

September 21, 2020

# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 12, 2020 the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs for the release of funds under 24 CFR Part 58 of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996, as amended, (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) to undertake a project known as The Community Center for the purpose of the housing offices and communal use at the Mashpee Wampanoag Village dba First Light Wampanoag Homes at 23 Alice Lopez Road, Mashpee, MA 02649. The estimated funding for the community facility is \$1,220,000.00.

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Department at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. All comments received by October 12, 2020 will be considered by the

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe certifies to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs that Cedric Cromwell in his capacity as Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Native American Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Program approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to use Program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs will accept objections to its release of fund and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (b) the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs at 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604. Potential objectors should contact U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs at 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cedric Cromwell, Chairman

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