

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

February 9th, 2023
City of Saint Paul
1400 City Hall Annex
25 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
651-266-6700

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 25th, 2023, the City of Saint Paul will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title 2 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Multifamily Risk-Share Funds under Section 542(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Phalen Village Senior Housing project. The project activity will consist of the construction of a 76-unit apartment building at 1180-1186 Prosperity Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106. The project is set to receive \$1,500,000 in HOME funds and \$4,749,000 in FHA Multifamily Risk-Share Funds. The total project cost is estimated to be \$25,677,071.

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 25th, 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 its Certifying Officer 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 Saint Paul Housing Agency 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 its 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD via email at CPD_COVID-19OEE-MIN@hud.gov and to the Minnesota Office of HUD, Multifamily, via email at Ray.Stiles@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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