COMBINED NOTICE Notice to Public of No Significant Effect on the Environment and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds

December 13, 2024

Kentucky Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants 100 Airport Road 3rd Floor Frankfort, KY 40601

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Kentucky Department for Local Government.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 31, 2024, the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Disaster Recovery Assistance Program funds to undertake a project known as Lifeworks Annex as detailed below.

Project Title: Project Location:	LifeWorks Annex 1176 Adams St, Bowling Green, Warren County Kentucky 42101 (36.993618322920796, -86.44916362586638).
Purpose of Project:	New construction of one, 8-unit affordable housing complex located at 1176 Adams Street in Bowling Green, Kentucky intended to serve the low to moderate income population. The purpose of the housing is to provide preference to post "graduation" independent housing for those individuals on the autism spectrum that have completed the LifeWorks program at Western Kentucky University (WKU). However, these units will be available to all other populations.
Project Cost:	\$800,000 in CDBG Disaster Recovery Assistance Program as part of a total project cost \$2,564,108.
Applicant/Recipient Agency	: Wabuck Development Company 100 Wabuck Drive Leitchfield, KY 42754

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

DLG 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 <u>https://dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/DR/2021DR/Pages/default.aspx</u> or at the office of Wabuck Development Company at 100 Wabuck Drive Leitchfield, KY 42754 (270259-5607); or the Kentucky Department for Local Government at the address at the top of this notice (502-573-2382); and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to DLG, Attn. Jennifer Peters, at the address at the top of this notice or via email to jennifer.peters@ky.gov. All comments received by December 30, 2024, will be considered by DLG prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DLG certifies to HUD that Matt Sawyers in his capacity as the Commissioner of DLG 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 DLG to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DLG's certification until January 15, 2025 or for a period of 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 DLG; (b) DLG 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/state; 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 and addressed HUD Office of Disaster Recovery 58) shall be to the at disaster recovery@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Matt Sawyers, Commissioner