NOTICE of FINDING of NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE of INTENT to REQUEST RELEASE of FUNDS

October 31, 2024
City of Birmingham, Alabama
710 North 20th Street
Birmingham, AL 35203
205-254-2309

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Birmingham, Alabama.

REQUEST for RELEASE of FUNDS

On or about November 19, 2024, the City of Birmingham, Alabama (City) will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office of Community Planning and Development, Congressional Grants Division to release FY2022 Community Project Funding Grant to undertake the following project:

Project Title: North Birmingham Elementary School Redevelopment Project

Project Location: 2620 North 35th Ave N Birmingham, AL 35207

Nature & Scope of Project: To retrofit North Birmingham Elementary School into a new affordable housing on an existing site.

Estimated Funding: $3,000,000.00 – FY2022 Community Project Funding Grant (under HUD Office of Community Planning and Development, Congressional Grants Division)

FINDING of NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City's Community Development Department, 10th Floor-City Hall, 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2289 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied for cost of reproduction weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments on or before November 19, 2024, to Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas, Director, Community Development Department, 10th Floor, City Hall, 710 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2289. All comments received by November 19, 2024, will be considered by Dr. Venable-Thomas, prior to issuing a "Notice to Proceed". Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE of FUNDS

The City certifies to HUD that the City and Randall L. Woodfin, as Mayor and certifying officer 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 Birmingham, AL to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS to RELEASE of FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City'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 Birmingham; (b) the City 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Office of Community Planning and Development at HUD's Birmingham Office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; The Plaza Building | 417 20th Street North, Suite 700 | Birmingham, AL 35203. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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