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**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: Residential-Rehabilitation-Darrington

HEROS Number: 900000010263756

Responsible Entity (RE): Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, 5318 Chief Brown Lane Darrington WA,
98241

State / Local Identifier:

RE Preparer: Sidney Curnow

Certifying Officer: Nino Maltos II

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Point of Contact:

Consultant (if applicable): Hamer Environmental

Point of Contact: Vanessa Rogers

Project Location: Darrington, WA 98241

Additional Location Information:

Darrington is located in Snohomish and Skagit Counties, Washington. The project(s) comprise of both on and off reservation properties. On reservation includes Chief Brown Lane and off-reservation includes Price Street, Forest Lane, Commercial Avenue, Givens Ave, Montague Ave, SR530, and Bryson Rd units. Darrington is primarily residential. It is centered at the junction of State Route (SR) 530 and Mountain Loop Highway. The Sauk River is located to the east of the city center. In 2019, Darrington had a population of 1.09k people with a median age of 47.5 and a median household income of \$37,708.

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

These projects comprise of rehabilitation of single-family and trailer residential units located on Chief Brown Lane, Price Street, Forest Lane, Commercial Avenue, Givens Ave, Montague Ave, SR530, and Bryson Rd in Darrington, Skagit and Snohomish Counties, Washington. The scale of this project will include an estimated total of 37-50 homes. As of 2020, Darrington had approximately 625 homes, so these 37-50 homes will be selected throughout the neighborhood. Funding from the Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing will be used to complete the necessary interior and exterior improvements. Such rehabilitation actions will be tailored to the specific needs of each home, but may include: * Updating all heating sources (e.g., conversion of oil heating sources to propane or electric) * Converting all lighting to LED * Painting the exterior/interior (as needed) of homes * Property clearing (e.g., clearing garbage, overgrown weeds, or bushes, etc.) to prevent harm or injury to elders and children * Updating all fire alarms and CO2 detectors of all homes * Sealing homes from the exterior to prevent rodents or bugs entering. * Weatherizing homes (e.g., sealing cracks, improving insulation etc.) * Repairing and securing loose stair tread and rails for homes with elderly and children * Replacing corded blinds with cordless (pole) blinds to prevent strangulation * Replacing or installing weather seal arounds doors prevent cool or warm air from escaping * Roof repair and replacement. *Adding wall(s) and door(s) for additional bedroom(s) as prevents overcrowding. *Fixing chimneys and install woodstove(s). *Fixing or replacing cabinetry. *Replacing tub(s). No new construction or ground disturbance is proposed.

Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:

Approximate size of the project area: more than 1 square mile

Length of time covered by this review: 5 Years

Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:
50

Level of Environmental Review Determination:

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

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.

Approval Documents:

[Tiered Environmental Review.pdf](#)

[990791.pdf](#)

[EverettDailyHerald_20240131_B07.pdf](#)

[Request for Release of Funds and Certification_signed_02092024.pdf](#)

7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on: 2/9/2024

7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer on:

Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
WAHHP0035-20	Other	Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing	\$0.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$1,100,000.00

Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	Describe here compliance determinations made at the broad level and source documentation.
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6		
Airport Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The project is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport but is within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. However, the project is not located within an Accident Potential Zone (APZ) or Runway Protection Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ). Further, the Darrington airport is unattended and is not included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) as a civil primary and commercial service airport per the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (2023-2027). This project is in compliance with HUD'S airport hazard regulations without further evaluation.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This project is located in Washington

		State. This state does not contain CBRS units. Therefore, this project is in compliance with the Coastal Barriers Resources Act without further evaluation.
Flood Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.5		
Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not involve activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project does not include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, industrial facilities, or five or more dwelling units, and does not constitute a significant new source of air pollution. Further, per the US EPA website NEPAassist, there are no nonattainment or maintenance areas for Ozone, Lead, SO ₂ , PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀ , CO or NO ₂ in the project area. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act without further evaluation.
Coastal Zone Management Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Contamination and Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Endangered Species Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the specifics of both the project and potential presence of federally listed species, the project will have no effect on listed species or critical habitat. This project has no new construction.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not include a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries). This project consists only of rehabilitation of existing residential units that will not increase residential densities. This project is in compliance with HUD's Explosive and Flammable Hazards standards without further evaluation.
Farmlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not include any activities, including new construction,

		acquisition of undeveloped land, or conversion, that would convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. Rehabilitation activities are within a previously developed urban area. This project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act without further evaluation.
Floodplain Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This project meets the requirements of 24 CFR 55.12(a)(3). The project is for residential units covered under the NFIP as needed. The project does not involve conversion, does not increase the footprint, and does not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under s. 55.2(b)(10). See 5-Step process in the attached.
Historic Preservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	On November 1, 2023, the Tribal Historical Preservation Office (THPO) reviewed the proposed rehabilitation of homes to be covered under the Healthy Homes Grant. It was determined that the project will have NO IMPACT on cultural and historical properties. Note also that no ground-disturbing activities are proposed as part of the project.
Noise Abatement and Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The rehabilitation activities would include standardized noise attenuation measures that apply to all modernization and/or minor rehabilitation projects. Noise attenuation measures will be site- and house-specific depending on the repairs needed. Rehabilitation could include any, or a combination, of the above measures, but the extent of rehabilitation is not determined until the units have been assessed. All rehabilitation work will utilize modern building materials. As units and houses are rehabilitated, gaps will be sealed, new materials (such as windows and doors) would be installed, and elements will be brought up to current building codes.
Sole Source Aquifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Per the US EPA's Regional Sole Source Aquifer map, the project site is not

		<p>located on a sole source aquifer (SSA) review area or streamflow source area. The Sole Source Aquifer authority does not apply.</p>
<p>Wetlands Protection</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project does not involve new construction (including draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and any structures or facilities), expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance. Executive Order 11990 does not apply to projects that do not involve new construction in a wetland.</p>
<p>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The Sauk River, located to the east of the project area, is part of the Skagit Wild and Scenic River system. However, all proposed project components are outside of the wild and scenic river and associated buffer. The closest house to the Skagit Wild and Scenic River System is on Chief Brown Lane and over approximately 0.25 miles from the river. Further, the project is not a water resources project, and it will not affect the free-flowing condition of the wild and scenic river in any way. The project will not directly or adversely affect the wild and scenic river boundaries. No dams, water diversion, fisheries habitat and watershed restoration/ enhancement, bridge and other roadway construction/reconstruction, bank stabilization, channelization, levee construction, recreation facilities (such as boat ramps and fishing piers), or activities that require a Section 404 permit from the ACOE, are proposed. Per National Wild & Scenic River System (2014), a determination under Section 7 is not required. There are no rivers or river segments currently being studied as a potential component of the Wild & Scenic River system in proximity to the project area. Per the National Park Service Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) there are no river segments within or in proximity to the project site which</p>

		<p>possess one or more "outstandingly remarkable" values that could potentially qualify as national wild, scenic or recreational river areas. The closest river is the North Fork of the Stillaguamish, which is approximately 2 miles from the project, at its closest point.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
<p>Environmental Justice</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>There were no adverse environmental effects from this proposed project, and no adverse environmental impacts that were disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities. According to USEPA's EJ Screen, there are protected communities in the project area and within a 0.5-mile radius. According to the 2016-2021 ACS report, 28% of the total population in the project area (plus 0.5-mile buffer) are people of color of which 14% of the total population are American Indian. In addition, 31% of the households have a total household income of less than \$25,000. While the proposed project encompasses an area with protected classes (>5% by race, >5% by income), the purpose of the project is to benefit low-income and minority (AI/AN) homeowners with health and safety repairs and other essential repairs that restore or maintain livability, providing an overall beneficial outcome. Therefore, there are no adverse and disproportionate impacts to minority communities identified in this environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.</p>

Supporting documentation

[Air-Quality-Partner-Worksheet_Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

[Coastal-Barrier-Resources-Act-Partner-Worksheet_Sauk Suiattle Tribe .pdf](#)

[Coastal-Zone-Management-Act-Partner-Worksheet_Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

[Endangered Species Act-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

[Environmental-Justice-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk-Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

[Farmlands-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

[Flood-Insurance-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

- [Floodplain-Management-Partner-Worksheet_Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Historic-Preservation-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Sole-Source-Aquifer-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Wetlands-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Wild-and-Scenic-Rivers-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Airport Hazards Worksheet HUD Sauk-Suiattle Update.pdf](#)
- [Contamination-Toxic-Substances-Single-Partner-Worksheet_Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Explosives-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)
- [Noise-CEST-Partner-Worksheet-Sauk Suiattle Tribe.pdf](#)

Written Strategies

The following strategies provide the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review for each law, authority, and factor that will require completion of a site-specific review.

1	<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Compliance with the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 is to be determined on site specific basis. The following is not applicable to properties on Price Street, Forest Lane, Commercial Avenue, Givens Avenue and Montague Street, which are in FEMA Zone X (area of minimal flood hazard). The following is applicable to properties on Chief Brown Lane, Bryson Lane, and SR 530. * The FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area is not mapped within and near the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Reservation, including on or near Chief Brown Lane, Bryson Lane, and SR 530. (See Flood map: 5301510495C, effective on 1/3/1985). The Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe intends to remain in compliance and in good standing with the NFIP. The Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe maintains a \$1M Flood coverage limit per occurrence and annual aggregate through Brown & Brown insurance (see attachment below). If any of the projects are located in Zone AE, with rehabilitation costs exceeding \$10,000, the property owner will need to provide a copy of a current flood insurance policy which will be included in the Tier 2 review. If the owner cannot and/or will not purchase flood insurance, the project may not be funded through this grant.</p>
2	<p>Coastal Zone Management</p>

	<p>Coastal Zone Management Act Compliance for HUD-Funded Projects in Washington State As of July 22, 2020, Ecology notified the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the following: "Ecology has concluded that it is unnecessary for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to continue to send project information in order to receive Ecology's concurrence that the funding phase of the project is consistent with Washington's CZMP. Therefore, we are writing to inform you that HUD no longer needs to require applicants to send Ecology letters seeking our concurrence on projects for which HUD plans to release federal funding." (HUD, n.d.). However, Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) compliance may still apply. These requirements will be brought up at the time of local and/or national permitting, as applicable to each rehabilitation project. Per Ecology and HUD: "Concurrence from Dept. of Ecology for Coastal Zone Management is no longer required under a Part 58 or Part 50 Environmental Review in Washington State. However, at the time of project development, the activity may trigger review if it falls under other parts of the CZMA regulations for federal agency activities (Title 15 CFR Part 930, subpart C), or consistency for activities requiring a federal license or permit (Title 15 CFR Part 930, Subpart D) and will be subject to all enforceable policies of the Coastal Zone Management Program. It is during the local permitting process that a project might be subject to CZM and further review by the Dept of Ecology." (HUD, n.d.). As these rehabilitation projects undergo local (county/city) and/or national permitting processes, the necessity for CZMA compliance may arise. The decision to ensure CZMA compliance typically rests with the regulatory authorities overseeing the permitting process. In instances where the regulator mandates CZMA compliance, it becomes part of the project approval criteria. CZMA compliance is often required when a project triggers specific conditions related to coastal areas. Such triggers may include, but are not limited to: * Proximity to Coastal Zones. * Impact on Coastal Resources. None of the rehabilitation activities propose ground disturbance or impacts to coastal zones, waterfronts, wetlands, estuaries, or marine habitats. Regardless, the projects will remain attentive to the specific requirements set forth by local and national regulatory bodies during the permitting phase. In cases where CZMA compliance is deemed necessary, thorough assessment and adherence to the Coastal Zone Management Act will be undertaken to ensure the project aligns with the coastal management objectives outlined by the state of Washington.</p>
3	Contamination and Toxic Substances
	<p>Site-specific analysis will be required, please see attachment below. Several of the subject properties were built pre-1978. Properties will need to be surveyed and tested for lead-based paint and asbestos, as appropriate.</p>

Supporting documentation

[Contamination and Toxics Written Strategy_240124.pdf](#)

[Coastal Zone Management Written Strategy_240122.pdf](#)

[Flood Insurance Written Strategy_240122.pdf](#)

APPENDIX A: Site Specific Reviews