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Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: Informative – Funding Availability for Climate and Health Adaptation Initiative Community Capacity Building Grants

I am writing today to provide information about two grant opportunities that are opening: Healthy Environment for All Act Capacity Grant Program and Climate and Health Adaptation Initiative Community Capacity Building Grant Program. Important information on how to apply is listed below.

Healthy Environment for All Act Capacity Grant Program

This is a non-competitive grant program to provide funds to Tribes to participate in the implementation of the [Healthy Environment for All Act](#), including providing guidance and input to [covered agencies](#), the [Environmental Justice Council](#), and to the Department of Health on updates to the [Environmental Health Disparities Map](#).

- **Eligibility:** All federally recognized Tribes with Healthy Environment for All impacts to rights and interests in their tribal lands ([RCW 70A.02.010](#)).
- **Available funding:** \$11,700,000 total funding with individual awards of **\$403,450** for use during the 2023-25 biennium (ending June 30, 2025). This is a non-competitive grant opportunity.
- **Application dates:** Applications will be accepted from January 31, 2024 through October 31, 2024.
- **More information:** Please visit [Healthy Environment for All \(HEAL\) Act Tribal Capacity Grants](#) for more information, including funding guidelines and application instructions.
- **Contact information:** If you have additional questions, please contact Reann Gibson, Environmental Justice Planning and Evaluation Manager, at 360-584-4197 or Reann.Gibson@doh.wa.gov.

Climate and Health Adaptation Initiative Community Capacity Building Grant Program

This is a competitive grant program to support communities across Washington state who have climate change-related action plans, but may need additional resources or capacity to implement those plans. [Climate and Health Adaptation Initiative](#) is a partnership among state, federal, and academic partners to address community-identified needs to support community health in a changing climate.

- **Eligibility:** All twenty-nine federally recognized Tribes in Washington, community-based organizations with communities or populations disproportionately impacted by climate injustice, and academic or local government agency applying in partnership with a Tribe or community-based organization
- **Available funding:** \$750,000 total funding distributed as approximately eight individual awards, ranging in value from **\$80,000 – \$120,000**. This is a competitive grant opportunity, and funding will be distributed to the applicants with the highest scoring grant applications.
- **Application dates:** Applications will be accepted through January 12, 2024.
- **More information:** Please visit [DOH's CHAI Website](#) for more information, including funding guidelines and application instructions.
- **Contact information:** If you have additional questions, please contact Lissette Palestro, Climate Justice Coordinator at lissette.palestro@doh.wa.gov or 206-898-7661.

If you have any questions, please contact Candice Wilson, Tribal Policy Director, at 360-819-7626 or candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Consultation I and II Summaries, Consultation Presentation

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