

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

November 3, 2022
White Rock Tribe
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On or after November 11, 2022 the White Rock Tribe of Montana will submit a request to the HUD Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs for the release of Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat funds under Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) (CARES Act), and Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Section 105 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Elder rehabilitation program for Cascade County

Purpose: The program will assist elder homeowners with minor repairs to their homes.

Location: The program will be implemented in Cascade County, mostly around the Great Falls area. Specific addresses will be provided in the site-specific environmental reviews.

Project/Program Description: The program entails rehab activities such as the installation of a new furnace or HVAC system. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood insurance, historic preservation, contamination, noise, and environmental justice

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Flood maps will be checked for any home receiving assistance totaling more than \$10,000; homes in a floodplain will be required to have adequate flood insurance, or assistance will be denied. The Montana State Historic Preservation Officer will be consulted on each unit prior to assistance. An inspection and database search will be carried out for each application to determine whether the unit is affected by contamination. If a unit is located near a railroad or major road, a noise calculation will be performed. Finally, each project will be assessed for the potential to cause disproportionate adverse environmental effects to a low-income, minority community for environmental justice.

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,000-\$10,000 per home assisted.

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per give citation listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 600 3rd Ave. S, Great Falls, MT 59405 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9A.M to 4P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the White Rock Tribe of Montana, c/o Janet Blue, 600 3rd Ave. S, Great Falls, MT 59405. All comments received by

November 10 will be considered by the White Rock Tribe of Montana prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The White Rock Tribe of Montana certifies to HUD that Robert Black, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the White Rock Tribe of Montana to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the White Rock Tribe of Montana's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the White Rock Tribe of Montana; (b) the White Rock Tribe of Montana has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs at nwonap_mailbox@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert Black, Certifying Officer