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

These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGR) Engineering and Planning Department.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about June 1, 2022, CTGR will submit a request to HUD for the release of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG B18SR410530) funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to undertake a project known as Language Education Building Project for the purpose of constructing a new 6,642-square-foot, one-story school building, and an open and largely flat vacant lot. The new building will be comprised of six classrooms, an administrative office area with break room, restrooms and other support areas, entry and circulation space. The work will also include excavation, site grading and site utility connections to existing utility lines in the street. Other site improvements include a new 13-space, asphalt paved parking lot with approach drives, as well as associated concrete curbs, sidewalks and storm drainage. Landscaping of the area around the new building, parking lot and street-side medians and adjoining areas is also included.

Location (Address): 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Estimated Total Cost: \$3,948,000 Grant Amount: \$500,000

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

CTGR 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) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA) on file at the Public Works Department, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, OR, 97347, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The EA will be available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to:

Ryan Webb, Engineering and Planning Manager The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde OR 97347

U.S. mail requests must be postmarked no later than June 21, 2022, to meet the Request for Release of Funds date of June 21, 2022, reporting date.

Additionally, the EA will be available via a file sharing link by e-mailing Ryan Webb at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org. Please place "Request to Review EA" in the e-mail subject line. An e-mail reply will follow with a link to the file sharing website.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with the decisions are invited to submit e-mail comments to Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and to Tom.Carney@hud.gov. This publication is in response to the COVID-19 National Disaster, and we are publishing under the Emergency Provision at 24 CFR 58.33 which allows Tribes to publish the combined Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI-RROF) simultaneously with the submission of the RROF to HUD. The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster. All comments received by June 21, 2022, will be considered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and HUD prior to the release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

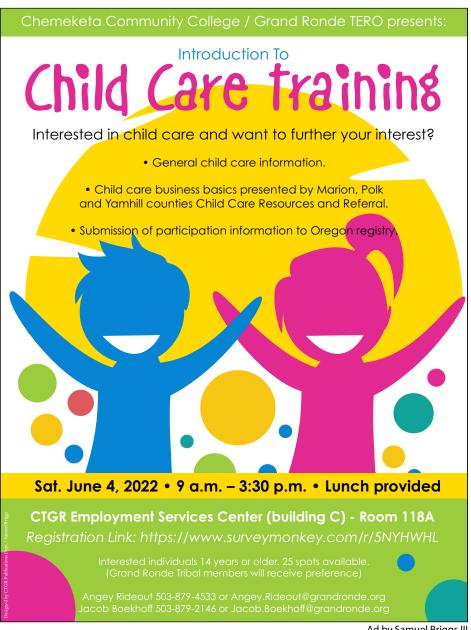
CTGR certifies to HUD that Cheryle A. Kennedy in her capacity as Tribal Council Chairwoman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows CTGR to use program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde certification for a period of 18 days during the simultaneous comment period under the emergency provision of 24 CFR Part 58.33. Objections may be submitted to HUD on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; (b) the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 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 and submitted to the HUD-designated e-mail address: Tom. Carney@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The Honorable Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Chairwoman Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347-9712





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