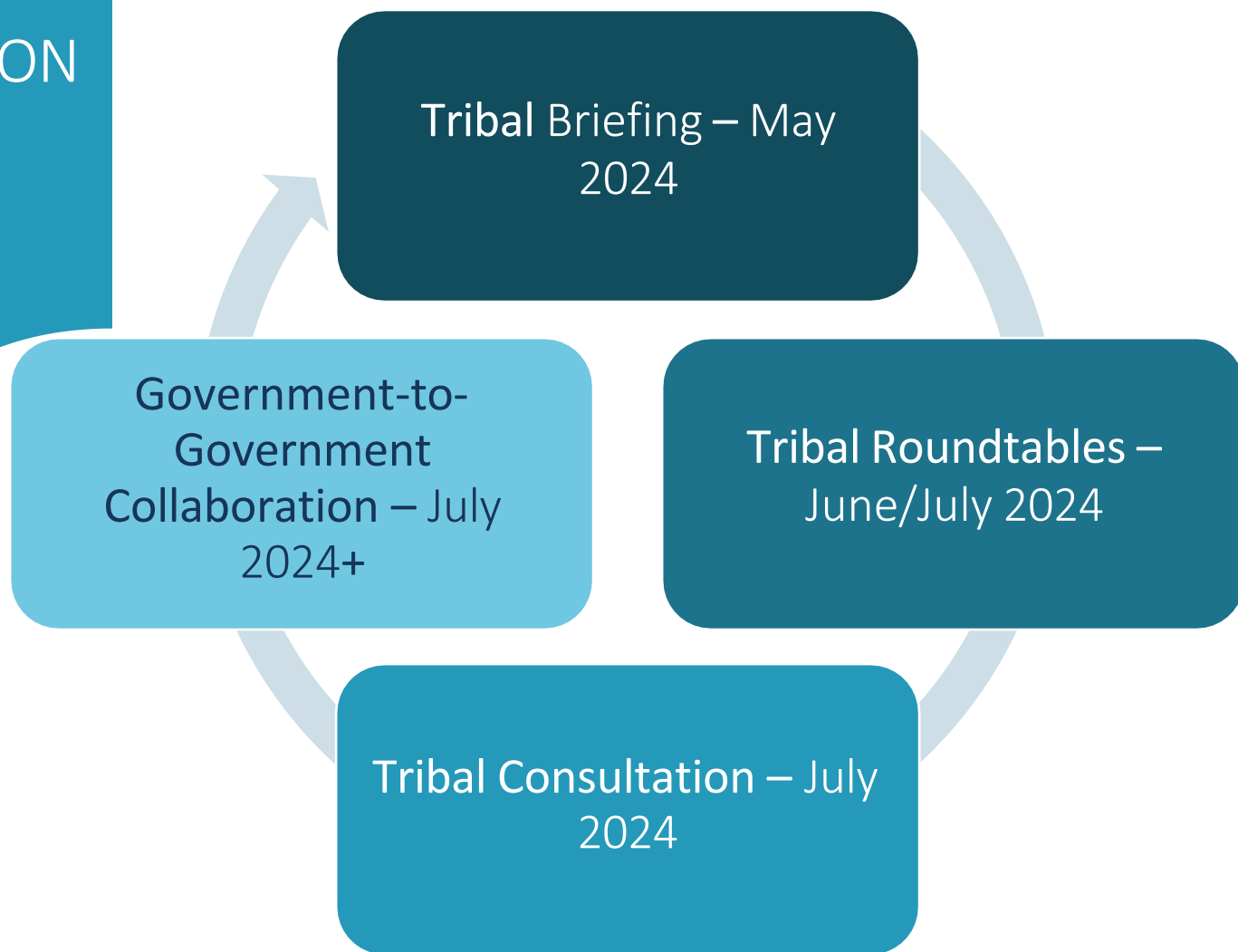
## 2022:

- Environmental Justice Council convenes, develops by-laws and processes, and provides advise to agencies.

## 2023:

- Environmental Justice Council adopts Climate Commitment Act [funding recommendations](#) and [budget priorities](#).
- Consultation on the [Environmental Health Disparities map](#), ongoing improvements based on tribal concerns, and hiring Tribal Relations Equity and Social Justice Strategist
  - Environmental Health Disparities map is an interactive mapping tool that provides insights into prioritizing public investments and decisions

# EJ GRANTS CONSULTATION TIMELINE





# Summary of Tribal Briefing

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Feedback we heard in the Tribal Briefing on May 8th:

- Workplace Safety Grant
  - Intertribal organizations should be included NWIFC, Columbia River Fish Commission, Upper Columbia United Tribes
- Community Informed Budgeting Grant
  - What is the plan for the Community Informed Budgeting grant? What does that funding process look like for the \$3.2M and how would it be distributed?
  - Consideration of Urban Native issues
- For both grants
  - Have funding streamlined and under a consolidated contract with all grants under one contract.
  - What does Tribal organization eligibility look like?
- Pose questions from briefing at the first roundtable to get input

# Workplace Safety Grant



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# Worker Safety Grant – Eligible Supplies

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Supplies eligible for Worker Safety grant:

- Personal Protective Equipment including but not limited too cooling towels, reusable water bottles, sun hats, face masks etc.
- HVAC
- Box Fan Filter Kits

Supplies not eligible:

- Supplies that should be purchased by the employer such as hard hats for construction workers or visibility vests.

# Workplace Safety Grant – Proposal for Tribes

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- **Program Funding:** \$10 million and set aside 10% for tribes (\$1 million), non-competitive, prepayment option, equal distribution amongst tribes, consolidated contract
- **Purpose of Funds:** Support workplace health and safety for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts; and procurement and distribution of equipment and resources for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts
- **Mechanism:** Pass-through grants or procurement by DOH for distribution by Tribes and/or Tribal Organizations
- **Timeframe:** Funds must be used by June 30, 2025 (ongoing program, \$10 million/biennium)
- **Amount of matching funds required:** None.
- **Indirect costs allowable:** Yes.

# Workplace Safety Grant Discussion

**Do you have any  
recommendations at this  
time?**

**Any questions?**

**Any concerns?**

# Community Informed Budgeting Grant



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# Community Informed Budgeting - Participatory Budgeting Cycle



## DESIGN THE PROCESS

A steering committee that represents the organization or community creates the rules and engagement plan.



## BRAINSTORM IDEAS

Through meetings and online tools, participants share and discuss ideas for projects.



## DEVELOP PROPOSALS

Volunteer "budget delegates" develop the ideas into feasible proposals.



## EVALUATE THE PROCESS

The steering committee and participants evaluate if goals were met and plan changes for the next cycle.



## FUND WINNING PROJECTS

The organization funds and implements the winning ideas.



## VOTE

Participants vote on the proposals that best serve the organization or community's needs.

[Home - Participatory Budgeting Project](#)

# Community Informed Budgeting - Initial Recommended List of Communities

- A community advisory committee was convened to identify at least five geographically overburdened communities for this grant.
- Communities identified included (not in priority order):

## Counties:

- Benton County
- Franklin County
- Yakima County

## Specific areas/neighborhoods within counties

- Communities adjacent to Boeing including South Park and Georgetown
- Spokane (East Central, Hillyard, agricultural areas)
- Tacoma



# Community Informed Budgeting – Proof of Concept

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Goal: Conduct the participatory budgeting process with youth in the six communities identified in smaller, concentrated areas with ~ \$10,000 - \$20,000 per project.

- June – July: DOH staff will be doing a landscape analysis of the six communities recommended by the community advisory committee.
- July – August: Staff conduct community engagement in the six communities with youth.
- September – April: Co-create community informed budgeting processes in each of the six communities. Identify projects and develop proposals and vote on projects.

# Community Informed Budgeting Grant Proposal for Tribes

- **Program Funding:** \$32 million total and set aside 10% for Tribes (\$3.2 million), non-competitive
- **Purpose of Funds:** participatory budgeting process to select and fund projects that mitigate the disproportional impacts of climate change on overburdened communities. Must include: full community engagement, criteria for eligible entities and projects, and **achieve the greatest gain for decarbonization and resiliency.**
- **Mechanism:** Grants, DOH cannot grant funds until projects approved by the legislature
- **Timeframe:** Funds end June 30, 2025
- **Amount of matching funds required:** None.
- **Indirect costs allowable:** Yes.

Community  
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Grant  
Discussion

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time?**

**Any questions?**

**Any concerns?**



## NEXT STEPS

# Thank You!

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## Roundtable 2:

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 3:30 – 5:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9837954487?pwd=SkNlbGV4OFVKb2dYb2N1aWROKzlpdz09>

Meeting ID: 983 795 4487

## Consultation:

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 3:30 – 5:00pm

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## **DOH Environmental Justice Grants Tribal Roundtable 1**

Tribal Roundtable 1: Workplace Safety and Participatory Budgeting

June 25, 2024 – Tuesday, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Meeting held on [Zoom](#)

Roundtable began at 3:30PM

### **Attendees**

- Tribal Representatives:
  - Cheryl Sanders, Self-governance coordinator, Lummi Nation
  - Vanda Patterson, Health Policy Analyst, Lummi Nation
  - Heidi Petersen, Planning Department, Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
  - AJ Dotzauer, State Lobbyist & Legislative Affairs Analyst, Tulalip Tribes
  - Peggen Frank, Contract Lobbyist for Hoh Tribe, Squaxin Island Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe
  - Dawn Vyvyan, Tribal Lobbyist for Yakima Nation, Puyallup Tribe, Sauk-Suiattle
  
- Department Of Health:
  - Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations
  - Rosalinda Turk, Tribal Engagement Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations
  - Lacy Fehrenbach, Chief of Prevention, Safety, and Health
  - Lauren Jenks, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Public Health
  - Rowena Pineda, Environmental Justice and Interagency Workgroup Section Manager
  - Christopher Castleberry, HEAL Tribal Engagement Coordinator
  - Reann Gibson, Environmental Justice Planning and Evaluation Supervisor
  - Rachele Hurt, Tribal Relations Strategist
  - Kayla Jackson, HEAL Community Engagement Coordinator
  - Katie Larkin, Governmental Public Health System Specialist
  - River Lin, HEAL Act Equity & Environmental Justice Manager
  - Sarah Walker, HEAL Act Equity & Environmental Justice Manager

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Candice Wilson opened the meeting at 3:30pm.

Open in a good way – Christopher Castleberry

- Lacy Fehrenbach Commitment to Government-to-Government
  
- Overview of the agenda – Candice Wilson
- Introduction of DOH team presenting: Rowena
  
- Rowena reiterated the commitment to Government-to Government relationship and acknowledgement of the Centennial Accord



## **Background on the HEAL Act**

- Rowena explained these programs were recommended by the [EJ Council](#) & established during the 2023 legislative session through the state budget
  - Tribes and Tribal Organizations are named in these new grant programs
- [Three grants](#): HEAL Tribal Capacity; Workplace Safety; Community Informed Budgeting
  - Tribal Capacity grant has been open to Tribes since December 2023; Tribes can apply until October 31, 2024 for funding through June 30, 2025 [on this page](#).
  - This Roundtable and upcoming Consultation are to discuss the Workplace Safety grant and Community Budget grant
    - Workplace safety: \$10 million to improve workplace health and safety for workers burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts
    - Community informed budgeting: \$38.6 million allocated to participatory budgeting projects
- HEAL Act Intent - how we got here and where we are going
  - First statewide law in Washington to create a coordinated state agency approach to Environmental Justice
- HEAL Act Overview: Environmental Justice Council, [Washington Tracking](#) Network, Interagency Workgroup
  - Tribal consultation is embedded in all three pillars of the HEAL Act
- Review of Tribal engagement to date
  - May: Briefing
  - June: Roundtables
  - July 10, 2024: Consultation

## **Summary of Tribal Briefing**

- Heard that intertribal orgs should receive funding, interest in further clarification about the plan for community informed budgeting, and how urban native issues would be considered, interest in consolidated contracts to streamline processes.
- Environmental Justice Grant Overview and Proposals for Tribes

## **Workplace Safety Grant Proposal & Discussion**

- Overview of Workplace Safety grant
  - \$10,000,000 to administer a workplace health and safety program for workers who are affected by climate impacts.
    - Can provide passthrough funds to orgs who want to procure and distribute their own slides, and/or DOH can purchase supplies directly and distribute to organizations
    - Focus on workers who face the most risk from climate-related impacts
    - Also includes a requirement that DOH assess lost wages and potential mechanisms to address lost wages from climate impacts
    - Initially set out to be ongoing, this grant is currently funded through the Climate Commitment Act, making future funding dependent on whether the CCA is repealed or not
- Summary of proposal for Workplace Safety Grants for Tribes
  - \$10 million and set aside 10% for Tribes (\$1 million)
  - Pass through grants
  - Procurement and distribution of equipment and resources

- No matching funds required
- Indirect costs allowable
- Discussion: Conversation about proposal of workplace safety grants for Tribes:
  - Who is designated as a Tribal organization?
    - Tribes are always the first priority, and if it doesn't get used other organizations may be considered
  - Is it possible to increase the Tribal set aside? Climate change and the impacts is very much on people's minds. The fishing industry has been impacted by climate change and every bit of funding is important to support workers with equipment. Climate changes require them to go further and further out, which increases fuel usage, which impacts their costs and the fish. Lummi Nation has the biggest fleet and fishing is the biggest outdoor workforce. \$34,000 isn't enough. Could also think about supporting eco-friendly fuels.
    - DOH will bring back a recommendation to the roundtable next week
  - Are the three treaty tribes included?
    - The Dear Tribal Leader Letter (DTLL) goes to the 29 Federally recognized Tribes in WA and partners. Open to comments and recommendations on who else might be considered.
  - Is it only federally recognized tribes?
    - Yes, federally recognized.

### **Community Informed Budgeting Proposal & Discussion**

- *Community Informed Budgeting Grant*
  - \$38,600,000 to develop a grant program that will fund projects that benefit overburdened communities and achieve the greatest gain for decarbonization and climate resilience
    - \$6,000,000 for DOH and the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) to engage in a participatory budgeting process with at least five geographically diverse overburdened communities to develop projects that mitigate the disproportional impacts of climate change on overburdened communities
  - One time funding that ends with the biennium of June 30, 2025
    - Uncertainty in the ability for DOH to successfully fund selected projects
    - DOH cannot financially obligate funds until the legislature has approved a specific list of projects
  - Overview of the participatory budgeting cycle: design the process with a steering committee, brainstorm ideas as a community, develop proposals, vote on proposals, fund winning projects, evaluate the process
  - Summary of proposal for Community Informed Budgeting Grants for Tribes
    - \$32 million total and set aside 10% for Tribes (\$3.2 million)
    - Noncompetitive, equally distributed
    - No matching funds required
    - Indirect costs allowable
    - Purpose: participatory budgeting process to achieve the greatest gains in decarbonization
  - Initial Recommended List of Communities: Benton County, Franklin County, Yakima County, Communities adjacent to Boeing including South Park and Georgetown, Spokane (East Central, Hillyard, agricultural areas), Tacoma
- *Overview of timeline for Community Informed Budgeting grant*

- This timeline has been modified from the one presented in 2023. Want to develop a proof of concept to prove that the process works and will work on a larger scale. Currently planning to conduct a PB process with youth on a small scale.
- This grant is where we have the biggest challenge due to the timeline for legislature not being aligned with the time it requires to do this work with communities and build authentic relationships.
  - We recognize building relationships with Tribes as well as with communities requires time
  - At this time even if projects were identified and the legislature approved them, there would not be enough time to grant the money. At this time, we are not planning to spend the \$32 million allocated for this project and will instead use the \$6 million in administrative costs to develop a pilot process.
- *Discussion: Conversation about proposal of community informed budgeting grants for Tribes:*
  - What happens with extra funding if not all Tribes want to receive funding? In the past, leftover funds have been reallocated to Tribes who did want to receive funding.
    - We can also try to utilize the list of Tribal organizations.
    - Questions about this at the briefing but no decisions have been made
  - How do we approach providing extra funding to Tribes? Is notice given to Tribes who are receiving funding to ask if they'd like additional funds for additional work?
    - This is a question for Consultation.
    - With other grants we do have a reference for how this works (Vicki knows the process). We should figure out what was decided so we don't have to recreate the wheel.
    - In the past the Tribes that had applied, additional funds were divided up. Recommendation to have additional funds reallocated to Tribes. The biggest worry would be what happens if we don't spend it – doesn't mean we don't need it, just a capacity issue. The need is there, don't want to have to give back funds that have been allocated to Tribes.
    - In terms of the application process, it's been helpful with other grants to keep the application simple and straightforward, as well as having the opportunity to develop their own reporting and evaluation protocols. Something similar to FPHS reporting process – allows them to express and translate their findings in a way that makes sense.

### **Next Steps & Closing**

Candice Wilson summarized details of roundtable 2 and consultation dates

Close in a good way – Christopher Castleberry

Roundtable concluded at 4:40PM.



## Environmental Justice Grants **Tribal Roundtable 2**

July 2nd, 2024, 3:30pm to 5:00pm on [Zoom](#)





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# AGENDA

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Workplace Safety Grant Proposal

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Proposal

AIHC Presentation

Discussion

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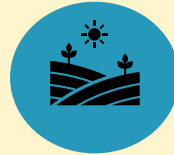
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- Funding may be used to hire or contract staff
- Documents: [Closure of Consultation DTLL](#) and [Application](#)



## 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

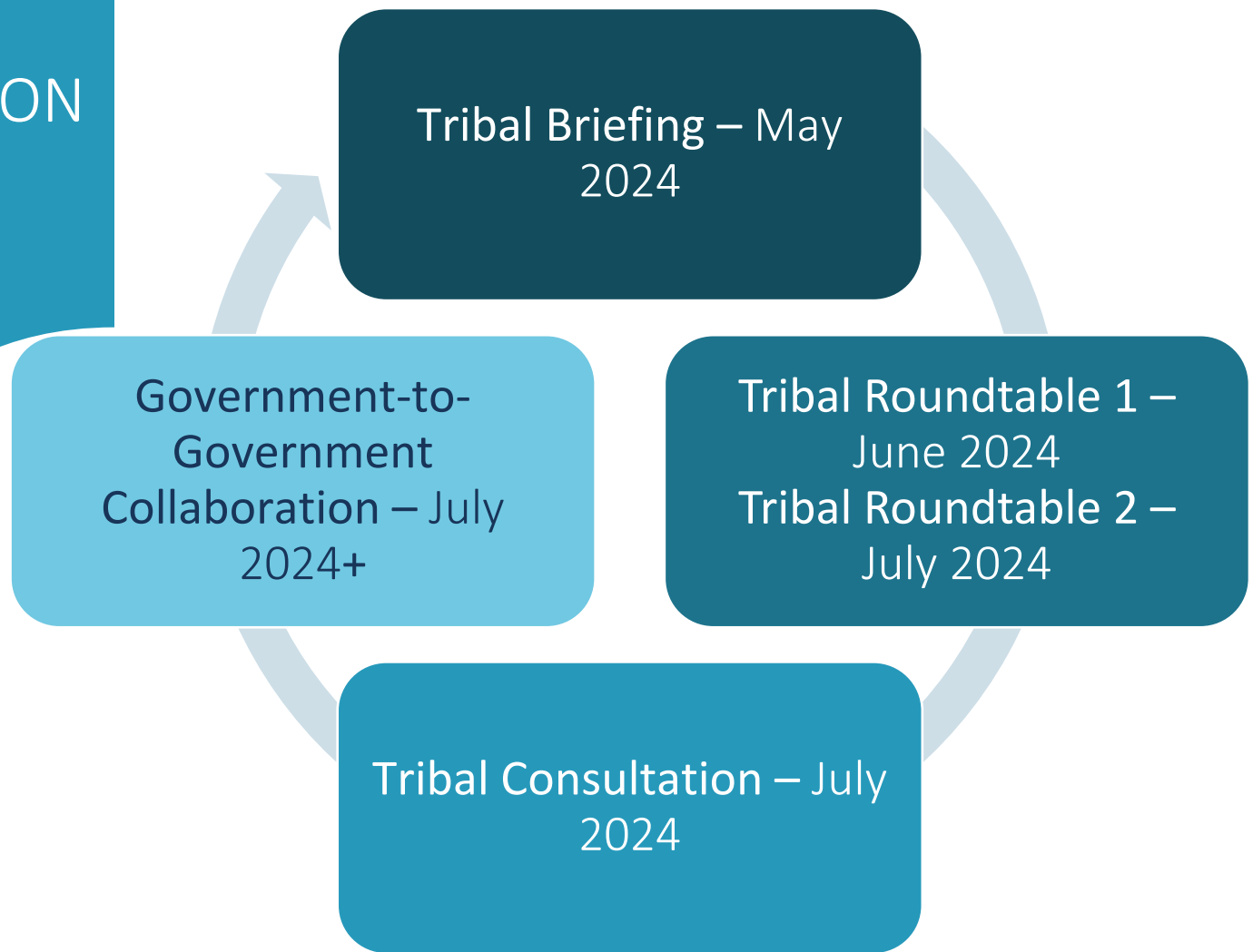


## Community Budgeting

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

\*reducing greenhouse gas emissions

# SUMMARY OF EJ GRANTS CONSULTATION - TIMELINE



# Workplace Safety Grant



## 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



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# Worker Safety Grant – Eligible Supplies

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Supplies must go directly to the individual doing outdoor work.

Supplies eligible for Worker Safety grant:

- Personal Protective Equipment including but not limited too cooling towels, reusable water bottles, sun hats, face masks etc.
- HVAC
- Box Fan Filter Kits

Supplies not eligible:

- Supplies that should be purchased by the employer such as hard hats for construction workers or visibility vests.

# Workplace Safety Grant – Proposal for Tribes

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- **Program Funding:** \$10 million and set aside 20% for tribes (\$2 million), non-competitive, equal distribution amongst tribes, consolidated contract
- **Purpose of Funds:** Support workplace health and safety for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts; and procurement and distribution of equipment and resources for workers who are burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts
- **Mechanism:** Pass-through grants or procurement by DOH for distribution by Tribes and/or Tribal Organizations
- **Timeframe:** Funds must be used by June 30, 2025 (ongoing program, \$10 million/biennium)
- **Amount of matching funds required:** None.
- **Indirect costs allowable:** Yes.

# Workplace Safety Grant – What we heard at Roundtable 1

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## Questions and discussion about the **Workplace Safety grant**

- Is it possible to increase the Tribal set aside?
  - *Yes, we have proposed to increase the Tribal set aside from 10% to 20%.*
- Are the three treaty tribes included? Is this for federally recognized tribes?
  - *We reference the Out of State Accord and the Climate Commitment Act (RCW [70A.65.305](#)) requirements which require consultation with any affected federally recognized tribe on funding decisions and funding programs that may impact Tribal resources, including Tribal cultural resources, archaeological sites, sacred sites, fisheries, or other rights and interests in Tribal lands and lands within which a Tribe or Tribe possess rights reserved or protected by federal treaty, statute, or executive order.*
- Who is designated as a Tribal organization?

# Tribal Organizations – Appendix C

## DOH Consultation & Collaboration Procedure

### **URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS**

- Seattle Indian Health Board
- NATIVE Project of Spokane

### **RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS – State & Regional**

- American Indian Health Commission (AIHC)
- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)
- Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC)
- South Puget Intertribal

Planning Agency (SPIPA)

- Northwest Washington Indian Health Board (NWIHB)
- Small Tribes of Western Washington (STOWW)
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)
- Spokane Tribes of Indians
- Chief Seattle Club
- United Indians of All Tribes Foundation

### **TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS – National**

- National Indian Health Board
- National Congress of

American Indians

- National Tribal Emergency Management Council

### **OTHER Tribal Organizations of Washington**

- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington (STOWW)
- South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)
- Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT)

# GOIA Indian Organizations

- Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians – Economic Development Corporation
- Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians
- American Indian Community Center
- American Indian Health Commission
- Center for World Indigenous Studies
- Chief Seattle Club
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation
- National Congress of American Indians
- National Indian Child Welfare Association
- National Indian Gaming Association
- National Indian Parent Information Center
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Northwest Intertribal Court System
- Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program
- Northwest Urban Indian Community
- NW Indian Bar Association
- NW Native American Basketweavers Association
- NW Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Point No Point Treaty Council
- Potlatch Fund
- Rainbow Youth and Family Services
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- Self-Governance Communication & Education
- Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington (STOWW)
- South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)
- The Native Project – Health Clinic of Spokane
- United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
- Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT)
- Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission
- Washington Indian Gaming Association



# Community Informed Budgeting Grant



## HEAL Capacity

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# Community Informed Budgeting - Participatory Budgeting Cycle



## DESIGN THE PROCESS

A steering committee that represents the organization or community creates the rules and engagement plan.



## BRAINSTORM IDEAS

Through meetings and online tools, participants share and discuss ideas for projects.



## DEVELOP PROPOSALS

Volunteer "budget delegates" develop the ideas into feasible proposals.



## EVALUATE THE PROCESS

The steering committee and participants evaluate if goals were met and plan changes for the next cycle.



## FUND WINNING PROJECTS

The organization funds and implements the winning ideas.



## VOTE

Participants vote on the proposals that best serve the organization or community's needs.

[Home - Participatory Budgeting Project](#)

# Community Informed Budgeting - Initial Recommended List of Communities

- A community advisory committee was convened to identify at least five geographically overburdened communities for this grant.
- Communities identified included (not in priority order):

## Counties:

- Benton County
- Franklin County
- Yakima County

## Specific areas/neighborhoods within counties

- Communities adjacent to Boeing including South Park and Georgetown
- Spokane (East Central, Hillyard, agricultural areas)
- Tacoma

# Community Informed Budgeting Grant – Proposal for Tribes

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- **Program Funding:** \$32 million total and set aside 10% for Tribes (\$3.2 million), non-competitive
- **Purpose of Funds:** participatory budgeting process to select and fund projects that mitigate the disproportional impacts of climate change on overburdened communities. Must include full community engagement, criteria for eligible entities and projects, and achieve the greatest gain for decarbonization and resiliency.
- **Mechanism:** Grants, DOH cannot grant funds until projects approved by the legislature
- **Timeframe:** Funds end June 30, 2025
- **Amount of matching funds required:** None.
- **Indirect costs allowable:** Yes.

# Grant and Application - What we heard at Roundtable 1

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## Questions and feedback about **funding and applications**:

- What happens with extra funding if not all Tribes want to receive funding?
- How do we approach providing extra funding to Tribes? Is notice given to Tribes who are receiving funding to ask if they'd like additional funds for additional work?
- It's been helpful with other grants to keep the application simple and straightforward, as well as having the opportunity to develop their own reporting and evaluation protocols.



**American Indian Health Commission for  
Washington State  
Support for Environmental Justice Grants  
Roundtable**

**Presented By Faith Turk, Tribal EPH Coordinator, AIHC**

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## **American Indian Health Commission for Washington State**

# **About Us**

### **Pulling Together for Wellness**

We are a Tribally-driven, non-profit organization providing a forum for the twenty-nine tribal governments and two urban Indian health programs in Washington State to work together to improve health outcomes for American Indians and Alaska Natives.



# Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin by acknowledging that as we gather today, we are all on the ancestral homelands of indigenous people. Where I live, that is the S'Klallam People, who have lived on these lands from time immemorial. Please join me in expressing our deepest respect and gratitude for our indigenous neighbors, the S'Klallams and other Salish people, for their enduring stewardship and protection of our shared lands and waterways.

**nəx<sup>w</sup>słá'yəm'** (new-skly-um) means S'Klallam.

**The S'Klallams are the Strong People.**





Centennial Accord:  
Roles and Responsibilities  
For State Agencies, Tribes  
and Tribal Organizations



# State Government- Agencies

The Centennial Accord calls for each state agency to develop a plan to implement the government-to-government policy. "Each agency will establish a documented plan of accountability and may establish more detailed implementation procedures in subsequent agreements between tribes and the particular agency." Some agency directors report directly to the Governor's office, while some report to an appointed board or commission.

# **Tribal Governments:**

The State recognizes all federally-recognized tribes in the State of Washington. Each sovereign tribe has an independent relationship with each other and with the state. Tribal leadership and governing officials of each tribe represent their individual tribal interests; and may also represent collective interests which are common among the tribes.

Tribes are encouraged to send policy officials representing these interests to joint state/tribal meetings where elected state officials are present. Additionally, tribes may identify program and/or technical staff to attend meetings when appropriate and where similar state representation is anticipated. Appropriate policy-level and program-level representation will facilitate in the development of solutions and decision-making process.

# **Inter-Tribal Organizations & Associations**

Each of the following inter-tribal organizations and associations serves as an additional vehicle to advance the principles and objectives contained in the Accord. It is incumbent on the tribal leadership of each of these organizations to communicate with the state on developments and issues regarding specific commitments of the Accord. In general, these organizations also serve a monitoring and communication function between tribal and state representatives.

# Inter-Tribal Organizations listed

- Association of Washington Tribes (AWT):
- American Indian Health Commission (AIHC)
- Indian Policy Advisory Council (IPAC)
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC)
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)
- Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA)

\*Other organizations that may serve as resources include the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians, the Southern Puget Sound Intertribal Association, the Intertribal Transportation Association, and the Northwest Tribal LTAP Center. This should not be considered a complete list of intertribal or tribal organizations. RCW 43.376 does not mention Inter-Tribal Organizations

# HEAL Capacity Grant – Sample Readiness Checklist



# **“Readiness Checklist” for reviewing grant opportunities.**

- AIHC developed a sample grant readiness checklist to aid Tribes in deciding if a grant is feasible
- Fill out one for each opportunity
- Would it be helpful to have a Tribal caucus on these funding opportunities?
- What other support is needed?

Questions?

Thank you!

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**American Indian Health  
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*Dragonfly baskets by  
Bobbie Bush,  
Chehalis*





# Discussion

**Do you have any recommendations at this time?**

**What would be helpful for the grant/application process?**

**Any concerns?**



## NEXT STEPS

# Thank You!

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Consultation:

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 3:30 – 5:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9837954487?pwd=SkNlbGV4OFVKb2dYb2N1aWROKzlpdz>

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Meeting ID: 983 795 4487

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(SAMPLE from AIHC)

**HEAL Capacity Grant – Sample “Readiness Checklist” for reviewing grant opportunities.**

One or two sentences about the source and intended impact/use of these funds....

**Key Financial and Contract Considerations**

	yes	no	
Eligible	X		All Washington Tribes
Contract considerations			DOH contract Choice of cost reimbursement or incremental advance payments
Budget Considerations:			
	yes	no	
<b>Match Requirement</b>		<b>x</b>	
<b>Tribal Indirect Allowed</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Due date</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>Until October 31, 2024</b>
<b>Carryover of unspent funds allowed?</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>No carryover beyond June 30, 2025</b>
Admin allowed	x		<i>(is this the same as Federally Negotiated Indirect Rate or in addition to IR?)</i>
<b>Restrictions</b>	x		
• <b>Building/Construction</b>		X	
• Furniture/equipment		x	
Will accepting these funds put the Tribe at risk in any way?			1) If not fully spent (and funds received via advanced payment), advance unspent funding will need to be returned. 2) If funds spent on unallowable costs.
Does Tribe have staffing already in place that they can cover costs with this funding?			
Does this funding opportunity address a Tribal Priority, Unmet Need or help achieve overall Tribal Wellness Vision?			<i>(this one was added after we met, could be up to each Tribe whether this is an important consideration).</i>

**Project Administration Considerations**

	yes	no	
Dedicated staff needed	X		1.0 FTE or equivalent contracted staff (key staff skills/expected deliverables: ie: understanding of Tribal Health, impact of environmental changes). Can use funds for existing staff for attending EJ meetings, climate related meetings, materials review, etc. back to July 1, 2023.
[Possible] Deliverables			Identify Environmental Health and Justice Needs (EJ Needs Assessment). Assessment does not need to be shared with DOH.
			Increase Tribal/Community awareness of HEAL Act
			Utilize and provide input to DOH environmental health disparities map
Grant Trainings/meetings			Attend Environmental Justice Council meetings or agency briefings Participate on workgroups
Workplan Reporting			Midpoint check in, no reporting required to be sent to DOH. Provide reflection on progress. DOH can provide template?
Financial Reporting			Close out reporting by June 30, 2025. Documenting any expenditures.
Timeline for all reporting			June 30, 2025.



## **DOH Environmental Justice Grants Tribal Roundtable 2**

Tribal Roundtable 1: Workplace Safety and Participatory Budgeting

July 2, 2024 – Tuesday, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Meeting held on [Zoom](#)

Roundtable 2 began at 3:30PM

### **Attendees**

- Tribal Representatives:
  - Faith Turk, Environmental Health Coordinator for American Indian Health Commission
  - Ellie Mason, Policy Fellow for Makah Tribe, Office of Marine Affairs
  - Mara Machulsky, Contract Lobbyist for Hoh Tribe, Squaxin Island Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe
- Department Of Health:
  - Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations
  - Rosalinda Turk, Tribal Engagement Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations
  - Lacy Fehrenbach, Chief of Prevention, Safety, and Health
  - Lauren Jenks, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Public Health
  - Rowena Pineda, Environmental Justice and Interagency Workgroup Section Manager
  - Christopher Castleberry, HEAL Tribal Engagement Coordinator
  - Reann Gibson, Environmental Justice Planning and Evaluation Supervisor
  - Rachele Hurt, Tribal Relations Strategist
  - Katie Larkin, Governmental Public Health System Specialist

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Candice Wilson opened the meeting at 3:35pm; Rachele Hurt shared Zoom technical reminders.

Open in a good way – Christopher Castleberry

### **Commitment to Government-to-Government**

- Lacy Fehrenbach shared a welcome note on behalf of DOH
- Overview of the agenda – Candice Wilson
- Laura Johnson reiterated the commitment to Government-to Government relationship and acknowledgement of the Centennial Accord

### **Summary of Environmental Justice Grants and Consultation**

- Laura Johnson provided an overview of the [three grants](#): HEAL Tribal Capacity, Workplace Safety, Community Informed Budgeting
  - Tribal Capacity grant has been open to Tribes since December 2023; Tribes can apply until October 31, 2024 for funding through June 30, 2025 [on this page](#). Consultation was held in Fall 2023.
  - This Roundtable and upcoming Consultation are to discuss the Workplace Safety grant and Community Budget grant



- Workplace safety: \$10 million to improve workplace health and safety for workers burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts
  - Community informed budgeting: \$38.6 million allocated to participatory budgeting projects (\$32 million in grant funds)
- Review of Tribal engagement to date
  - May: Briefing
  - June: Roundtables (2)
  - July 10, 2024: Consultation

### **Workplace Safety Grant Proposal**

- Overview of Workplace Safety grant
  - \$10,000,000 to administer a workplace health and safety program for workers who are affected by climate impacts.
    - Can provide passthrough funds to orgs who want to purchase and distribute their own supplies, and/or DOH can purchase supplies directly and distribute to organizations
    - Focus on workers who face the most risk from climate-related impacts
    - Also includes a requirement that DOH assess lost wages and potential mechanisms to address lost wages from climate impacts
    - Initially set out to be ongoing, this grant is currently funded through the Climate Commitment Act, making future funding dependent on whether the CCA is repealed or not
- Summary of proposal for Workplace Safety Grants for Tribes (updated after Roundtable #1)
  - \$10 million and set aside 20% for Tribes (\$2 million)
  - Pass through grants
  - Procurement and distribution of equipment and resources
  - No matching funds required
  - Indirect costs allowable
  - Non-competitive, equal distribution among tribes
- Responses to Roundtable #1
  - Increased set aside from 10% → 20%
  - Inclusion of the three treaty Tribes: We referenced the out of state accord and Climate Commitment Act requirements, which require consultation with any affected federally recognized Tribe. Therefore, any Tribe engaging in outdoor work in WA would be eligible for funds.
  - Tribal Organization designation: We reference DOH’s list of tribal organizations and the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs Organization list
- Discussion: Conversation about proposal of workplace safety grants for Tribes:

### **Community Informed Budgeting Proposal**

- Community Informed Budgeting Grant
  - \$38,600,000 to develop a grant program that will fund projects that benefit overburdened communities and achieve the greatest gain for decarbonization and climate resilience
    - \$6,000,000 for DOH and the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) to engage in a participatory budgeting process with at least five geographically diverse overburdened communities to develop projects that mitigate the disproportional impacts of climate change on overburdened communities

- One time funding that ends with the biennium of June 30, 2025
  - Uncertainty in the ability for DOH to successfully fund selected projects
  - DOH cannot financially obligate funds until the legislatures has approved a specific list of projects
- Overview of the participatory budgeting cycle: design the process with a steering committee, brainstorm ideas as a community, develop proposals, vote on proposals, fund winning projects, evaluate the process
- Initial Recommended List of Communities: Benton County, Franklin County, Yakima County, Communities adjacent to Boeing including South Park and Georgetown, Spokane (East Central, Hillyard, agricultural areas), Tacoma
- Summary of proposal for Community Informed Budgeting Grants for Tribes (*no changes after roundtable #1*)
  - \$32 million total and set aside 10% for Tribes (\$3.2 million)
  - Noncompetitive, equally distributed
  - No matching funds required
  - Indirect costs allowable
  - Cannot engage in contract until legislature approves the projects
  - Purpose: participatory budgeting process to achieve the greatest gains in decarbonization
- *Overview of timeline for Community Informed Budgeting grant*
  - This timeline has been modified from the one presented in 2023. Want to develop a proof of concept to prove that the process works and will work on a larger scale. Currently planning to conduct a PB process with youth on a small scale.
  - This grant is where we have the biggest challenge due to the timeline for legislature not being aligned with the time it requires to do this work with communities and build authentic relationships.
    - We recognize building relationships with Tribes as well as with communities requires time.
    - At this time even if projects were identified and the legislature approved them, there would not be enough time to grant the money. At this time, we are not planning to spend the \$32 million allocated for this project and will instead use the \$6 million in administrative costs to develop a pilot process.

### **American Indian Health Commission (AIHC) Presentation**

- Faith Turk presented on behalf of the AIHC – Support for EJ Grants
  - Roles and Responsibilities for State Agencies: Centennial Accord calls for state agencies to develop and implement a plan for government-to government policy.
  - Tribal Governments: Tribes are encouraged to send policy officials representing their interests to join state/tribal meetings where elected state officials are present.
  - Inter-Tribal Organizations and Associations: Serve as an additional vehicle to advance the principles and objectives contained in the Accord.
    - Includes: Association for WA Tribes, AIHC, Indian Policy Advisory Council, NW Indian Fisheries Commission, etc.
  - AIHC created a sample readiness checklist for reviewing grant opportunities to help Tribes decide if a grant is feasible. Tribes would fill it out for each funding opportunity.

- Want to know from Tribal representatives if checklist would be helpful and if it should be reviewed during caucus (organized for Tribal leaders and representatives prior to Consultation).

### **Discussion**

- AIHC is organizing a Tribal caucus to be held prior to the July Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Consultation.
- Community budgeting opportunity: Are Tribes and communities that do not live in the 5 selected communities eligible to apply and participate?
  - Our proposal is that the Tribes have a 10% set aside. This includes all Tribes, regardless of geographic location.

### **Next Steps & Closing**

Candice Wilson shared next steps: Presentations from DOH and AIHC will be added to the calendar invitation following this Roundtable. Notes will be shared by next Monday and will be prepared to move forward with Consultation on Wednesday, July 10 with decisions that will need to be made.

Tribal representatives should share any further questions or comments by Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and inform Tribal leaders and delegates of the Roundtables and upcoming Consultation.

Laura summarized Roundtable 2

Close in a good way – Christopher Castleberry

Roundtable concluded at 4:18PM.



## **DOH Environmental Justice Grants**

Tribal Consultation: Workplace Safety and Community Informed Budgeting

July 10, 2024 – Wednesday, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Meeting held on [Zoom](#)

Consultation began at 3:30PM

### **Attendees**

- Tribal Leaders
  - Marilyn Scott, Chairwoman, Upper Skagit Tribe
- Tribal Delegates and Representatives:
  - Cody Desautel, Executive Director, Colville Tribes
- Tribal Programs
  - Rebecca Hunt, Natural Resources Director, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indians
  - Vanda Patterson, Health Policy Analyst, Lummi Nation
  - AJ Dotzauer, Lobbyist, Tulalip Tribes
- Tribal Organizations
  - Vicki Lowe, Executive Director, American Indian Health Commission (AIHC)
  - Jen Olsen, Consultant, AIHC
  - Veronica Smith, Health Policy Consultant, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Other State Agencies
  - Annette Squetimkin-Anquoe, Office of Tribal Affairs, Grants and Contracts Manager, HCA
  - Lucilla Mendoza, Office of Tribal Affairs, HCA
- Department Of Health:
  - Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations
  - Rosalinda Turk, Tribal Engagement Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations
  - Lacy Fehrenbach, Chief of Prevention, Safety, and Health
  - Lauren Jenks, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Public Health
  - Laura Johnson, Office Director for Environmental Public Health Sciences
  - Rowena Pineda, Environmental Justice and Interagency Workgroup Section Manager
  - Christopher Castleberry, HEAL Tribal Engagement Coordinator
  - Rachele Hurt, Tribal Relations Strategist

### **Welcome & Introductions**

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Open in a good way – Marilyn Scott, Chairwoman, Upper Skagit Tribe

## **Commitment to Government-to-Government**

- Lacy Fehrenbach shared a welcome note on behalf of DOH and reiterated DOH's commitment to Government-to-Government relationship and acknowledgement of the Centennial Accord.
- Overview of the agenda – Candice Wilson

## **Issue for Consultation**

Laura Johnson provided an overview of the Workplace Safety and Community Informed Budgeting Grants which are the subject of today's consultation.

- Workplace safety: \$10 million to improve workplace health and safety for workers burdened by the intersection of their work and climate impacts
- Community informed budgeting: \$38.6 million allocated to participatory budgeting projects (\$32 million in grant funds). DOH cannot obligate any of the funds until the legislature has a ranked list of projects which leaves a couple of months to establish contracts and complete projects. DOH will be able to set up the process but will not be able to get out the grants in time. DOH is working to get the funds extended into the next biennium.
- These grant programs are funded by the Climate Commitment Act.

Review of Tribal engagement to date

- May: Briefing
- June: Roundtables (2)
- July 10, 2024: Consultation

## **Grant Proposals for Tribes**

### **Workplace Safety Grant Proposal**

Rachele Hurt provided a summary of the proposal for Workplace Safety Grants for Tribes

- \$10 million and set aside 20% for Tribes (\$2 million)
- Non-competitive
- Equal distribution amongst Tribes
- Pre-payment option
- Pass through grants or by procurement for distribution of equipment and resources for workers with climate impacts
- No matching funds required
- Indirect costs allowable

### **Community Informed Budgeting Proposal**

Rowena Pineda provided a summary of proposal for Community Informed Budgeting Grants for Tribes

- \$32 million total and set aside 10% for Tribes (\$3.2 million)
- Noncompetitive
- Equally distributed amongst Tribes
- No matching funds required

- Indirect costs allowable
- Cannot engage in contract until legislature approves the projects
- Purpose: participatory budgeting process to achieve the greatest gains in decarbonization

### **Decisions for Consultation**

Candice reviewed the decisions for Consultation

- Tribal Set Aside for Worker Safety Grant
- Tribal Set Aside for Community Informed Budgeting Grants
- Tribal Prioritization for Worker Safety Grant

### **Discussion**

- Are these first-time funds? Do we have baseline for how much has been utilized by Tribes in the past?
  - These are first time funds. The worker safety funds are ongoing and the community informed budgeting funds are one time only, ending at the end of this biennium. There are limits to spending the community informed budgeting funds due to the requirement for legislative approval of project so we can plan this biennium but cannot fund the projects unless the legislature moves the funding to the next biennium. Both grants are funded through the Climate Commitment Act.
- Will these be equally distributed or will Tribes need to compete with each other and how does the distribution relate to five communities?
  - The proposal is for both grants' set asides to be evenly distributed to Tribes per what we've heard through the Roundtables and as we did with the HEAL Act Capacity Grants following Consultation last fall. We are proposing a separate process for the five geographically diverse communities required by the proviso.
- In consideration of what has been put forward and input taken from Tribes and Tribal organizations, want to thank the department for taking in and addressing the information that was shared. Could get a wide range of responses to the inquiry being asked now and know it can be hard deciding once information is submitted and what to do when there could be potential conflicts of tribal organizations, Tribes, and representatives of groups. Appreciate responsiveness of department in making funding available. For amounts and whether all Tribes participate or not is up to each sovereign government.
  - Aligns with purpose and intent of our Collaboration and Consultation procedure and G2G
  - Additional comments are welcome - will include space for comments in future forms
- Invited input from Tribal Organizations
  - Appreciate responsiveness to requests and happy to see 20% set aside (for worker safety grants). More work ahead to bring G2G into the contracting process. Recognition of Candice's role in educating and supporting DOH employees.

- Really great work and so glad to see how DOH is changing its engagement.
- Invitation to Tribal leaders and programs
  - These grants are really important and appreciate the scope and flexibility and how these can be used in communities. Environmental justice is such a significant issue - climate change impacts public health, wellness, wellbeing. Appreciate staff and team in pulling these together.
  - Appreciate tribal set asides in these programs.
  - Appreciate work being done here, one question as follow-up, one time vs ongoing funding?
    - Worker safety is ongoing. Total funding is \$10M so \$2M set aside each biennium. Community budgeting is one time and limited to using the funds this biennium since the projects require legislative approval. Both are funded through the Climate Commitment Act.
  - Since Tribes already use a “community participatory budgeting” (i.e. Tribal Council), would they need to go through another DOH community participatory budgeting process to define decarbonation project priorities?
    - We had discussed this internally and believe that process meets the need and there would not need to be an additional process. The projects would need to meet the decarbonization and resiliency requirements. We're also discussing if this process can work as the projects for the legislative approval, we still need to figure out what exactly that will look like and won't know the outcome until after legislative session.
  - Appreciate hearing what the funding source is, it is important for Tribes to know and track.

### **Next Steps & Closing**

- Please Provide any additional comments by Friday July 26 by email/letter/written response or via [this form](#).
- A Dear Tribal Leader letter will be sent out to close the consultation. It will include contact information for tribal government or program representatives who want to be part of ongoing collaboration.

Candice introduced Chris Castleberry and Rosalinda Turk. She also asked to share the checklist AIHC developed for the HEAL Tribal Capacity Grants (checklist included in materials from Roundtable 2).

Lacy thanked everyone for their feedback. Appreciate the collaborative partnership.

Close in a good way – Chairwoman Marilyn Scott, Upper Skagit Tribe

Roundtable concluded at 4:35PM.