



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2023-RES-091

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE AJANA FOUNDATION FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROGRAM 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 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 Tribal Council has notice from the *Ajana Foundation*;

WHEREAS, under the “*Food Sovereignty Program*”, the Tribal Council wants to increase the productive capacity of farmland and greenhouses by scaling up food sovereignty initiatives while improving the long-term health of tribal members by making produce easily available to help combat high rates of diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease; *and*,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the development and grant application preparation of the *Ajana Foundation – Food Sovereignty Program grant application*; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tribal Council hereby authorizes the submission of the “*Ajana Foundation – Food Sovereignty Program*” grant budget that includes Direct (\$45,000) and Indirect (\$5,000) costs totaling \$50,000 with a 10% IDC rate as permitted by the funders.

This request is made on behalf of the Tribal Council and an IDC allocation should and does reflect the Tribe's IDC responsibilities under previous resolutions of the Tribal Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Title VI-Elders "Lunch & Learn" Program Director, shall be assigned duties as "Grant Application Process Owners" and as such shall, with the cooperation of the Tribal Administrator/Operations Manager, provide the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council in advance, a scope of work or synopsis which is a Grants Info Sheet and Resolution for review, discussion and approval. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Title VI Program Director, shall research and collaborate with the appropriate Financial and Development Team to submit all required documentation pertaining to a complete and accurate grant application, meeting all deadlines for submission, *and,*

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to ensure the submission of the "*Native American Agriculture Fund*" proposal application 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 Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members voted by consensus to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of 10 members, with 0 opposing, and with 2 not voting.

DATED this 12TH day of September, 2023.



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

