



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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April 6, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Block Grant Application for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Substance Abuse and Mental Health FFY 2024-2025.

In accordance with (A) section 724(a)(4)(B)(ii)(II) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S. Code § 1667c), (B) chapter 43.376 RCW regarding collaboration with Tribes, and (C) the Health Care Authority Tribal Consultation and Communication Policy, the Health Care Authority (HCA) hereby seek your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

The Agency intends to submit a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant (SABG and MHBG) application to the SAMHSA for the federal fiscal year 2024-2025. The application is due September 1, 2023. The amount of combined SABG and MHBG funds that are provided to Tribes is approximately \$3.1 million per state fiscal year, out of approximately \$65 million per state fiscal year in total SABG and MHBG funds (not including COVID Enhancement or ARPA funding Block Grant funding).

The Agency has reserved the following dates and times for Tribal Listening Session, Tribal Roundtables and Tribal Consultation:

Listening Session: May 11th, 2023 – 11am-12:30pm - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89227097217>

Roundtable 1: July 12, 2023 – 3:30pm-5pm - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89908784932>

Roundtable 2: July 26, 2023 – 10:30am-noon - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84450026289>

Consultation: August 8, 2023 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88190060158>

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

The Agency anticipates this block grant renewal application will have positive impacts that are specific to American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, given that funding resources directly distributed to Tribal governments to serve their communities, will be maintained throughout the upcoming application. The Agency would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share, including whether these amendments will have disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

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A copy of the FFY22-23 Block Grant Renewal Application and Priorities will be made available for review and input prior to the initial roundtable, and a final

draft of the FFY24-25 Block Grant Priorities will be sent out prior to the Tribal Consultation. To see the current Block Grant Application and Priorities, please go to [Consultations and meetings | Washington State Health Care Authority](#).

Comments and Questions

To return any comments, please contact Janet Cornell, Federal Block Grant Administrator, at janet.cornell@hca.wa.gov, by August 8, 2023.

Please contact Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator by email at aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov if you have tribal affairs-related questions.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



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