



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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July 11, 2023

**RE:** *Consultation on Tribal Foundational Public Health Services Funding Allocation for State Biennium 2023-2025.*

Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders & Tribal Partners:

Please be advised, consultation for Tribal Foundational Public Health Services Funding held June 15, 2023, has closed. Tribal consultation is a critical and necessary part of the FPHS funding allocation process, and we appreciate all who participated.

The consultation took place in accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and the [Washington State Department of Health \(DOH\) Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), which recognizes the government to government relationship with tribal nations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affect Indian tribes and tribal people.

Per [43.70.525\(2\)\(a\) RCW](#):

*“The office of financial management may only allocate funding to the department if the department, **after consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes** pursuant to chapter [43.376](#) RCW, jointly certifies with a state association representing local health jurisdictions and the state board of health, to the office of financial management that they are in agreement on the distribution and uses of state.*

In 2019, the Washington State legislature established the Governmental Public Health System in Washington State to include Sovereign Tribes and Indian Health Programs. This enables FPHS funding to be allocated to federally recognized tribes and Indian Health Programs as part of the governmental public health system. [RCW 43.70.512\(1\)](#).

### Summary

The Executive Committee members of the American Indian Health Commission of Washington State (AIHC) serve on the FPHS Steering Committee with partners from the State Board of Health, Local Health Jurisdictions, and DOH. As per [RCW 43.70.515](#), the Steering Committee certifies the agreement of allocations to the Washington State Office of Financial Management, and then the funds are released to DOH for distribution.

Through the consultation process, the Sovereign Tribes agreed to the allocation as presented. The total FPHS funds to be allocated include: 1) \$28 million to continue work from the 2019-2021 biennium; 2) additional funds of \$147 million for State Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023; and 3) additional funds of \$100 million for the 2023-2025 biennium.

A Dear Tribal Leader letter was sent May 1, 2023, announcing the roundtable and consultation dates for the funding allocation for the state biennium 2023-2025 budget. DOH held two Tribal Roundtables on May 25, 2023, and June 1, 2023, with consultation being held on June 14, 2023.

A summary of the tribal consultation comments is attached as well as the government-to-government concurrence information related to the decision, Exhibit 1: Tribal FPHS Funding Allocation for State Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Biennium.

*Exhibit 1. Tribal FPHS Part 3 Funding for the 2023-2025 Biennium*

	<b>PART 1 FUNDING (2019-21 BIENNIUM)</b>	<b>PART 2 FUNDING (2021-23 BIENNIUM)</b>	<b>PART 3 FUNDING (2023-25 BIENNIUM)</b>
<b>TRIBES AND UIHO**</b>	-	\$4,910,000	\$11,900,000
<b>AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH COMMISSION</b>	\$ 200,000	\$1,600,000	\$ 830,000
<b>NWTEC</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 365,000
<b>URBAN INDIAN HEALTH INSTITUTE</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 365,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$8,460,000*</b>	<b>\$13,460,000*</b>

*\*The Part 2 \$8,460,000 includes the continuation of \$1,200,000 from Part 1. Part 3 includes the continuation of \$8,460,000 from the previous biennium.*

*\*\*Equal to \$200,000 per year per Tribe to staff Tribal FPHS, \$75,000 per UIHO per year*

**Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Health Organizations**

DOH understands the allocation of these funds will impact each tribe, American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Organizations. DOH appreciates Tribal leaders and representatives' input, comments or concerns with FPHS funding and any disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

If you should have any questions, please contact FPHS Director, Jeff Ketchel, at [jeff.ketchel@doh.wa.gov](mailto:jeff.ketchel@doh.wa.gov) or (564) 669-0875, or our Tribal Policy Director, Candice Wilson, at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or (360) 819-7626.

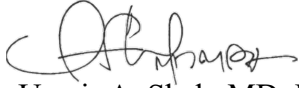
Thank you for engaging with us in this process and overall work of FPHS as a key governmental public health partner in ensuring the success of our FPHS investment and allocation decisions.

Honorable Tribal Leaders & Tribal Partners

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Best,



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Enclosure: 2023 FPBS Tribal Consultation 6-14-23 Summary Final 7.11.23

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