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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners,

SUBJECT: Collaborative - Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Needs Assessment RFP

In accordance with [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#) to promote public health partnership opportunities the Department of Health invites collaboration. The Department of Health (DOH) is conducting a state-wide five-year needs assessment and strategic prioritization regarding maternal, child, adolescent, and family health.

To ensure that Indian tribes and tribal organizations have a full opportunity to provide input on this work, [DOH hosted two listening sessions \(July 6 and September 7, 2023\)](#) during which it was recommended that the department hire an external contractor to conduct needs assessment activities and identify top priorities around maternal, child, adolescent, and family health as it relates to tribal communities. An RFP will be released during the first quarter of 2024 with the plan to have a contract in place by April 1, 2024. The RFP and information regarding the bidder conference will be available from [WEBS \(wa.gov\)](#) and the [DOH web page](#).

For more information, please contact Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Coordinator Mary Myhre at mary.myhre@doh.wa.gov.

For tribal related matters please contact Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations Executive Director Candice Wilson at 360-819-7626 or candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov.

Please feel free to forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele R Roberts".

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