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September 10, 2013

Montana Environmental Quality Council
PO Box 201704
Helena, MT 59620-1704

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Hill County Commissioners and the Havre Eagles Manor, please find the enclosed documents for your records:

- Finding of Cat Ex
- Notice of Intent to Request Release of funds (NOI/RROF)

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 265-9226 or e-mail mturville@bearpaw.org.

Regards,

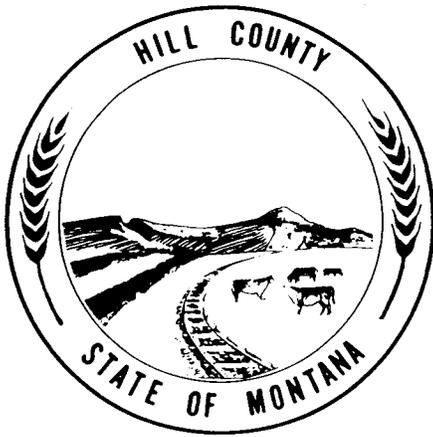
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Director of Community Development

Cc: Hill County
Eagles Manor
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LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE



COUNTY OF HILL

Hill County Courthouse

315 4th Street

Havre, Montana 59501

[406] 265-5481 Ext. 227

Fax [406] 265-2445

August 23, 2013

Gus Byrom
Montana Department of Commerce
Community Development Division
PO Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523

Dear Mr. Byrom:

It is the finding of the County of Hill, Montana, that the following activities approved for funding under the Montana CDBG program are defined as categorically excluded under 24 Part 58.35 of the Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Programs, and that these activities are in compliance with the environmental requirements of related federal authorities. The activities and the statutory authority for exclusion are listed below:

1. Replacement of Roof and Boilers of the Havre Eagles Manor.

Authority – Section 58.35(a)(3)(ii): unit density is not changed more than 20%; project does not involve changes in land use; and estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75% of replacement after rehabilitation.

As part of the final design process, the architects have discovered asbestos in the roof and in the boiler room. Abatement will be performed in accordance with all state and federal guidelines. We are currently working with the Brownfields program to assist with the cost of the abatement.

Compliance with the environmental requirements of other federal authorities is indicated on the attached Statutory Checklist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Wendland".

Michael Wendland
Chair, Hill County Commission
Environmental Certifying Officer

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

August 23, 2013

Hill County
315 4th Street
Havre, MT 59501

(406) 265-5481

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before September 5, 2013, the above-named County will request the Montana Department of Commerce to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL93-383) for the following project:

PROJECT, TITLE OR NAME: Havre Eagles Manor Rehabilitation

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: Replacement of the roof and boiler system of the Havre Eagles Manor

LOCATION (CITY, COUNTY, STATE): Havre, Hill County, Montana

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination or copying, upon request.

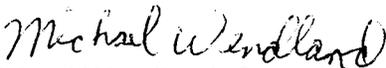
The County of Hill will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Montana Department of Commerce, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The County of Hill is certifying to the Department of Commerce that the County of Hill and Commissioner Michael Wendland, in his or her official capacity as Chairperson of the County Commission, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, Hill County may use the CDBG funds, and the Department of Commerce will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as delegated to the State of Montana through the 1981 Amendments to the Housing and Community Development Act.

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (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 DOC; 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 design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the CDBG Program, Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 200523, 301 S. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Department of Commerce. No objection received after September 20, 2013 will be considered by the Department of Commerce.


Michael Wendland, Commissioner

Hill County Courthouse
Havre, Montana 59501

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