



Washington, D.C. 20530

Finding of No Significant Impact

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) grant program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants to Indian Tribal Governments (ARRA GTTG) in Washington, DC to renovate ten housing units for victims of domestic violence on tribal lands. This EA has been prepared to address the effects of the proposed project.

Proposed Action

The EA covers the use of federal funds for renovating ten structures that would be used as shelters, safe homes, or transitional living units for recipients of the ARRA GTTG funding. All tribes may use funds for minor renovations that do not change the basic prior use of the facility or the size. Examples of such renovations include painting, replacing carpet, hanging window treatments, and making needed repairs such as electrical or plumbing repairs. If tribes want to use funds for more serious renovations, such as renovations that change the size of the facility, the tribe needs to prepare an environmental assessment for OVW approval. Ten larger renovation projects are addressed in this EA. Projects are funded for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Houlton Band of Maliseet, Keweenaw Bay, Mississippi Band of Chocktaw, Osage Nation, Sault Ste. Marie, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Tulalip Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc. (Crow Creek Sioux Tribe).

Project Location

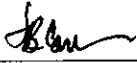
The Proposed Action is a nation-wide program that provides federal funding directly to federally recognized Indian Tribes and authorized designees of Tribes. Renovations will occur in Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington.

Findings

OVW has determined that the Proposed Action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Less than significant impacts would occur from renovation of housing at ten locations. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for this proposal.

Approved

Denied



Susan B. Carbon
Director

10/6/10

Date