

# HEROS

## HUD Environmental Review Online System

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# What is HEROS?

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- HEROS replaces HUD's current paper-based environmental review process:
  - Form 4128
  - Form 7015.15
  - Form 7015.16
- HEROS walks users through the entire environmental review process from beginning to end, including compliance with related laws and authorities.

It works for Part 50 *and* Part 58 environmental reviews in all HUD programs.

# HEROS Availability

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HEROS was introduced to programs/users on a rolling schedule.

ONAP is participating in a HEROS pilot through October 2018.

Tribes participating in the ONAP pilot and their associated partners (TDHEs, consultants, and PHAs) may register for HEROS and provide feedback.

Starting in November 2018, HUD will open up HEROS registration to all Tribes and their partners.

The Partner User Role in HEROS is only available to ONAP pilot participants, FHA Multifamily, and the RAD program at this time.

- HUD plans to allow Partners to use HEROS for Public Housing and CPD reviews later in 2018

# Who's Who in HEROS?

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**HUD Preparer**



**Partner**

- TDHEs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Consultants



**Responsible Entity**

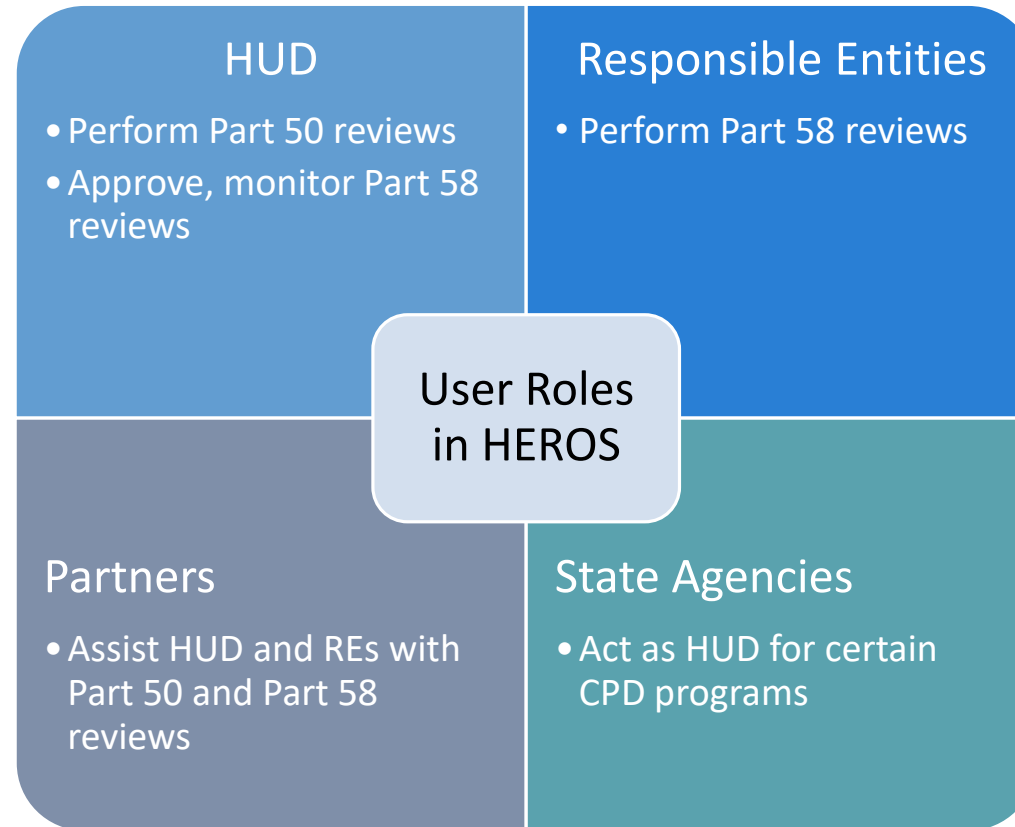
- Tribe



**ECO**

- FEO/REO review and comment on EAs over 200 units

# HEROS has Four Basic User Roles



# Part 58 and Part 50 User Roles

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**Part 58:** Tribes prepare the environmental review and Request for Release of Funds, submit to HUD for completion of the Authority to Use Grant Funds.

- If the Tribe works with a TDHE or third-party consultant, those partner users may enter supporting documentation into HEROS.
- The Tribe must **independently evaluate** their work & complete the environmental reviews before submitting to HUD.

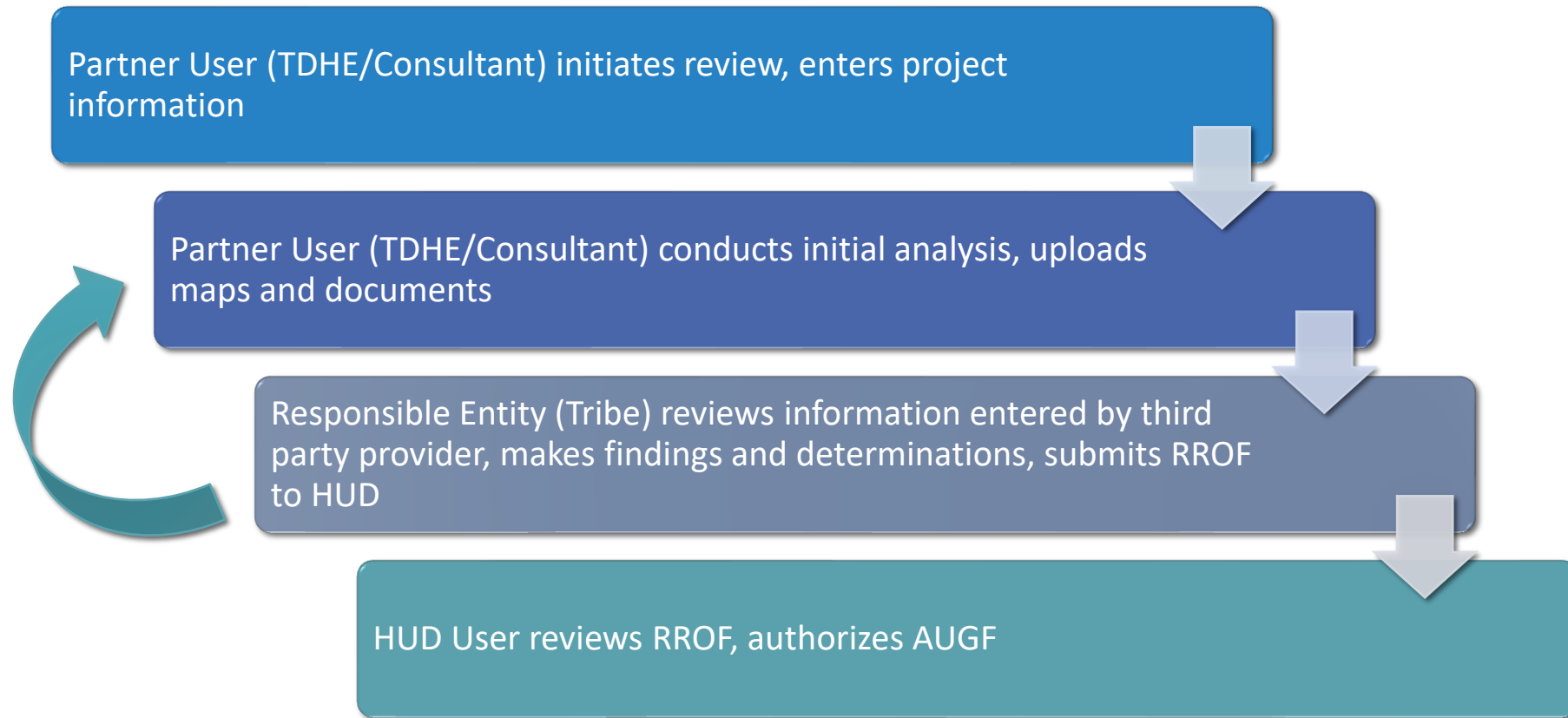
**Part 50:** HUD prepares the environmental review and may work with grantees or third-party consultants to assist with the supporting documentation.

- Partners such as grantees or consultants may enter supporting documentation into HEROS.
- HUD must **independently evaluate** their work & finalize the environmental reviews.

Certain aspects of environmental review (e.g. agency consultation) must be completed by the Tribe or HUD.

# Part 58 Example Process

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# Tribal Consultation in HEROS

## Screen Summary

### Compliance Determination

Describe the basis that led to your determination here, identifying all key elements from your support documentation that substantiate your determination. The following minimum language is based on your responses in this section. You are strongly encouraged to edit this language to provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Based on Section 106 consultation the project will have No Adverse Effect on historic properties. Conditions: None. Upon satisfactory implementation of the conditions, which should be monitored, the project is in compliance with Section 106.

### Supporting documentation

Upload all supporting documents required in this section here:

### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Only Responsible Entity (for Part 58) or HUD (for Part 50) Users may respond to this question. Ensure that this question is complete before finalizing the review.

- Yes  
 No



# HEROS Tool & Resources

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Training materials on the HUD Exchange include:

- User Guide
- How-To Videos
- FAQs
- HUD Exchange “Ask A Question”
- Live Q&A Webinars
- HEROS Worksheets



Materials are available at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/heros>

# Questions?

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Technical questions about HEROS should go to Ask A Question at <https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/>.

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You will receive more information from ONAP when HEROS is registration is open to all Tribes and their partner organizations