

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

Date of Notice: 7/29/22

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Blue Lake Rancheria

Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box): 428 Chartin Road

City, State, Zip Code: Blue Lake, CA 95525

Telephone Number of RE: 707-668-5101

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 19, 2022, the Blue Lake Rancheria will submit a request to the HUD SWONAP for the release of funds under the ICDBG-ARP (CFDA 14.862; ID#22RP0603680), as amended, to undertake a project known as the Hula Health Clinic for the purpose of providing clinical and educational health services to tribal members and non-tribal members. The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million, with funding from HUD and non-HUD (tribal and other) sources. The project is located on Blue Lake Rancheria tribal trust land.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Blue Lake Rancheria 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) on file at the Blue Lake Rancheria Environmental Department (428 Chartin Road, Blue Lake, CA 95525), where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays by appointment during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Blue Lake Rancheria Environmental Department. All comments received by August 16, 2022, will be considered by the Blue Lake Rancheria prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Blue Lake Rancheria certifies to HUD SWONAP that Jason Ramos, in his 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 Blue Lake Rancheria to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Blue Lake Rancheria'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 bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Blue Lake Rancheria; (b) the Blue Lake Rancheria 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD SWONAP at One North Central Avenue, Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85004-2361. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Name and Title of RE Certifying Officer

Jason Ramos, D.C., Tribal Administrator, Blue Lake Rancheria

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.