

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

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 24, 2024, the City of Fargo will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) (PL-101-625), as amended, to undertake a project known as the “Affordable Single-Family Housing for Ownership” project. Funds will be used for new construction of affordable, single-family residential twinhome units. The project locations are 213 24 Street South and 221 24 Street South, Fargo, ND, 58103. These parcels are owned by Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, who will be carrying out the project. The total estimated project cost (including non-HUD funding sources) is \$600,000 (\$300,000 per twinhome unit). Of the \$600,000, a total of \$400,000 (\$200,000 per twinhome unit) will be funded with HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds. This project will result in two affordable, single-family housing units to be occupied by low-to-moderate income households.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Fargo 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 Fargo, Planning and Development Department, 225 4th Street North, Fargo, ND 58102 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The ERR can also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request to the City of Fargo by email at Planning@FargoND.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Fargo via email at Planning@FargoND.gov. All comments received by May 23, 2024, will be considered by the City of Fargo prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify

whether they are addressing the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact or the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Fargo certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Timothy J. Mahoney, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Fargo, 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 Fargo to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Fargo'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 Fargo; (b) the City of Fargo 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Noemi Ghirghi, CPD Region VIII Director, at CPDRROFDEN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact CPDRROFDEN@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Timothy J. Mahoney, Certifying Officer
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