

City of Columbus
90 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
December 20, 2024

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

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, January 6, 2025, the City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management, will submit requests to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funds under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, as amended, and Project-Based Housing Choice Voucher (PBV) program funds under Section 8(o)(13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake the following project known as:

- **Scioto Rise Place**, for the purpose constructing a three-story apartment building with 60 one-bedroom apartments for individuals with a disability who have experienced or are at-risk of experiencing homelessness. The City of Columbus is requesting \$1,500,000 in HOME-ARP funds and \$14,904,000 in Project-Based Voucher Program (PBV) funds. 60 units will be under a PBV contract.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Columbus has determined that this 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 the Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section at 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, Grants Management Section at grantsmgmt@columbus.gov. All comments received by January 5, 2025, 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 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 Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the certifications of the City of Columbus 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) 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 for Scioto Rise Place 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 CPD Director, HUD Columbus Field Office at email address: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov with the subject line being "ER Objection – Scioto Rise Place" and the HUD Cleveland Public Housing Office at email address: clevelandpublichousing@hud.gov with the subject line being "ER Objection – Scioto Rise Place." Potential objectors should contact the HUD Columbus Field Office and the HUD Cleveland Public Housing Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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