



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

2020-RES-009

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”), the governing body of the Tribe, deems it essential under Article VI, § 2.A. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution (“Constitution”) to promote and protect the political integrity, economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and members of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered under Article VI, §2.D. of the Constitution to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with Federal, State and Local governments; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced the availability of Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds available to federally recognized Tribes for the purpose of the development of viable Indian communities and suitable living environments; and

WHEREAS, the ICDBG program assists tribes to improve their communities by providing funding for housing, community facilities and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has devoted considerable resources over a period of years with a goal of responding to a critical need for decent, affordable housing and a community building to house its many social and cultural functions; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have culminated in the Mashpee Wampanoag Village project, a \$12 million, 42-unit new housing development now under construction on a 26-acre parcel of Tribal land made construction ready through a previous investment providing road access and installation of water/sewer and electric utilities; and



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WHEREAS, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit funding secured for the Mashpee Wampanoag Village is directed solely towards the construction of new housing leaving a gap in financing for a critical component of the project, a community building to be erected in the center of the housing site, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council confirms that the construction of a building for community use for social and cultural activities is an essential component not only of the Mashpee Wampanoag Village, but to the viability of the Tribe as whole, and

WHEREAS, in accord with the citizen participation requirements of the ICDBG program, the Tribal Council has posted a community development statement and held an open public meeting to inform its membership of the intent to apply for funding to construct a building for community use within the Mashpee Wampanoag Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the submission of an application for funding through the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$900,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a community building within the Mashpee Wampanoag Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm it has incorporated the planned facility within its Indian Housing Plan and does hereby commit \$320,000.00 of Indian Housing Block Grant program funds towards its construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once constructed, the Tribal Council commits to financially and physically sustain the community building for its entire useful life and has done so with the adoption of an Operations and Maintenance Plan which addresses the five critical components of daily maintenance, minor repairs, major capital repairs and replacements, fire and liability insurance and building security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council confirms that this building will be made available at no cost, for the social and cultural events of its community members, organizations and administrative departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby commit to pay from housing program funds the cost of operations and maintenance as identified in the Operations and Management Plan in the amount of \$31,660 in the first year and \$26,660 annually throughout its useful life; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman, or other authorized Tribal Council Chairman designee, to take such other actions as are reasonable or necessary in furtherance of the submittal and performance under this application.




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All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and shall continue pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D. of the Constitution.


CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 10, constituting a quorum, were present at an emergency meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 29th day of January, 2020, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2020.


Cedric Cromwell, CHAIRMAN
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Ann Marie Askew, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council