

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

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Cuyahoga County Department of Housing & Community Development
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Cuyahoga County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 12, 2024, at least one day after the end of a 7 day (7.5.24 – 7.11) Public Comment Period, Cuyahoga County, Ohio will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$350,000 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the 1472 Belle HOME Rehab Project for the purpose of expanding affordable housing opportunities for low-moderate income persons. Total estimated funding for this project from all sources is \$350,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 1472 Belle HOME Rehab Project entails comprehensive rehabilitation of the 1,690 square foot single-family home located at 1472 Belle Avenue (PPN 314-04-042), Lakewood, OH 44107. According to Cuyahoga County property records, the home was built in 1918 and a detached garage was added in 1997. The refurbished home will be sold to a low-moderate income household via the City's Affordable Housing Program (AHP) which develops and sells clean, safe, sanitary, energy-efficient, low-maintenance, affordable housing to owner-occupants whose annual earnings are less than 80% of Area Median Income.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

As the Responsible Entity, Cuyahoga County has determined the 1472 Belle HOME Rehab 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) documenting environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and may be examined or copied weekdays between 9am and 5pm. Please contact Prentis Jackson, Senior Development Housing Specialist, by phone (216-443-8856) or email (pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us) for additional information and/or assistance. The ERR may also be viewed at: <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments regarding the 1472 Belle HOME Rehab Project's Environmental Review Record to the Cuyahoga County's Department of Housing & Community Development. All comments received by Thursday July 11, 2024 will be considered by Cuyahoga County prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to HUD. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cuyahoga County certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) that Prentis Jackson, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Senior Development Housing Specialist, 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 Cuyahoga County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Cuyahoga County's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Cuyahoga County's Certifying Officer;
- b) Cuyahoga County has omitted a step or failed to render 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 in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be submitted to the HUD Columbus Field Office via email @ CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer

Prentis Jackson

Senior Development Housing Specialist

Cuyahoga County Department of Development