

Subject: Indian Housing Block Grant - American Rescue Plan (IHBG-ARP)

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2) appropriates \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program and grants the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authority to waive or establish alternative requirements for any provision of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) or regulation applicable to the IHBG Program to expedite or facilitate the use of funds (other than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment).

WHEREAS, The Samish Indian Nations Housing Department has been allocated a total of \$624,608 to prevent, prepare and/or respond to the impacts that the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on Samish Elders and Disabled Citizens.

WHEREAS, The Samish Tribal Council understands that many elders and disabled tribal citizens are currently living in substandard, overcrowded, or homeless conditions, which puts them at risk for contracting COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Samish Tribal Council understands that the funds allocated can be used for development costs for the construction of rental housing for low-income native citizens that are elders and persons with a disability.

WHEREAS, the Samish Tribal Council recognizes the need to hire a Construction Superintendent to oversee the on-site supervision of Xwch'angteng (34th Street) construction project.

WHEREAS, The Samish Tribal Council has reviewed the attached budget and is aware that there will be no shortfall for indirect.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Samish Tribal Council approves the submittal of an abbreviated IHBG-ARP application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Samish Tribal Council authorizes the Chairman and/or his designee to sign, negotiate, modify, and amend said grant.