



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2023-RES-011
**REAFFIRMATION OF THE TRIBE’S COMMITMENT TO
THE WOPANAAC LANGUAGE RECLAMATION
PROJECT (WLRP), ADOPTION OF THE WLRP
PROTOCOLS AND SUPPORT OF THE 2023 DHHS ACF
ANA PRESERVATION & MAINTENANCE GRANT
APPLICATION**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, the governing body of the Tribe, is empowered and authorized under Article VI, § 2.D. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with tribal, foreign, federal, state and local governments, private persons and corporate entities; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribe has adopted a Constitution in order to sustain and perfect its historic form of tribal government; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribe understands that it is the birth right of each Wampanoag child and adult to speak her or his language given by Creator; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution, 2011-RES-025 was adopted to formally establish a joint language program for the communities of Assonet, Aquinnah, Herring Pond and Mashpee; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered to support the development and implementation of grant programs that provide for the needs of Tribal Elders and tribal members with disabilities, including providing transportation services to assist with meeting the medical and social service needs of the Mashpee Wampanoag Community; *and*,

WHEREAS, the joint language program has grown over the past 20 years, incorporating as a non-profit entity by the name of the Wopanaak Language and Cultural Weetyoo, Inc., and is otherwise known as the Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP); *and*,

WHEREAS, the WLRP does not charge tuition to individuals to attend classes and has offered classes in Aquinnah, Boston, Bourne, Mashpee, New Bedford, and Plymouth for any individual member or family unit of the member Tribes and Bands; *and*,

WHEREAS, the WLRP has seen the following accomplishments since its inception:

- The only sustained inter-tribal cooperative project for the tribes of the Wampanoag
- The credentialed training of three Wampanoag Linguists
- The development of a dictionary that currently holds over 11,000 words
- The development of curriculum for second language acquisition of adult learners
- The development of a no-English curriculum for all ages
- Immersion camp curriculum for all ages
- The first American Indian language to reclaim a language with no living speakers
- Awarded multiple DHHS ACF ANA grants for the preservation and continuation of the language
- Featured in several documentaries

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a standard set of protocols across the WLRP member communities in order to ensure a consistent and cooperative learning environment; *and*,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Tribe and the Tribal Council support the efforts of the WLRP and recognize it as the preeminent authority for Wopanaak language reclamation; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe and the Tribal Council reaffirm its intention to continue to participate as a member community in programs, classes, and projects sponsored by the WLRP; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe and the Tribal Council agree to abide by the 2011 Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project intergovernmental Protocols outlined below and established by the WLRP for carrying out classes and language dissemination in the member communities; *and*,

2011 Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project Protocols:

- 1 Each government is reciprocal in making learning space available for all eligible participants wishing to attend classes taught by a Wopanaak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) certified teacher in that community.
- 2 Each government agrees that the WLRP is the primary entity responsible for pursuing Wopanaak language development and may do so through grants, fundraising, and the support of the member communities. The WLRP in turn, agrees to share resources produced through projects carried out on behalf of participating member communities.
- 3 Each government agrees to allow the Language Committee of the WLRP (comprised of every student from all of the participating communities that have attended a class or camp during the preceding 12 months) to determine the course of curriculum, standards of teacher certification, short and long term goals, class eligibility and scheduling each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Chairperson and all appropriate Officers to approve and sign all documents carrying out actions related to the WLRP resolution, and, including the support of the submission of a DHHS, ACF, ANA Preservation & Maintenance grant application, FY23-HHS-2021-ACF-ANA-NL-1924, by the WLRP for 3 years, and up to an estimated \$300,000. per year.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to ensure the provision of all materials necessary to support the grant submission by the WLRP of this DHS ACF ANA grant proposal is successful.

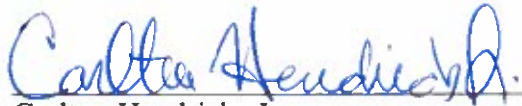
Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Sections 2.A. and D. of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and shall continue in effect during the entire Grant period from the date below pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Vice 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 a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8th day of February, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of **8** members, with **0** opposing, and with **1** not voting.

DATED this 8th day of February 2023.



Carlton Hendricks, Jr.,
Vice Chairman and Presiding Officer
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



BEATRICE JACKSON, Notary Public
Commission Expires April 13, 2029



BEATRICE JACKSON
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires
April 13, 2029



GRANT SUMMARY & REQUEST FORM

Department:	WLRP
Name and Title of Director:	Nitana Greendeer
Grant Manager:	Tracy Kelley-Johnson
Grant Opportunity Name:	Language Preservation and Maintenance
Funding Federal Dept./Agency:	Administration of Native Americans
CFDA Number:	93.587
Mashpee Tribal Project Name:	Wôpanâak Language Nests
Requested Funding Amount:	300,000
Submittal Due Date:	March 31, 2023
Award Date:	August, 2023
Project Timeline:	3 years
Indirect Cost percentage:	none

SECTION 2: GRANT/ PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. Describe the funding and the program goals:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces that it will be soliciting applications for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance program. This program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing, restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

2. Describe how this program aligns with your Department Mission and Goals:

This program will bring Wôpanâak language directly into the homes of Wampanoag families, increasing fluency exponentially as learners expand the reach to become teachers.

3. Describe the service population:

Mashpee, Aquinnah, Herring Pond and Assonet Wampanoag communities

4. Describe the activities that are supported by the funding:

The funding will be used to support 4 language nest communities, 1 in each of Mashpee, Aquinnah, Herring Pond, and Assonet. The language nests will be led by Wôpanâak language teachers who will guide a group of learners through a prescribed curriculum. The learners will commit to twice weekly language meetings that will build up their fluency and ability to then teach their own nests in the future. Teachers will be supported by advanced Wôpanâak speakers in their own fluency and curriculum development.

5. Describe the Reporting Requirements timeline:



Each year there are quarterly reports as well as a final report.

6. Describe any leveraging opportunities creating by the funding: (ex. growth of existing programs).

The program will use teachers trained previously through ANA and other funding such as BIA and MWT to bring more targeted language learning opportunities to families.

SECTION 3: Budget and Jobs Created

Budget's Direct Costs Total: \$ 900,000
Budget's Indirect Cost Total: \$ 0
Total Grant Budget: \$ 900,000

Does the Budget Include Program Income? YES NO N/A (Circle One)
Grant's Program Income: \$

JOBS CREATED

Total Jobs Created: 2

Position: Grant manager	Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>
Position: Nest leader	Contract/Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>
Position:	Contract/Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>

Total Jobs maintained: 5

Position: Nest Leaders (3)	Contract/Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>
Position: Lead Linguist	Contract/Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>
Position: Teacher Trainer	Contract/Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>
Position:	Contract/Employee	<u>FT/PT</u>