

November 16, 2020

**COMBINED NOTICE:
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
P.O. Box 620
6A Sunrise Rd.
Acoma, NM 87034
Phone: 505-552-7528

On or about December 4, 2020 the Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority (PAHA) will request the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) to release Indian Community Development Block Grant and Indian Housing Block Grant funds and related laws for the purpose of implementing the PAHA’s 2020 ICDBG Cedar Hills #2 Infrastructure Project. The PAHA expects to directly fund the following project using approximately \$2,000,000.00, combined funding of PAHA’s Indian Community Development Block Grant and Indian Housing Block Grant:

2020 ICDBG Cedar Hills #2 Infrastructure Project: The 2020 ICDBG Cedar Hills #2 Infrastructure project will expand the infrastructure system from the existing Cedar Hills I development South to the New Cedar Hills II development which is located adjacent to the existing Cedar Hills I development. The development of the project will support 30 apartments units of the Cedar Hills II development which will be occupied by low-income Tribal households of the Pueblo of Acoma, with priority given to the elderly Tribal members and/or individuals with disabilities.. **\$2,000,000.00**

Notice of FONSI

The Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority (PAHA) also gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the PAHA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the proposed project has been made by the PAHA which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at PO Box 620, 6A Sunrise Rd, Acoma, NM 87034. The records are available for public examination and will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to ATTN: Francisco Carr, Development Manager, P.O. Box 620, Acoma, N.M. 87034 or by email to paha@acomahousing.org. The ERR can also be accessed for review online at acomahousing.org. Please contact Francisco Carr at (505) 553-7528 for further information.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at PAHA's address and email listed above on or before December 4, 2020. All such comments so received will be considered and the Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The PAHA will undertake the projects described above with Indian Community Development Block Grant and Indian Housing Block Grant funds allocated to the PAHA under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996, as amended. The Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority is certifying to HUD that Pueblo of Acoma Governor Brian Vallo in his official capacity as the PAHA's Certifying Officer is consenting to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the PAHA may use the Indian Community Development Block Grant and Indian Housing Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections To HUD and Release of Funds

HUD will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; or (c) other specific grounds in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to:

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after December 4, 2020 will be considered by HUD.