# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

COMMONWEALTH COURT APARTMENTS

## November 22, 2024

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

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 9, 2024, the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purpose of carrying out the new construction of an affordable multifamily housing development. The proposed Commonwealth Court multifamily rental housing complex will consist of 66 units with a unit mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. There are 18 one-bedroom units, 30 two-bedroom units, and 18 three-bedroom units. This development will sit on approximately 11.08 acres and will have a scenic walking path, a spacious community room, dog park, solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations and QR code access parcel lockers. This project will utilize a portfolio bond financing structure to bring additional affordable housing opportunities in Graves County which has been identified as one of the most impacted by the 2021 Western Kentucky tornadoes. The estimated amount of CDBG-DR funds in the project is $6,800,000 and the total estimated cost is $14,937,000.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The 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 the Department for Local Government from the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or may be requested via email to Jennifer.Peters@ky.gov.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to DLG at: 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via email to Jennifer.Peters@ky.gov. All comments received by December 8, 2024, will be considered by DLG prior to submitting a request for release of funds to HUD. **Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.**

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The DLG certifies to HUDthat Matt Sawyersinhis capacity as Commissioner 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 DLG to use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DLG’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 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 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 Office of Disaster Recovery at disaster\_recovery@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## Matt Sawyers, Commissioner

Kentucky Department for Local Government