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Additional Funding Opportunity for the 2010 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative

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The West Nile Virus (WNV) Risk Reduction Initiative was developed in 2005 with funding from the Ministry of Health to ensure a proactive approach to mosquito control. The program has been offered to all local governments and First Nations in BC, with some opportunities for activities on Crown land, since 2005.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport (MHLS) and provincial public health officials engaged in a re-evaluation of the actual risk of WNV in BC and agreed that, largely due to climate factors, large areas of BC are unlikely to be affected by WNV.

Based on this, the initial funding under the 2010 WNV program was available only to regional districts (including member municipalities and area First Nations) in the highest risk areas of the province: Central Okanagan, Fraser Valley, Metro Vancouver and Okanagan-Similkameen. These applications have now been funded.

As some funds remain for the WNV program, four additional regional districts have now been identified by MHLS and provincial public health officials as areas that would benefit from mitigation activities in 2010. This includes the following regional districts, including member municipalities and area First Nations:

- Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Supplemental information and the application form for Round 2 funding under the 2010 WNV program will be available soon. As the application requirements will be the same as the initial round of 2010 WNV funding, eligible applicants are encouraged to review the Program & Application Guide available in the Funding Programs section of www.ubcm.ca.

The application deadline will be June 18, 2010.

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