



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2024-RES-010  
VELA FOUNDATION  
FOOD & WELLNESS GRANTS**

**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 *Vela Foundation*;

**WHEREAS**, under the “*Food & Wellness Grant 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 *Vela Foundation – Food & Wellness Grant Program*; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Tribal Council hereby authorizes the submission of the “*Vela Foundation – Food & Wellness Grant Program*” grant budget that includes Direct (\$20,000) and Indirect costs 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 Elders Affairs 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 Elders Affairs 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 “*Vela Foundation – Food & Wellness Grant Program*” 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 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



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Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council



## GRANT SUMMARY & REQUEST FORM

**Department:** Elder's Department  
**Name and Title of Director:** Donald Peters  
**Grant Manager:** Donald Peters  
**Grant Opportunity Name:** Vela Foundation Food & Wellness Grant  
**Funding Federal Dept./Agency:** Vela Foundation  
**CFDA Number:** N/A  
**Mashpee Tribal Project Name:** "Feeding the People Project"  
**Requested Funding Amount:** \$20,000  
**Submittal Due Date:** 3/1/2024  
**Award Date:** 6/1/2024  
**Project Timeline:** 1 year

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### SECTION 2: GRANT/ PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 1. Describe the funding and the program goals:** The Vela Foundation is a private grant making foundation dedicated to promoting improved nutrition and wellness in Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts.
  - 2. Describe how this program aligns with your Department Mission and Goals:** Produce grown will be served at the Lunch & Learn program and through the Food Pantry to ensure easy access to nutritious foods by the community. The goal is to improve the long-term health of tribal members by making healthy food options available. This will help combat high rates of diabetes, obesity and cardio-vascular problems seen in the community.
  - 3. Describe the service population:** All enrolled tribal members
  - 4. Describe the activities that are supported by the funding:** The program will pay general operating expenses at the farm including supplies, equipment and upgrades. Funds can be used to help cover costs for the addition of two more greenhouses. This is a one-year grant.
  - 5. Describe the Reporting Requirements timeline:** Mid-year and final reports (programmatic and financial).
  - 6. Describe any leveraging opportunities creating by the funding: (ex. growth of existing programs):** This funding will utilize greenhouses supplied by NRCS and will build off the success of the NAAF grant and CFP grant both of which have supported the greenhouse project for the last 2 years. This grant will create new opportunities to expand food sovereignty.
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### SECTION 3: Budget and Jobs Created

Budget's Direct Costs Total: \$ \_20,000 (estimated)  
Budget's Indirect Cost Total: \$ TBD (estimated)  
Total Grant Budget: \$ \_20,000 (estimated)

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

#### JOBS CREATED 0

Total Jobs Created: 0

Position:	Employee	FT/PT
Position:	Contract/Employee	FT/PT

Total Jobs maintained: 1(PT hrs)

Position: Farm Manager	Contract/Employee	FT/PT
Position:	Contract/Employee	FT/PT
Position:	Contract/Employee	FT/PT
Position:	Contract/Employee	FT/PT