



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

June 2, 2021

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 18, 2021, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) will submit a request to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs-Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program funds to undertake a project located in Housing Projects 9 & 10 of the Marquette Reservation. The project will improve the aging septic systems and 10 connect 12 homes to the existing casino septic system, 2) construct 1350 feet of 8 inch gravity sewer main to extend the existing system, 3) Construct a lift station and approximately 530 ft of force main to connect the lift station to the existing gravity sewer system, 4) connect the remaining homes to the new sewer main, 5) abandon the septic systems and backfill the area, 5) hook up meter system to each unit. The amount for \$400,000 will be requested for this project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Indian Health Services 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 by U.S. mail to Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department, 220 Main St Baraga, MI 49908 or by email to Doreen Blaker, doreen@kbic-nsn.gov or Dione Price, dprice@kbic-nsn.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website www.kbic-nsn.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Doreen Blaker, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing

Department, 220 Main St Baraga, MI 49908 and Dione Price, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, 14359 Pequaming Rd., L'Anse, MI 49946. All comments received by July 8, 2020 will be considered by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Warren C. Swartz, Jr., in his capacity as the Tribal President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community'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 basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; (b) the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; (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) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs, Ralph H Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2400, Chicago, IL, 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development (312-353-6236, ext. 2815), to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Warren C. Swartz, Jr.
Tribal President
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Posted at Baraga County Courthouse, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Center.