

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds
JST COVID-19 Emergency Housing 2023

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*Date of Notice: **June 29, 2023***

*Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: **Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe***

*Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box): **1033 Old Blyn Hwy***

*City, State, Zip Code: **Sequim, WA, 98382***

*Telephone Number of RE : **360-683-1109***

On or about July 14, 2023, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe will submit a request to HUD for the release of *Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)* funds under grant # 22-RP-53-06970 of the American Rescue Plan Act [2021], as amended, to undertake a project known as JST COVID-19 Emergency Housing for the purpose of setting up an isolation and quarantine facility to provide immediate emergency housing and support out-of-area healthcare workers critical to our overall COVID-19 strategy of preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe will use awarded HUD ICDBG-ARP funds to purchase property that is located at 290 Zaccardo Rd., Sequim, WA. The property is near the Tribal Government Administration building and the Social and Community Services Department and Housing Program. The property already has in place infrastructure for 7 RV hookups. JST will best utilize the site by placing two Park Model Modular-Tiny Homes the Tribe has already purchased for the purpose of providing temporary housing to support out-of-area healthcare workers. The other 4 RV spaces will be available for those with their own RV. The existing housing structure (1,110 estimated square footage) will be rehabilitated to be used as an Emergency Center to provide a Wi-Fi hotspot and offices space for Frontline Medical Workers, and additional housing as needed.

Estimated project funding includes: \$1,035,000.00 in HUD ICDBG-ARP funds plus \$300,000 in additional non-HUD funding.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Tribal Administration and Natural resources Building 1033 Old Blyn Hwy, Sequim WA 98382 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Planning Department or NR Dept or Housing Program at 1033 Old Blyn Hwy, Sequim WA 98382 or via email to ajagger@jamestowntribe.org. All comments received by July 11, 2023, will be considered by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe certifies to HUD that Certifying Officer-W. Ron Allen in his capacity as Tribal Chair/CEO 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 Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe -Housing Program to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Tribe’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 Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; (b) the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe 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 at Northwest Office of Native American Programs 909 1st Avenue, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98104-1000. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Name and Title of RE Certifying Officer: W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chair/CEO
