

## Grant Selection and Performance Task Force

### Recommendation from 10/13/2023 meeting

**Present:** Bill Guindon, Ed Barrett, Susan Wiggin, Becky Hayes Boober, Maryalice Crofton

#### **\*New Operating Application\***

**MOTION FOR COMMISSION:** *Reminder that this is a Fixed Amount proposal so no match is required.*

- MOVE that the Penobscot Nation Housing Department AmeriCorps Energy Efficiency Program proposal for a 3-year fixed amount grant be awarded if corrections and conditions listed in the task force report can be negotiated before the federal submission deadline. The first-year funding request approved is \$280,000 Federal Share supporting 10-member service years distributed over 10 slots. The proposed cost per member service year is \$28,000.

#### **Referenced Conditions/Corrections**

The following proposal issues need to be clarified or, in the case of missing required elements, added.

- Clarify that the public funding referenced is in hand and approved for program support.
- Clarify that the tribal authorities who must support the grant have given their approval. The process was described but it is unclear whether the process occurred or was pending.

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTICE**

The proposal from Alpha Legal Foundation did not rate well enough to fund by either the peer reviewers or tech reviewers. The reviewers acknowledge there is a need for a Maine Justice Corps. The person who is driving the program development is very impressive but the systems to implement the grant are not in place yet. There are no staff, no internal financial system, and funds to operate the program are to be fundraised. The proposal should come back when the organization is more defined or staffed or has a partner who would be the fiscal agent and provide some assurance of continuity and stability for finances and members while the Foundation develops further.