



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Home and Community Services Division
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

May 1, 2018

Dear Tribal Leader,

SUBJECT: Washington State Senate Bill (SB) 5736: An ACT concerning the expansion of nutrition programs for older adults

The Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) has been directed through the passage of SB5736 to expand home-delivered meal programs for older adults. Funding currently exists for elder home-delivered meal services through the Federal Older Americans Act, but there continues to be unmet need for healthy, nutritious meals for elders who are typically not able to leave their home unassisted.

Tribes and tribal consortiums have the opportunity to provide contracted home-delivered meal services to eligible older adults. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) has been set aside to support multiple grants for the expansion of home-delivered meals for tribes within existing elder nutrition programs. The goals of the program are to:

1. Increase the number of elders receiving home-delivered meals and
2. Increase the number of home-delivered meals served to elders.

Complete details on the application process and timelines are included in the enclosed Request for Applications. ALTSA reserves the right to adjust funding levels subject to the number of applications received and availability of funds.

ALTSA will hold an information session on May 7 at 1:00 p.m. to respond to questions. The conference call number is 360-407-3780 and PIN number 310513#.

All applications must be received by the ALTSA Tribal Affairs Administrator by June 1, 2018. Please contact Marietta Bobba, Tribal Affairs Administrator at 360-725-2618 or bobbam@dshs.wa.gov for more information.

Sincerely,

Bea Rector, Director
Home and Community Services Division

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Enclosure: Request for Applications for Home Delivered Meals Program Expansion
Quarterly Expenditure Report

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