

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice November 4, 2024

Name of Responsible Entity [RE] Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority

Address 13416W Trepania Road
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

Telephone Number of RE (715) 634-2147

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Lac Courte Oreilles band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **November 26**, 2024 the Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority will submit a request to the Eastern/Woodlands Office Of Native American Programs, Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2404 Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507 for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant - Competitive funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) (NAHASDA), to undertake a project known as Mandaamin for the purpose of the constructing twelve new homes. Project location is 13416W Trepania Road, Hayward, Wisconsin 54843. Estimated Funding is \$3,000,000 dollars.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority 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 Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority 13416W Trepania Road, Hayward, WI. 54843 where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority, the designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by November 22, 2024, will be considered by the Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority certifies to Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs that Chris Rusk in his capacity as Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority Project Manager 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. The Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Eastern/Woodlands Office Of Native American Programs will accept objections to its release of funds and the Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority 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 Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin; (b) the Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority 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 Eastern/Woodlands Office Of Native American Programs; 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 Eastern/Woodlands Office Of Native American Programs at Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2404 Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact Eastern/Woodlands Office Of Native American Programs to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Louis Taylor, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin;
Certifying Officer

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period

is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.