

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**Date of Notice:** April 3, 2025

**Responsible Entity (RE):**

Nez Perce Tribe  
404 Veteran Dr,  
Lapwai, ID 83540

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority.

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**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about April 19, 2025, the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), as amended, and 2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant and 2021 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Funds to undertake a project known as the Little Village Housing Project. Below is a table of estimated funding sources:

2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant	\$ 750,000
2021 Indian Housing Block Grant-Competitive Grant	\$4,798,703
Indian Health Service	\$ 31,900
Nez Perce Tribe	\$ 404,473
Indian Housing Block Grant-Program Income	\$ 752,029
	\$6,737,105

The purpose of the project is to construct five (5) two-story fourplex buildings, totaling 20 affordable rental units for low-income enrolled Nez Perce tribal members. The project is located within the Little Village Subdivision, Lapwai, ID, on the Nez Perce Reservation. The estimated total cost is \$6.5 to \$8 Million, funded through IHBG and other leveraged resources, if applicable. applicable.

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## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Nez Perce Tribe 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 (NEPA)** is not required.

Additional project information is contained in the **Environmental Review Record (ERR)** on file at:

### **Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority**

111 Veteran Dr, Lapwai, ID 83540

Available Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

To request a digital copy, email: [dougmn@nezperce.org](mailto:dougmn@nezperce.org).

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the NPTHA office listed above. **All comments received by April 18, 2025**, will be considered by NPTHA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must clearly identify which Notice they are addressing.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority certifies to HUD that **Shannon F Wheeler**, in his capacity as **Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe**, 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 NPTHA to use program funds.

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## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the certification for a period of **15 days following the anticipated submission date or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later)**.

Objections must be submitted in writing and must be based on one of the following:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of NPT;
- NPT has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- The grant recipient or other participants have committed funds or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds;
- Another Federal agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections should be addressed to:

**Tom Carney, Administrator NwONAP**  
**HUD Seattle Regional Office at 909 First Ave,**  
**Suite 300 Seattle, WA, 981074-1000**  
or via email at: [Tom.Carney@hud.gov](mailto:Tom.Carney@hud.gov)

*Ryan Dotman*

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**Shannon Wheeler**  
**Tribal Chairman, Nez Perce Tribe**  
**Certifying Officer**

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### **Required Statement per 25 CFR § 2.7**

"This FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR § 2.7 requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made."

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