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

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These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Kentucky Department for Local Government (KY DLG).

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 8, 2025, the KY DLG will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Kentucky CDBG-DR Single Family Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program for the purpose of rehabilitating and reconstructing flood-damaged, single-family housing units for applicants who owned and lived in their home at the time of the federally declared disasters in 2021 and 2022. The estimated funding amount from HUD is $24,905,300*.* The project would occur throughout six counties in Kentucky including Floyd, Breathitt, Perry, Letcher, Knott, and Pike.

# FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND

This is to give notice that the KY DLG has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383). The proposed project is located on residential lots throughout six counties in Kentucky including Floyd, Breathitt, Perry, Letcher, Knott, and Pike. The proposed project would include repairs, reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition (including asbestos abatement/removal and lead based paint removal), manufactured housing replacement, elevation, utilities, wells and septic needs, mitigation, and related site improvements on existing storm-damaged residential lots. The program activities will be scattered across the above listed counties, and the Special Flood Hazard Zones A and AE comprise approximately 57,053 acres (20.36%) and the High-Risk Coastal Areas Zone VE comprise 0 acres (0%) of the Counties’ 100-year floodplain. FEMA has designated 1,411,513 acres (79.64%) to be in Zone X, outside the designated 1 percent annual floodplain.

The KY DLG has reevaluated the alternatives to building in a floodplain and determined that it has no practicable alternative. To provide complete housing unmet needs to affected County residents, the work must be done within the proposed area and not just areas outside the floodplain. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: The KY DLG or its designee will conduct a site-specific environmental review of each program application site to verify this to be the case. The replacement single-family housing will be in areas already zoned for single-family residences and on property privately owned by the applicant. Elevation and flood insurance will minimize future flood hazard.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The KY 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 KY DLG Office, 100 Airport Road 3rd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M-Eastern.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the KY DLG, Jennifer Peters, at jennifer.peters@ky.gov. All comments received by October 8, 2025 will be considered by the KY DLG prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The KY DLG certifies to HUD that Matt Sawyers in his capacity as the Commissioner of the KY 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 the Kentucky CDBG-DR Single Family Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program to use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the KY DLG’s certification until October 24, 2025 or a period of fifteen days of 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 KY DLG; (b) the KY 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 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