

Resolution: 2021-05-014
Date Approved: May 19, 2021
Subject: Low-Income Household
Drinking Water and Wastewater
Emergency Assistance Program
(LIHWAP)

- WHEREAS, the Samish Indian Nation was Federally re-acknowledged by the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America on April 26, 1996; and
- whereas, the Samish Tribal Council is empowered to act on behalf of the Samish Indian Nation pursuant to Article VI, Section 2, of the Samish Tribal Constitution, approved November 14, 2003, by Resolution of the Samish Tribal Council and adopted and ratified by Vote of the Samish General Council on March 2, 2004 and recognized by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, David W. Anderson on April 20, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, and education of the Indian people of the Samish Indian Nation is the responsibility of the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the Samish Tribal Council recognizes The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law No: 116-260) signed on December 27, 2020, included \$638,000,000 in funding with instructions for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out grants to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes and that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services, by providing funds to owners or operators of public water systems or treatment works to reduce arrearages of and rates charged to such households for such services.
- **WHEREAS,** the Samish Tribal Council recognizes that low-income citizens have difficulty paying for drinking water and wastewater during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- WHEREAS, the Samish Tribal Council recognizes that we need to complete the SF-424M Standard Application Form for Federal Grant Funds and the Signed Terms & Conditions for LIHWAP funds.
- WHEREAS, the Samish Tribal Council understands that the Administration for Children and Families is preparing to release funds to support the administrative costs of setting up our Tribe's LIHWAP program and wants to be sure we are included in the release of funds.
- WHEREAS, the Samish Tribal Council understands we are not aware of the exact dollar amount we will be receiving, but acknowledges the funds received allow for a 15% indirect rate.
- **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Samish Tribal Council hereby approves of submitting the SF-424M Standard Application Form for Federal Funds and agrees to sign the Terms and Conditions for LIHWAP funds.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Samish Tribal Council authorizes the Chairman and/or his designee to sign, negotiate, modify, and amend said grant.



SAMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL

Bv.

Thomas D. Wooten Tribal Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The above resolution was duly adopted by the Samish Tribal Council via a special conference call Council meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at which time a quorum was present by a vote of:
7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN.

Certified by: __

Dana M. Matthews Tribal Council Secretary