

October 1, 2025

Cherokee Nation

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This notice shall satisfy a procedural requirement for activities to be undertaken by the Cherokee Nation, and/or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **October 13, 2025** the Cherokee Nation will submit a request to the U.S. Office of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs for the release of Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) funds, (Project Number 4700), to undertake a project known as:

Same-site replacement of one single-family dwelling, located in Delaware County, Oklahoma. The legal description is as follows: Part of the SW¼ NE¼ of Section 6, Township 23 North, Range 24 East. This project will cost approximately \$ 196,171.83, and will not involve activities other than those listed above.

MITIGATION MEASURES

The site is located within 1,000 feet of a highway; thus a Noise Assessment was required. The noise decibel level found at this location was determined to be 68, which falls into the Normally Unacceptable Noise Zone. This zone requires a minimum of 5 decibels of additional noise attenuation to be incorporated into the project design.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Cherokee Nation Environmental Program Office, 206 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, OK 74464. All comments received by **October 12, 2025** will be considered by the Cherokee Nation prior to authorizing submission of a request of release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Cherokee Nation certifies to HUD that Wayne Isaacs, in his capacity as the tribe's HUD certifying official 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 Cherokee Nation to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Cherokee Nation's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission or its actual receipt of 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 Cherokee Nation; (b) the Cherokee Nation 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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) and shall be addressed to HUD's Southern Plains Office of Native American Indian Programs at 301 N.W. 6th Street, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Wayne Isaacs

Certifying Official

Cherokee Nation