

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

September 6, 2024  
City of Columbus  
90 W. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about, but not before, September 23, 2024, the City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

- Hilltop Early Learning Center Parking Lot, for the purpose of constructing a parking lot adjacent to the Hilltop Early Learning Center. The City of Columbus plans to request \$1,100,000 in CDBG funds for the project, which is the estimated total project cost.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Columbus 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 Records (ERR) on file at the Department of Finance and Management at the above address, and the ERRs is available via email by contacting the Grants Management Section at [grantsmgmt@columbus.gov](mailto:grantsmgmt@columbus.gov).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on an ERR to the City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management at [gmkenedy@columbus.gov](mailto:gmkenedy@columbus.gov). All comments received by September 21, 2024, will be considered by the City of Columbus prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Columbus certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Kathy A. Owens, in her capacity as Director, Department of Finance and Management 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 Columbus to use HUD funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Columbus'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 Columbus; (b) the City of Columbus 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 the HUD Columbus Field Office at email address: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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