

Tiered Environment Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)

Project Information

Project Name: Healthy-HousingProduction

HEROS Number: 900000010354955

State / Local Identifier: NY

Project Location: Hogansburg, NY 13655

Additional Location Information:

The Akwesasne Mohawk Territory is located in Northern New York State, approximately eighty miles northeast of Lake Ontario and sixty miles southwest of Montreal, Quebec. The reservation lands are divided by the United States and Canadian border and subdivided by Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties in New York state and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in Canada. Traditionally known to the Mohawk people as Akwesasne (Land where the Partridge Drums), it is approximately16,640 square acres of wetland, agricultural land, woodland and light commercial development. It has a population of approximately 12,400 members (8000 residents) which will serve as the Target Area for this project.

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) Home Improvement Division (HID) Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Program proposes to comprehensively assess and address housing related hazards that are linked to multiple (childhood and elderly) diseases and injuries in the home. This project will maximize both the number of vulnerable residents protected from housing-related environmental health and safety hazards and the number of housing units where these hazards are controlled. This project will identify and prioritize enrolled properties of privately owned, single-unit, low income, owner occupied housing located in the designated Target Area with priority to families with children, elderly and disabled (collectively)"vulnerable residents"). This project will seek to utilize local and regional capacity ties, along with a trained and skilled set of twelve (12) field staff to carry out a certain number of minor, major and handicap repair home rehabilitation projects, as well as environmental testing and remediation seeking to eliminate environmental health and safety hazards for a total of 117 housing units. Among the activities that this project will carry out to achieve its grant deliverables are: To provide community outreach, education and training through medium, distribution of flyers/brochures/articles, and education programs for the entire Tribe or approximately 8000 residents to access; to provide a comprehensive walk through assessment for each approved housing unit. To conduct environmental testing and analysis (radon) for 117 homes and remediation (radon) for fifteen (15)

homes. To provide for a total of 68 Minor Repairs, three (3) HRV/ERV Projects, six (6) Major Repair projects, twenty -five (25) Handicap Modifications projects, as well as to install (60) Relative Humidity/Temperature Monitors; Training for field staff and management. Minor Repairs: The following repairs will be classified as "Minor". Repair of gutters, Ice/Snow Guards, Attic Insulation, Sump Pump Installation, Soffit/Eave Repair, Smoke Alarms, CO Detectors, Fire Extinguishers, Electrical Hazard Repairs, Plumbing Repair. We forecasted roughly 68 projects across 42 months, at an estimated cost of \$ 5,000.00 each for a total of \$ 340,000.00. Major Repairs: Major Repairs are described as projects that will result in high costs of roughly \$ 14,000.00 per project unit. We estimate intervention on 6 projects, for a total of \$ 84,000.00 across 42 months. Handicap Repairs: For services to homes with (55+) our care and attention to our elders is critical to our annual work plan. Installation of ramps, doors, railings, bathroom modifications, showers etc., for enhanced handicap accessibility and safety. We propose for a total of 25 handicap accebility / modification projects, at an estimated cost of \$ 1,401.00 per project, across 42 months, or a total of \$ 35,025.00. Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV)/Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) Installations: Based on the Environment Division's Indoor Air Quality Monitoring, if needed we may install a Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) or Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV), unit into homes where ventilation is needed to improve air quality. Home units are estimated to cost \$ 2,000.00 each and this project plans on purchasing and installing three units across 42 months for a total of \$ 6,000.00. Benchmark Goals: Our benchmark goals will align with our priority list and scheduling. In our first year of home repairs, we willrehabilitating thirty (30 homes). The following deliverables will be achieved through this grant: Enroll 117 Housing Units Complete 117 Housing Interventions (68 Minor Repair Projects / 25 Handicap Modification projects / 6 Major Repair Projects / 15 Radon Remediation Mitigation Projects / 3 HRV / ERV Projects. Conduct Radon Testing for all 117 Enrolled Housing Units.

Level of Environment Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 58.35(a)(3)

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
NYHHP0101-23	Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard		
	Control		

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$2,474,299.29

<u>Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]</u>: Consult the completed environmental review record for information on the mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified.

Determination:

- Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
- There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Preparer Signature:	Date: October 13, 2023
Name / Title/ Organization: Dylan Herne / / Saint Regis Mohawk Tri	be
Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:	Date:
Name/ Title:	

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).