

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

March 16, 2026

City of Saint Paul
1300 City Hall Annex
25 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
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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 March 16, 2026 the City of Saint Paul will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq., of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, to undertake a project known as the 259 University Ave Acquisition and Demolition. 259 University Ave W is a commercial building located in the Frogtown neighborhood and Ward 1 in the City of Saint Paul. It is located in a mixed-use zoned area, along the University Ave commercial corridor. The City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority is exploring the acquisition and subsequent demolition of the structure located at 259 University Avenue in the Frogtown Neighborhood. Upon the demolition the HRA would plan to sell the site through an Request for Proposal (RFP) process to a qualified development team. Project costs will be determined by sales negotiations but the current building is valued at approximately \$625,000 and staff anticipates needing anywhere from \$30,000-\$100,000 for demolition. Total HUD funding for the project is \$725,000 using Community Development Block Grant funding. The total project cost is \$725,000.

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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Saint Paul, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 and will be made available for in-person viewing or copying from 8 AM through 12 PM and 1 PM and 4 PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays and electronically upon request to stefan.hankerson@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

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, Attn: Stefan Duarte Breen, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 or to

stefan.hankerson@ci.stpaul.mn.us. All comments received by April 1, 2026 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Saint Paul certifies to HUD that Yasmine Robinson in her capacity as Planning Director and in her official capacity as 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 Aeon to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund 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 CPDRROFMIN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer:
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