

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

June 12, 2020

Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS: On or about June 30, 2020 the above named agency on behalf of Washington County will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, and for the release of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

Categorical exclusion subject to the Federal laws and authorities cited in §58.5 (CEST) Environmental Reviews were conducted on the following projects and converted to Exempt:

Public Facility Rehabilitation-Assistance to Hugo Good Neighbors Food Shelf to expand their facility in order to gain food storage space (\$55,550 CDBG); and

Public Improvements- Assistance to the City of Landfall to renovate their playground tot lot (\$44,200 CDBG); and

Tier One §58.5 (CEST) Environmental Reviews were conducted on the following projects:

Homeowner Rehabilitation – Assistance to low- and moderate-income households to rehabilitate owner-occupied residences located in Washington County (\$258,787 CDBG); and

Homeowner New Construction – Assistance to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity to construct single family homes on scattered site vacant lots in Washington County, Minnesota (\$166,028 HOME); and

Homeowner Acquisition and Rehabilitation – Assistance to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity for low- and moderate-income households to rehabilitate owner-occupied residences located in Washington County (\$240,000 CDBG); and

Homeowner Acquisition and Rehabilitation- Assistance to Two Rivers Community Land Trust to acquire and make energy efficient improvements two single family located in Washington County which will then be sold to low to moderate income households (\$90,000 HOME).

Tier Two Reviews will be conducted once sites are identified.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: It has been determined that the projects 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 Records (ERR) on file at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The ERR can also

be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Washington County CDA. All comments received by 4:30 P. M. CST on June 29, 2020 will be considered by the Washington County CDA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION: The Washington County CDA certifies to HUD that Melissa Taphorn in her capacity as Deputy Executive Director and 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 Washington County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Washington County CDA'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 Washington County; (b) the Washington County CDA 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 212 3rd Ave South Suite 150, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Melissa Taphorn, Executive Director and Certifying Officer