

CHILKAT INDIAN VILLAGE



**An Indian Reorganization Act Village
Under Act of Congress June 15th 1935
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

12/09/24

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On or about **12/23/24** the Chilkat Indian Village (CIV) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Healthy Homes Production Grant, which is authorized under Section 501 and Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §§ 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022), and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, for the following multi-year program/project: Chilkat Indian Village Healthy Homes Project award number AKHHP0126-24, for the purpose of surveying and remediating home health hazards in up to 50 homes of CIV tribal members and Alaska Native people in the Chilkat Valley of Southeast Alaska. The Chilkat Indian Village will work with the National Renewable Energy Lab to survey and remediate the homes. The project will also perform community education and outreach on healthy homes topics. The Chilkat Indian Village is requesting the release of \$1,000,000 of federal assistance and \$159,771.23 in matching amount during the three-year project timeline.

The proposed healthy homes hazard control activities to be funded under this program are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: *Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species Act, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection Act, Floodplain Management, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Environmental Justice*. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: *Historic Preservation, Flood Insurance, and Contamination and Toxic Substances*. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at **the Chilkat Indian Village Tribal Office, 32 Chilkat Ave, Haines, AK, 99827, (and name and address of any other locations where the record is available for review)** and may be examined or copied weekdays **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** An electronic copy of the ERR may be requested and obtained by emailing tewing@chilkat-nsn.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the **Chilkat Indian Village** at bwillard@chilkat-nsn.gov or mailed to the Chilkat Indian Village, 32 Chilkat Ave, Haines, AK, 99827. All comments received by **12/22/24** will be considered by Chilkat Indian Village prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Chilkat Indian Village certifies to HUD that Brian Willard in his official capacity as Tribal Administrator, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Chilkat Indian Village to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Chilkat Indian Village certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Chilkat Indian Village; (b) the Chilkat Indian Village has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Chilkat Indian Village has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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 may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Brian Willard, Tribal Administrator