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**Re: Collaborative - Foundation Public Health Services (FPHS)**

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners & Professionals:

In alignment with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and the [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration on the following topics related to Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS): Unspent funds proposal from the Vape Tax account; Unspent 2023-2025 funds; contracting; and 2025 priorities.

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](#).

The Department of Health will be holding a listening session on this topic:

Listening Session	Date	Zoom Information
Tribal FPHS Workgroup	Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM	<a href="#">Zoom link</a> Meeting ID: 865 334 6749 Passcode: 645672

For more information, comments or questions please contact Jeff Ketchel, FPHS Director, at [jeff.ketchel@doh.wa.gov](mailto:jeff.ketchel@doh.wa.gov) or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

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