

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

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Saint Paul.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after February 16th, 2023, the City of Saint Paul will submit a request to the Community Planning and Development Division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq., to undertake a project known as the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services' Minnehaha-Reaney Ave E Redevelopment for the purpose of constructing two new single-family homes with attached accessory dwelling units, and the rehabilitation of an existing home that will have a new detached accessory dwelling unit constructed. The project will involve \$700,000 in CDBG funds and \$3,000 in "New Market Tax Credits" from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, with an estimated total project cost of \$2,346,500. The parcels set for redevelopment are at 621 Minnehaha Ave E, 629 Minnehaha Ave E, and 626 Reaney Ave E, Saint Paul

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Saint Paul has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Saint Paul and will be made available for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Victor White, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 or by email to victor.white@ci.stpaul.mn.us. The ERR can also be accessed online at the following websites:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>
and <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-and-economic-development/planning/current-activities/environmental-review>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Saint Paul, Department of Planning and Economic Development. Please submit comments to the City of Saint Paul by U.S. mail to Victor White, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 or by email to victor.white@ci.stpaul.mn.us. All comments received by February 16th, 2023, will be considered by the City of Saint Paul prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. If after the 15-day comment period ends, no comments are received or all comments received have been resolved, HUD may issue the Authority to Use Grant Funds authorizing the release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Saint Paul certifies to HUD that Melvin Carter III in his capacity as Mayor consents 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Saint Paul to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Saint Paul's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Saint Paul; (b) the City of Saint Paul has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Minnesota Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning and Development (CPD) via email at CPD_COVID-19OEE-MIN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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