

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

June 8, 2023

City of Saint Paul
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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 about June 23, 2023 the City of Saint Paul will submit a request to the department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funds (CPF) under Division I, Title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, to undertake a project known as the North End Community Center, for the purpose of constructing a new community center campus that includes a 25,000 square foot building, sports fields and courts, a children's playground, parking lot, sidewalks, and related supporting facilities within 5.9 +/- acres at 145 Lawson Avenue West. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$30 million dollars with a \$4 million award for HUD Community Project funding grant.

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. 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>. Please submit your request by email to Marilyn.Rosendahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us or by U.S. mail to Marilyn Rosendahl, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

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 Marilyn Rosendahl, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 or by email to Marilyn.Rosendahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us. All comments received by June 23, 2023, will be considered by the City of Saint Paul prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. 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

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Saint Paul certifies to HUD that 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 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 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. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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