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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 Indian Housing Block Grant – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Annual Performance Report (IHBG-CARES APR) for Program Year Ended December 31, 2022
IHBG CARES Grant Number: 20-BV-53-13870

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), at Section 404, as amended, applies to IHBG-CARES recipients and 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 Samish Indian Nation (Tribe) that HUD has completed the review of the IHBG-CARES APR for the program year ended December 31, 2022. 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.

NwONAP's review was limited to an examination of the IHBG-CARES APR submission and information readily available and would not necessarily disclose all deficiencies or matters of noncompliance. The review disclosed that the APR is complete, and the Tribe has complied with the IHBG-CARES IHP in carrying out its eligible activities in a timely manner. Furthermore, the review did not disclose any deficiencies, or noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations; therefore, NwONAP offers no recommendations.

NwONAP congratulates the Tribe on its achievements and its participation in the IHBG-CARES program. If you have any questions, or if NwONAP can be of assistance, please contact Melanie Fisher, Grants Evaluation Specialist, at (206) 220-5230, or by email at Melanie.A.Fisher@hud.gov; or Sandel Ferguson, Lead Grants Management Specialist, at (206) 220-6673, or by email at Sandel.Ferguson@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



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