

## EXHIBIT 2-M.6

### SAMPLE TRIBAL CONSULTATION LETTER

*(Sample Letter on Responsible Entity's Letterhead)*

*(Insert Date)*

«AddressBlock» *(merged from TDAT list)*

Re: *(Insert Name and address of project)*; Home Investment Partnerships  
(HOME)  
Program

«GreetingLine» *(merged from TDAT list)*

[insert name of HOME grantee] is considering funding the project listed above with federal funds, including state of Montana HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under HUD regulation 24 CFR 58.4, [insert name of the responsible entity] has assumed HUD's environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

[insert name of the responsible entity] will conduct a review of this project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. We would like to invite you to be a consulting party in this review to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your tribe, and if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect the properties. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse effects.

To meet project timeframes, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, let us know of your interest ***within 30 days of the receipt of this letter***. If you have any initial concerns with impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, note them in your response.

Enclosed is a map that shows the project area and, if applicable, an additional area of potential indirect effects. The project consists of [insert project description].

More information on the Section 106 review process is available at:

**[http://www.comcon.org/sites/default/files/historic\\_preservation/](http://www.comcon.org/sites/default/files/historic_preservation/)**

HUD's process for tribal consultation under Section 106 is described in a Notice available at:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/environment/atec](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/atec)

If you do not wish to consult on this project, please inform us. **If we don not hear from you within the 30-day timeframe, we will assume you do not wish to consult.**

If you do wish to consult, include in your reply the name and contact information for the tribe's principal representative in the consultation.

Thank you very much. We value your assistance and look forward to consulting further if there are historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that may be affected by this project.

Sincerely,

(Name of Responsible Entity's Certifying Official)  
(Title of Responsible Entity's Certifying Official)  
(Phone of Responsible Entity's Certifying Official)  
(E-mail of Responsible Entity's Certifying Official)  
(FAX of Responsible Entity's Certifying Official)

C: THPO (*from TDAT list*)