

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

December 17, 2025

City of Columbus
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Columbus, OH 43215
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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for an activity to be undertaken by the City of Columbus.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about, but not before, January 5, 2026, 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 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended, to undertake the following projects known as:

- **Opportunity Pointe I**, for the purpose of constructing 82 units of affordable housing in downtown Columbus. The City of Columbus is requesting \$1,000,000 in HOME funds for the project.
- **Opportunity Pointe II**, for the purpose of constructing 84 units of affordable housing in downtown Columbus. The City of Columbus is requesting \$1,000,000 in HOME funds for the project.

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 Record (ERR) on file at the City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management at the above address. The ERR is available via email by contacting 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 grantsmgmt@columbus.gov. All comments received by January 2, 2026, will be considered by the City of Columbus prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Columbus certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Christopher S. Long, in his 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' certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 via email 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 with the subject line being "Project Name and ER Objection." Potential objectors should contact HUD Columbus Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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