

NOTICE of FINDING of NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE of INTENT to REQUEST RELEASE of FUNDS

November 6, 2020
City of Birmingham, Alabama
710 North 20th Street
Birmingham, AL 35203
205-254-2434

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Birmingham, Alabama.

REQUEST for RELEASE of FUNDS

On or about November 25, 2020 the City of Birmingham, Alabama (City) will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal Funds under Title II Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Cottages on Georgia Road

Project Location: 200 61st Street South, Birmingham, AL 35212
6004 Georgia Road, Birmingham, AL 35212

Nature & Scope of Project: Infrastructure and Construction of Rental Housing, Single-Family Homes and utilization of Project Based Vouchers

Estimated Funding: \$527,303.00 – HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
\$614,500.00 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Project Based Vouchers – Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)

FINDING of NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically and by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City's Community Development Department, 10th Floor-City Hall, 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2289 or by email to housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website www.birminghamal.gov/community-development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments on or before November 24, 2020 to Chris Hatcher, Interim Director, Community Development Department, 10th Floor, City Hall, 710 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2289. Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials or a copy of the report) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comments, please contact the City of Birmingham at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov or (205) 254-2309. Please include, "Request", in the e-mail subject line. All comments received by November 24, 2020 will be considered by Mr. Hatcher, prior to issuing a "Notice to Proceed". Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE of FUNDS

The City certifies to HUD that the City and Randall L. Woodfin, as Mayor 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 the City of Birmingham, AL to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS to RELEASE of FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City'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 Birmingham; (b) the City 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, Section 58.36) and shall be addressed to the Office of Community Planning and Development at HUD's Birmingham Office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-BHM@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Office of Community Planning and Development at HUD's Birmingham Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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