

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about October 5, 2023, the Hopi Tribe will authorize the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to submit a request to the HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), as amended, to undertake a project known as Winslow Inn #2 for the purpose of acquiring 1.3 acres of real property and improvements at 723 W. Third St, Winslow, AZ 86047, demolishing the existing building at the above-referenced property, and the construction of a new, two-story low-income housing complex for Hopi Tribal members using \$7,396,072.00 in estimated IHBG funds. The allowable density range for the project site is between 40-44 units consisting of 1–4 bedroom apartments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard time on October 3, 2023 will be considered by the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. A copy of the environmental review record can be viewed at the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Hwy. 264 Mile Post 389.8, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribe certifies to HUD that Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma in his capacity as Tribal 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 Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Hopi Tribe'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 Hopi Tribe; (b) the Hopi Tribe 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 Leticia Rodriguez, Grants Management Specialist for HUD Southwest Office of Native American Programs at email Leticia.Rodriguez@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman of the Hopi Tribe