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**Sent via Electronic Mail**

The Honorable Thomas D. Wooten  
Tribal Chairman  
Samish Indian Nation  
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Dear Chairman Wooten:

**Subject: Review of Annual Performance Report**  
Program Year Ended December 31, 2020  
IHBG Grant Number: 55-IT-53-13870

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), at Section 404, as amended, requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assess, at least annually, each recipient's performance under the Act. This letter is to inform the Samish Indian Nation (Tribe) that HUD has completed the review of the Tribe's Annual Performance Report (APR) for the program year ended December 31, 2020. The review was designed to evaluate the APR and provide comments to recipients on data quality and overall performance. The following performance measures were considered:

Whether the Tribe:

- carried out its eligible activities in a timely manner;
- carried out its eligible activities and certifications in accordance with the requirements and the primary objectives of NAHASDA and with other applicable laws;
- has continuing capacity to carry out activities;
- complied with the Indian Housing Plan (IHP); and
- submitted an accurate APR.

The Northwest Office of Native American Programs' (NwONAP) review was limited to an examination of the APR submission and information readily available and would not necessarily disclose all deficiencies or matters of noncompliance. NwONAP's review determined that the APR is complete, and the Tribe has complied with the IHP in carrying out its eligible activities in a timely manner. NwONAP offers the following comments and recommendations:

**Section 5: Budget**

**Different Award Amounts:** The APR reports \$0.00 as the amount of IHBG funds awarded. A review of NwONAP records indicates 919,966.00 is the award amount. Please review the Tribe's records and verify the grant award has been recorded accurately.

**Cash on Hand:** NwONAP was unable to reconcile the amount of funds on hand reported as of the beginning of the program year for January 1, 2020, when comparing the APR to the Federal Financial Report SF-425 for December 31, 2019. The Tribe reported the following:

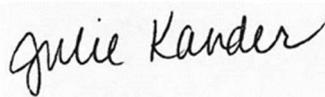
Amount reported in line 10h (Unobligated Balance) of the SF-425 for December 31, 2019	\$2,830,219.81
Amount of IHBG funds reported in the APR Table Row 1 Column F (Amount on Hand at Beginning of Program Year) as of January 1, 2020.	\$1,238,263.98

NwONAP recommends the Tribe review its financial records and provide accurate revised 2020 APR tables and/or SF-425 for quarter ended December 31, 2019.

The documentation requested in this letter is **due to NwONAP no later than June 21, 2021.** NwONAP congratulates the Tribe on its achievements and its participation in the Indian Housing Block Grant program. NwONAP looks forward to working with the Tribe to provide any technical assistance that may be necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Sexton, Grants Evaluation Specialist, at (206) 220-6165, or by email at [Andrea.R.Sexton@hud.gov](mailto:Andrea.R.Sexton@hud.gov); or Katie Wilson, Grants Management Specialist, at (206) 220-6219, or by email at [Katherine.T.Wilson@hud.gov](mailto:Katherine.T.Wilson@hud.gov).

Sincerely,



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