

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

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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 Department of HUD, follow the HOME guidelines to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to participate in funding the project described below:

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry is providing an innovative construction solution to provide new, affordable, attractive, and energy efficient permanent housing for persons exiting homelessness: a small-scale demonstration project showcasing small, multifamily building construction. Using the proprietary designs of project partner PadSmart, the proposed project will involve the construction of two houses (5209/11 Luther Ave and 5229 Luther Ave Cleveland Ohio 44103), with each containing two studio/efficiency units. Each building will be one-story and have about 1,600 square feet of space with no basement. Each unit will have its own kitchenette and bathroom. The panelized houses will be factory-constructed and assembled on-site. Total project financing is \$466,200.00 of which Cuyahoga County is providing \$200K of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

For the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's contribution of \$200,000.00 of HOME funds to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry 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 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 HOME funds on the projects.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD 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 via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD (ERR)

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) for **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's \$200K HOME Project** is available for Public Review via <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>