

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Yankton Sioux Housing Authority.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 28, 2020 the Yankton Sioux Tribe will authorize the Yankton Sioux Housing Authority to submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to undertake a project known as the Yankton Sioux Housing Authority Tribal Flood Project for the purpose of relocating and rehabilitating six existing single family homes on tribal land near Lake Andes, SD area. The estimated funding for entire project is \$900,000. The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Yankton Sioux Tribe 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request to the Yankton Sioux Housing Authority offices located at 410 South Main Avenue in Wagner, SD or by email to v.thompson@yshousing.org. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.yanktonsiouxhousingauthority.com/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Yankton Sioux Tribe. All comments received by August 25, 2020 will be considered by the Yankton Sioux Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Yankton Sioux Tribe certifies to HUD that Robert Flying Hawk 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 Yankton Sioux Housing Authority to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Yankton Sioux 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 Yankton Sioux Tribe; (b) the Yankton Sioux 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 the U.S. Dept of HUD, Office of Native American Programs, at Terry.L.Showalter@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert Flying Hawk, Chairman, Yankton Sioux Tribe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RFH 14', is written below the typed name.