

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT
TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
September 15, 2016

New York State Homes & Community Renewal
New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation
38-40 State Street
Albany, New York 12207
(518) 486-3379

And

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
412 State Route 37
Akwasasne, NY 13655
(518) 358-5937

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **October 3, 2016**, the New York State Homes & Community Renewal, through the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) will each submit a separate request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990, in accordance with section 288 (42 U.S.C. 12838), and will authorize the Akwasasne Housing Authority to submit a request for HUD's release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 4321 and the related authorities listed in HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58, to undertake a project known as Sunrise Acres III, for purposes of new construction of a seniors and veterans housing complex consisting of two one-story structures, located on two parcels of the Akwasasne Housing Authority property at 378 State Route 37, Hogansburg (Akwasasne), NY 13655.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

HTFC and SRMT have 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

Akwasasne Housing Authority
378 State Route 37, Suite A

Hogansburg (Akwesasne), NY 13655

and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The ERR can also be obtained by emailing heather.spitzberg@nyshcr.org. HTFC and the AHA/SRMT have prepared a joint ERR with separate cover and signature pages, but all other materials are the same.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Heather Spitzberg, either by mail to Environmental Analysis Unit, NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York, 12207 or by Email to heather.spitzberg@nyshcr.org. Comments can also be directed to Retha Herne, Executive Director, Akwesasne Housing Authority, 378 State Route 37, Suite A, Hogansburg, NY 13655 or by email to rherne@aha-nsn.org, with a copy to Beverly Cook, Tribal Chief, SRMT, 412 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655 or by email to abero@srmt-nsn.gov. All comments received by **September 30, 2016** will be considered by HTFC and SRMT prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Those wishing to comment should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

HTFC certifies to HUD that Ms. Heather Spitzberg, Esq. in her capacity as Certifying Officer, and the SRMT certifies to HUD that Ms. Beverly Cook, Tribal Chief, in her capacity as Certifying Officer, consent 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 HTFC and the AHA/SRMT to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and HTFC's certification received by **October 18, 2016** or for a period of fifteen days following 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 HTFC and/or the SRMT; (b) HTFC and/or the AHA/SRMT 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to:

Mr. Vincent Hom, Director
HUD-Community Planning and Development
26 Federal Plaza - Room 3513
New York, New York 10278-0068

and

Mr. Mark Butterfield, Administrator
US Department of HUD/Office of Native American Programs
77 West Jackson Boulevard; 24th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ms. Heather Spitzberg, Esq.
Ms. Beverly Cook, Tribal Chief
Certifying Officers
September 22, 2016