



Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 15, 2021 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) will submit a request to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs-Indian Housing Block Grant- CARES Act (IHBG- CARES) Program funds to undertake a project known as the KBIC Supportive Housing Project, in the amount of \$545,000.00. KBIC Tribal Council is committed to addressing the issues of homelessness and understands the vulnerability of families to Co-Vid 19 who do not have permanent shelter. The Council has committed funding to the construction or renovation of a structure for a supportive housing. Infrastructure will be needed for a supportive housing complex that will include 10 apartments for six single units and four families units. There will also be space for counseling offices for wrap around services to help people suffering from substance abuse and mental instability. The Co-Vid 19 pandemic has seen an increase in homelessness on the reservation due to a variety of reasons with the Co-Vid 19 pandemic exacerbating the problems. The proposed project will be located on a currently unnamed road off of Main St. in Baraga (Part if the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 of the SE1/4) of Section 28, T. 51 N., R. 33 W., Michigan Meridian, Village of Baraga, Baraga County, Michigan).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department, 220 Main St Baraga, MI 49908. Additional copies are available at the front desk of the KBIC Tribal Center, 16429 Beartown Road Baraga, MI 49908, and KBIC Natural Resources Department, 14359 Pequaming Rd, L'Anse, MI 49946 and may be examined or copied at these location weekdays from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Doreen Blaker, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department, 220 Main St Baraga, MI 49908 and Dione Price, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, 14359 Pequaming Rd., L'Anse, MI. All comments received by December 15, 2021 will be considered by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Warren C. Swartz, Jr., in his capacity as the Tribal President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community'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 basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; (b) the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; (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) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs, Ralph H Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2400, Chicago, IL, 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development (312-353-6236, ext. 2815), to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Warren C. Swartz, Jr.
Tribal President
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Posted at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Center.