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

September 5, 2024

City of Tallahassee 300 S. Adams Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 850-891-7007

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Tallahassee.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Monday, September 23, 2024, the City of Tallahassee will submit a request to the HUD Jacksonville Office for the release of HOME Investments Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding under the HOME statute of Title II of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.), and Project-Based Voucher Program under Section 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535(d), as partial funding for the project known as the Lake Bradford Apartments for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing, located at 1131/1139 Kissimmee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32310, with an estimated total project cost of up to \$60,000,000. The project is located on approximately 4.75 acres and consists of the demolition of existing single-story single-family residential structures, auto repair structures, shed structures, and a church, which were all reportedly constructed between 1947 and 1968. The redevelopment consists of constructing one (1) four-story residential building consisting of one-hundred and fifty-eight (158) units of affordable rental housing.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Tallahassee has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment pending the completion of mitigation measures stated in the Environmental Assessment (EA). Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information, including mitigation measures, is contained in the EA on file with the City of Tallahassee's Housing Division, Renaissance Building, 3rd Floor, 435 N. Macomb Street, Tallahassee, Florida, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. EST. A copy of the EA is also available online at https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EA to the City of Tallahassee's Housing Division, 300 S. Adams Street, Box B-27, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301 or via email at housing@talgov.com. All comments received by Friday, September 20, 2024, will be considered by the City of Tallahassee prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Tallahassee certifies to HUD that Dr. Kimball Thomas in his capacity as Director of the Department of Housing and Community Resilience 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 Tallahassee to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Tallahassee'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 Tallahassee; (b) the City of Tallahassee 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Jacksonville Field Office at Charles E. Bennett Federal Building, 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dr. Kimball Thomas, Director Department of Housing and Community Resilience