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

8/7/2024

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

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Norfolk, Ne 68701

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 8/7/2024 the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will: “authorize the Northern Ponca Housing Authority to” submit a request to the Denver Regional Office Region 8, for the release of IHBG Program Grant 2024 year, to purchase 10 acres of land in Norfolk Ne undertake a project known as NPHA- Norfolk Development Housing for the purpose of providing much needed affordable housing which includes building on a 10 acre site and will be developed with 3 units that will consist of a 2, 3, and 4 bedroom units and more in the future.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 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 Northern Ponca Housing Authority 1501 West Michigan Avenue Norfolk, Ne and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Northern Ponca Housing Authority 1501 West Michigan Avenue Norfolk Ne 68701. All comments received by 9/7/2024 will be considered by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska certifies to Denver Regional Office Region 8, that Candace Schmidt in her capacity as Tribal Chairwoman 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. Denver Regional Office Region 8, approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Northern Ponca Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Denver Regional Office Region 8, will accept objections to its release of fund and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 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 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; (b) the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 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 Denver Regional Office Region 8; 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 Denver Regional Office Region 8, Denver Colorado at 1670 Broadway 25th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80202-4801. Potential objectors should contact Denver Regional Office Region 8, Denver Colorado to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Candace Schmidt Tribal Chairwoman Ponca Tribe of Nebraska