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

County of Oakland

1200 N. Telegraph Rd, Building 34E

Pontiac, MI, 48341

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On or about July 18, 2024 the County of Oakland will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Michigan State Field Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, and the Homeless Emergency Assistance & Rapid Transition to Housing Act, as amended, to undertake projects known as CDBG, HOME, and ESG for the purpose of:

* Public facility, neighborhood and housing improvements and public services benefiting low income persons;
* Acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of affordable housing for qualified homebuyers;
* Acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of affordable housing for qualified renters;
* Contract with qualified developers to create affordable housing for income qualified renters through acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction;
* Fund the operating expenses of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) when carrying out HOME funded homebuyers or rental projects;
* Fund qualified agency to perform data collection/evaluation through HMIS;
* Fund qualified agency to provide rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services for eligible homeless and or at risk for homelessness clients; and
* Fund qualified shelters for eligible essential services for homeless clients, shelter operations and organizational support.

Amounts to be environmentally released are:

CDBG $593,893 | HOME $1,709,689

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Oakland has 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 Record (ERR) on file at Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd, Building 34E, Pontiac, Michigan and may be examined weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development Division. All comments received by July 17, 2024, will be considered by the County of Oakland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The County of Oakland certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Michigan State Field Office that David Coulter in his capacity as Oakland County Executive 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.  The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Michigan State Field Office’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Oakland to use Program funds**.**

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Oakland’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 County of Oakland; (b) the County of Oakland 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or DetroitCPD@hud.gov.  Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Coulter, Oakland County Executive 

June 25, 2024