

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

June 28, 2024

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **July 13, 2024**, Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development will, per requirements described by the U.S. Treasury, follow the HOME guidelines to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds (ERA 2) to participate in funding the projects described below:

Gordon's Crossing proposal is a 54-unit, 4-story building (46 affordable units, plus 8 market rate units. The proposed location is about 1.88 acres of vacant land that will be assembled from 9 parcels (8 owned by the City of Cleveland Land Bank, plus one parcel owned by the project sponsor). The publicly owned parcels have been committed to the project. Of the total units, 10% will meet Section 504 as accessible for persons with mobility disabilities and 2% will be accessible for persons with hearing or visual disabilities. The proposed development will be located at the northwest corner of the intersection of East 101st Street and Woodward Avenue and deliver new high-quality infill development close to numerous amenities and employment opportunities in the University Circle area. Total project financing is \$15,257,403.00 of which Cuyahoga County is providing \$600K of Emergency Rental Assistance 2 funding (ERA 2).

For the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's contributions of \$600K of ERA 2 funds to Gordon's Crossing is being submitted to the public notification and clearance process.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** has determined that the projects will not have a 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) for the project on file at the **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** for review and may be examined or copied weekdays **8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to **Christopher Ronayne, County Executive, c/o the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, Attn: Prentis Jackson Jr., Senior Housing Development Specialist**. All comments received by close of business on **July 12, 2024**, will be considered by the **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** prior to submitting a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** certifies to HUD/U.S. Treasury that Christopher Ronayne in his capacity as 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its

responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use ERA 2 funds on the projects.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/U.S. Treasury will accept objections to its release of funds and the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development'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 Responsible Entity, RE; (b) the RE 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 via email 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, Office of Community Planning & Development at CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD/U.S. Treasury via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIROMENTAL REVIEW RECORD (ERR)

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) for **Gordon's Crossing** is available for Public Review via <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>