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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals,

**RE: Collaboration - Maternal Health Innovation Funding Opportunity and Seeking Interest in Joining the Review Committee**

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we are writing to invite collaboration for funding opportunity and seeking interest in joining the review committee for reviewing applications.

This opportunity is federally funded through the DOH's [HRSA Maternal Health Innovations Grant](#). We anticipate releasing two grants at \$200,000 per year for two years, or one grant at \$400,000 per year for two years invest in strategic priorities focused on Tribal maternal, infant, or perinatal health. Please be advised that we will post all relevant information, including the Request for Applications (RFA), to the [Washington State Perinatal Collaborative website](#) on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. This RFA was designed based on [feedback received during tribal listening sessions](#).

Tribal community members interested in reviewing applications are invited to contact Caroline Sedano, Perinatal Unit Manager, [birthequity@doh.wa.gov](mailto:birthequity@doh.wa.gov), stating their interest in joining the review committee. Application reviewers must not have a professional connection to the Tribes or organizations applying for funding.

Please direct your written comments or requests for additional information to Caroline Sedano, Perinatal Unit Manager, 360-819-7385, [birthequity@doh.wa.gov](mailto:birthequity@doh.wa.gov), or Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations Executive Director Candice Wilson-Quatz'teanut at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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