



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2023-RES-088**

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL OF SOLAR FOR ALL, EPA  
GRANT – SOLAR FOR THE FIRST LIGHT HOUSING  
COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS,** the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”), is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with duly-enacted Constitution and the governing body of the Tribe is known as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”); and

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

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, § 2 of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to exercise certain powers, including the power to promote and protect the economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and its members, and the power to negotiate and enter into contracts with other governments and with private persons and corporate entities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has notice from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning a funding opportunity known “Solar For All” (the “EPA Funding Request”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council seeks to pursue the EPA funding opportunity and approve the submittal of the EPA Funding Request; and

**WHEREAS,** the EPA grant opportunity will allow the Tribe to develop and install solar panels on the roofs of the Tribe’s Housing Project and on parking lot canopies on various

Tribal properties as well as workforce training for Tribal members interested in the installation and maintenance work; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council desires to authorize by consensus approval the submittal of the EPA Funding Request and the execution of the required Letter of Intent for this opportunity to be submitted to the EPA for consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes the submittal of the EPA grant application and Letter of Intent to the EPA for consideration.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, other Tribal Council Officer, the requisite authority and power for an on behalf of the to take all necessary action to ensure the submission of the EPA grant application to the EPA 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 pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D. of the Constitution.

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## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned duly elected Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted on August 24, 2023 by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council which is composed of 13 members, of whom 9 constituting a quorum, voted by consensus to approve the foregoing Resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members, with 0 opposing, and with 5 not voting and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> date of August, 2023



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Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



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Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council



## GRANT SUMMARY & REQUEST FORM

**Department:** Emergency Management / CDC  
**Name and Title of Director:** Nelson Andrews Jr  
**Grant Manager:** Nelson Andrews Jr  
**Grant Opportunity Name:** SOLAR FOR ALL  
**Funding Federal Dept./Agency:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**CFDA Number:** EPA-R-HQ-SFA-23-01  
**Mashpee Tribal Project Name:** Solar for the First Light Housing Community  
**Requested Funding Amount:** \$30,000,000  
**Submittal Due Date:** LOI Aug. 28th. Full proposal: September 28th, 2023  
**Award Date:** July 2024  
**Project Timeline:** TBD  
**Indirect Costs percentage:** \$12,846,000.00

### SECTION 2: GRANT/ PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**1. Describe the funding and the program goals:**

The funding request is to support the installation of:

- solar electric/photovoltaics on the roofs of the homes at the First Light Housing Community that are positioned well for viable solar installations and solar canopies over the driveways in the homes where it is viable.
- The parking lot canopies at the Tribal Community & Government Center
- A solar canopy structure at the leach field behind the Wastewater Treatment Facility
- A solar canopy at the La Plaza del Sol
- Agrovoltaics at the Farm and smaller roof-mounted and canopied arrays on the buildings at the Farm
- Solar canopy at the Museum property
- Roof-mounted solar at other tribal owned properties
- Parking lot canopy and roof-mounted solar at the Taunton property
- Ground-mounted solar farm on the Middleboro property that would provide community-shared solar benefits to tribal members

Workforce training program development that will focus on recruiting and training tribal members to become trained as electricians, who can do commercial and residential work, work on installing and maintaining electric car charging infrastructure as well as solar installers. These are much needed tradespeople necessary to meet the decarbonization and electrification goals set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There is opportunity to set up a business to offer these services through the CDC as well as train tribal members who wish to run their own businesses in this sector.



This funding opportunity will provide the Tribe the ability to have full ownership of the solar systems on the rental units and tribal facilities. There is a 0% cost share requirement.

We will be applying for \$30,000,000

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

The program aligns with the goals of the CDC to develop projects that increase economic development within the Tribe and serve the tribal community by investing in renewable energy technologies that will save tribal members money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**3. Describe the service population:**

This grant offers the opportunity to support the installation of solar on many properties that the Tribe owns, which will control or eliminate electricity costs for these facilities. It also offers funding to support workforce training, which will help us invest in training our members in good-paying, much needed jobs. There is allowable indirect costs associated with the grant, which provides a hefty amount of finding back to the administration budget.

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

Installing solar at various locations and planning and implementing workforce training programs for the Tribe that focus on electrification activities.

**5. Describe the Reporting Requirements timeline:**

Final reporting and fiscal reconciliation will be articulated by the US EPA's contract should the award be made for our request.

**Financial Reporting Periods and Due Dates**

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

This application for funding will enable the Tribe/CDC to have a greater upfront percentage of ownership of the solar at the beginning of the project.



### SECTION 3: Budget and Jobs Created

Budget's Direct Costs Total: TBD

Budget's Indirect Costs Total: TBD

Total Grant Budget: \$30,000,000

Does the Budget Include Program Income?  YES  NO  N/A (Circle One)

Grant's Program Income: Direct Pay of tax credits would be one time income. Income from community-shared solar program, etc.

#### JOBS CREATED

Total Jobs Created: TBD

Position: Contract/Employee FT/PT

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Position: Contract/Employee FT/PT

Total Jobs maintained: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: Contract/Employee FT/PT

Position: Contract/Employee FT/PT

Position: Contract/Employee FT/PT