



**COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

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**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
Saipan, MP 96950

Tel: (670) 234-9447/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after **October 17, 2025**, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following projects and purposes in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Project/Activity Type	Purpose	Location	Total Project Cost
New Construction: CNMI Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center	Construct a concrete Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center to establish a service site where community members can access preventive and mental health program services.	Lot No. 134 D12, and 134 D13, Navy Hill, Saipan	\$784,100.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed project will not significantly impact the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. It may be examined or copied during regular work hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI or Austerity Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan,

MP 96950, or direct delivery to the central office in Garapan, Saipan. All comments received by **October 17, 2025, 4:30 p.m.**, will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands before authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Honolulu Field Office that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Arnold I. Palacios consent 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. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of **fifteen days** following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to the **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Honolulu Field Office, 1003 Bishop Street, Suite 2100, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813** and CPDHonolulu@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/David M. Apatang
Governor, CNMI



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410
www.hud.gov/panol.hud.gov

Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: CNMI Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center

Responsible Entity: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)
P. O. Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): Commonwealth Health Care Corporation
P. O. Box 500409
Saipan, MP 96950

State/Local Identifier: DUNS No. 854856277

Preparer: Brandy C. Gonzales, Planning Administrative Assistant
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

Certifying Officer Name and Title: David M. Apatang, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): Commonwealth Health Care Corporation
P. O. Box 500409
Saipan, MP 96950

Consultant (if applicable): N/A

Direct Comments to: Zenie P. Mafnas, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

Project Location: Lot no. 134 D12 and 134 D13, Navy Hill, Saipan

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

The project involves the construction of a single unit located in Navy Hill, designated for the CHCC, to establish a service site where community members can access preventive and mental health program services.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The programs and services aim to promote health, prevent disease, and decrease preventable morbidity and mortality with the CNMI population.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

The Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center will serve as a dedicated facility for community members to access preventive and mental health programs. These programs and services are intended to promote overall wellness, prevent disease, and reduce preventable morbidity and mortality within the CNMI population.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-24-CP-MP-0519	CDBG	\$784,100.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$784,100.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$784,100.00

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

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		

<p>Airport Hazards</p> <p>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) has confirmed that the project is located outside of the Runway Protection Zone.</p> <p><i>-Appendix A</i></p>
<p>Coastal Barrier Resources</p> <p>Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has determined that the proposed construction project is neither partially nor wholly located within or adjacent to DCRM's designated Areas of Particular Concern (APCs).</p> <p><i>- Appendix B</i></p>
<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has determined that the proposed project is not located within the designated Special Flood Zone Area based on the FEMA map.</p> <p><i>- Appendix C</i></p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5</p>		
<p>Clean Air</p> <p>Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the environment, as defined under the by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).</p> <p><i>- Appendix D</i></p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management</p> <p>Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has determined that the proposed construction project is neither partially nor wholly located within or adjacent to DCRM's designated Areas of Particular Concern (APCs).</p> <p><i>- Appendix B</i></p>
<p>Contamination, Radon and Toxic Substances</p> <p>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the environment, as defined under the by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).</p> <p><i>- Appendix D</i></p>

<p>Endangered Species</p> <p>Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has determined that the proposed project is not expected to adversely affect threatened or endangered (T&E) species.</p> <p>- <i>Appendix E</i></p>
<p>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</p> <p>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the environment, as defined under the by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).</p> <p>- <i>Appendix D</i></p>
<p>Farmlands Protection</p> <p>Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) determined that the proposed project is not expected to impact any protected wildlife species.</p> <p>- <i>Appendix F</i></p>
<p>Floodplain Management</p> <p>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has determined that the proposed project is not located within the designated Special Flood Zone Area.</p> <p>- <i>Appendix C</i></p>
<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Division of Historic Preservation has determined that the proposed project will not affect any historic properties.</p> <p>- <i>Appendix G</i></p>
<p>Noise Abatement and Control</p> <p>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the environment, as defined under the by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).</p> <p>- <i>Appendix D</i></p>
<p>Sole Source Aquifers</p> <p>Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) does not contain any designated Sole Source Aquifers.</p> <p>- <i>Appendix H</i></p>
<p>Wetlands Protection</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has determined that the proposed construction project is neither</p>

Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5		partially nor wholly located within or adjacent to DCRM's designated Areas of Particular Concern (APCs). - <i>Appendix B</i>
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) does not contain any designated Wild and Scenic Rivers. - <i>Appendix I</i>
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The construction of the Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center is not expected to result in any significant environmental impacts.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 & 1508.27] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	The Saipan Zoning Office has determined that the proposed project is permissible within the Village Residential zoning district. - <i>Appendix J</i>
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/	2	The soiled description as per the USDA Soil Conservation Service for the Navy Hill area is Shallow and moderately

Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff		deep, well drained, nearly level to strongly sloping soils; on limestone plateaus. - <i>Appendix K</i>
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	2	The contractor will be required to obtain all necessary permits from the Department of Public Works (DPW) prior to commencing construction. The permitting agencies will provide guidance to ensure hazard prevention, noise mitigation, and overall site safety.
Energy Consumption	2	The project entails the construction of a Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	The primary objective of the project is the construction of a Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	The project site is located within an area comprising residential homes and small businesses. The construction of a Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center is not expected to adversely affect the surrounding community or alter the demographics of the site.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The project will not affect any cultural or educational facilities.
Commercial Facilities	2	The project will not affect any commercial facilities.
Health Care and Social Services	2	The project will not affect any health care and social services.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The project will not affect any solid waste disposal or recycling facility.
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	The project will not affect any wastewater or sanitary sewers.
Water Supply	2	The project will not affect any water supply.

Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The project will not affect any public safety facilities.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The project will not impact any parks, open spaces, or recreation. The project site does not contain any existing park facilities.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The proposed project will not impact any transportation facilities and will be developed in accordance with the standards established under the CNMI zoning regulations.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	The project site has been previously developed, therefore, the proposed project is not expected to impact any natural features or water resources.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	The proposed project is not expected to impact any vegetation or wildlife. The project site is a previously developed area, formerly occupied by the Samoan Housing.
Other Factors	2	The project has been determined to have no significant environmental impact. The contractors will comply with all guidance and requirements provided by the permitting agencies prior to commencing construction.

Additional Studies Performed: The proposed project is not anticipated to result in any significant environmental impacts. All relevant regulatory agencies were consulted during the preparation of this Environmental Assessment.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): February 27, 2025 @ 2:00 PM- By Tricia Tenorio, NMHC Planner and Brandy Gonzales, NMHC Planning Administrative Assistant

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

1. Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)
2. Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM)
3. Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
4. Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)
5. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
6. Zoning Board
7. CNMI Historic Preservation Office (HPO)
8. Soil Survey Documentation from USDA Soil Conservation Service
9. Region 9 Documentation on Designated Sole Source Aquifers from EPA
10. Documentation from the Natural Park Service for Scenic Rivers in the CNMI
11. FEMA flood plain maps

List of Permits Obtained:

DFW Permit No. 25S-238N (for the construction of a new integrated outpatient center). Prior to commencement of the project, the contractor will be responsible for obtaining a “One Start Permit” issued by the Department of Public Works (DPW) or the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal and Quality (BECQ). Copies of all permits will be included in the project files upon identification of the selected contractor. -Appendix E

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) will issue the “Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)” and the “Request for the Release of Funds (RROF)” following the execution of the Environmental Assessment by the Certifying Officer. The notice will be published for a period of fifteen (15) days in the local newspaper, on the NMHC website, and on the official NMHC Facebook page.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

The construction of the Community Health Education and Crisis Response Center is not expected to result in any significant environmental impact. The project will be closely monitored by the CHCC and relevant permitting agencies to ensure compliance with applicable permit and building code requirements.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]

The project has been determined to have no significant impact on the environment. The construction activities are temporary in nature and will not result in long-term effects.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

N/A

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The project is not expected to result in adverse environmental impacts, as it is designed for the benefit of the community. The construction is temporary in nature, and the contractor will adhere to all conditions stipulated in the issued permits.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all 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 in the mitigation plan.

Prior to commencement, the contractor will be required to obtain all necessary permits before initiating construction activities.

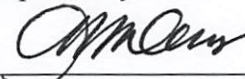
Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
N/A	

Determination:

- Finding of No Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

- Finding of Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

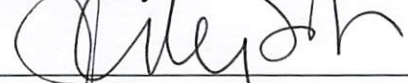
Prepared By:



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Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Date: 09/16/2025


Concurred By:



Zenie P. Mafnas, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Date: 9/22/25

Certifying Officer:



David M. Apatang, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Date: 9/24/25

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