

January 10, 2025

Dear Tribal Leaders,

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) is canceling the virtual Tribal listening session that was scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025, from 1:00pm – 2:00pm ET. The topic was to be two anticipated fiscal year (FY) 2025 grant initiatives regarding a National Coordinating Center for Language Access Services and Promoting Access with a Language Services Assistance Symbol.

Below is information about the anticipated grant initiatives and links to receive more details.

The **National Coordinating Center for Language Access Services** initiative will develop technical components needed to host the Center, connect, and engage a collaborative network of community-based organizations, and promote the Center nationally to health and human service organizations and agencies. The forecast for the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

The **Promoting Access with a Language Services Assistance Symbol** initiative will demonstrate the effectiveness of a universal symbol developed by OMH in raising awareness and prompting individuals to request language assistance services in health settings. Language assistance services are all oral, written, and signed language services needed to assist effective communication for individuals with LEP and people with disabilities. OMH also expects funded projects to demonstrate progress towards health care communication related Healthy People 2030 objectives. Related information can be found at this [link](#). The forecast for the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Sincerely,

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