

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

May 31, 2018

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

**Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
2605 N West Bay Shore Dr  
Suttons Bay, MI 49682  
(231) 534-7000

On or about June 1, 2018 The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians will request the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) to release Federal funds authorized under Title I of the Native American Housing As and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended and related laws for the purpose of implementing Grant # HUDIHBG 55-IT-26480. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians expects to directly fund the following projects using approximately \$1,444,490 of The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Indian Housing Block Grant for 2018.

**Notice of FONSI**

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 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 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 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 adverse environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the environmental review and analysis.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the proposed project has been made by The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 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 The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, 2605 NW Bayshore Dr, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Tom Callison at 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 The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 2605 NW Bayshore Dr, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 listed above on or before July 4, 2018. All such comments so received will be considered and The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 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 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa will undertake the projects described above with Indian Housing Block Grant funds allocated to The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is certifying to HUD that Thurlow S. McClellan in his official capacity as The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Tribal Chairman 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 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians may use the Indian Block Housing 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: HUD Office of Native American Programs, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2404, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after June 15, 2018 will be considered by HUD.

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Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thurlow Sam McClellan, Chairman

Date: July 12, 2018