

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

October 20, 2026

City of Fort Smith

P.O. Box 1908

Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-784-2209

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **November 10, 2026**, the City of Fort Smith will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35), to undertake the following projects:

B-26-MC-05-0001(CDBG)

Year 52 Community Development Block Grant

G410726001-NH-P1: Nelson Hall Homes \$68,066.19 To replace exterior water shut off valves, sewer and water lines located beneath the slab and exterior sewer cleanouts for 16 units. Project will be located at 2100 North 31st Street, Fort Smith, AR.

G410726001-70-HA: Fort Smith Housing Assistance \$253,980.06, plus \$80,000 in estimated Program Income, to rehabilitate single family homes within the city limits of Fort Smith, AR. Addresses to be determined.

G410726001-SA-P2 The Salvation Army \$81,500.00 To rehabilitate the interior of two existing apartment units owned by the Salvation Army. Project is located at 323 North 6th St, Fort Smith, AR.

G410726001-AR-72 The Arc for the River Valley \$5,850.00 To construct a fence around an existing patio and equip a secure sensory patio. Project is located at 7821 Texas Rd.

G410726001-RH-HC Riverview Hope Campus \$19,500.00 To replace an HVAC unit in the shelter area. Project is located at 301 S E St, Fort Smith, AR.

M-26-MC-05-0202(HOME)

Year 32 HOME Investment Partnership Program

G410726002-CS-PI: CSCDC \$55,058.00 to acquire and rehabilitate 1 single family home located in the City of Fort Smith and resale it to income qualified person(s) or new construction.

G410725002-CS-DP: CSCDC \$275,291.07 to provide down payment assistance to low-income homebuyers in Fort Smith.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Fort Smith 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 City of Fort Smith, Community Development Office, located 623 Garrison, Room 310, Fort Smith, AR and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Fort Smith, Attn: Candyce Gabucci, Director of Community Development, and P.O. Box 1908, Fort Smith, AR 72902. All comments received by November 9, 2026, will be considered by the City of Fort Smith prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comment(s) should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Fort Smith certifies to HUD that Jeff Dingman, in his capacity as Acting City Administrator, 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 Fort Smith to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Fort Smith certification received by **November 30, 2026** or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Fort Smith approved by HUD; (b) the City of Fort Smith 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 project have 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) and shall be addressed to HUD, Attn: Colton Denton, 425 West Capital, Ste.1000, Little Rock, AR 72201. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Candyce Gabucci,

Director of Community Development

