

# **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 **November 11, 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:

**Warner Swasey** is a project that will create 140 new units of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units in a mixed-used, mixed-income multi-family building focusing on both affordable and workforce housing. Many of the units will be affordable to households earning 30%-60% of Area Median Income, serving both elderly persons and lower-income families. Other units will be affordable to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income. The development will also include a fitness center and community room. Office space in the building will focus on nonprofit tenants in the technology and manufacturing fields with an emphasis on workforce development. The project will be constructed at 5701 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. Total project financing is \$51,595.04 of which Cuyahoga County is providing \$1 million 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 contribution of \$1 million is being submitted to the public notification and clearance process. The project was previously awarded \$450,000.00 via the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME) via the Department of Housing and Community Development.

## **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 **November 10, 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 ERA 2 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](mailto:CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

### **ENVIROMENTAL REVIEW RECORD (ERR)**

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