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 30, 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 Harper Village as detailed below.

Project Title:

Harper Village

Project Location:

445 Browning Street Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky

(37.336946984840004, -87.51253127564551).

Purpose of Project:

The project consists of the new construction of 32 affordable, modular,

energy-efficient one-, two-, and three-bedroom housing units.

Project Cost:

\$3,400,000 in CDBG Disaster Recovery Assistance Program and

\$6,200,315 in non-HUD funding for a total project cost \$9,600,315.

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 https://dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/DR/2021DR/Pages/default.aspx or at the office of Wabuck Development Company at 100 Wabuck Drive Leitchfield, KY 42754 (270-259-5607); 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 <u>jennifer.peters@ky.gov</u>. 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 58) and shall addressed Disaster to the **HUD** Office of disaster recovery@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Matt Sawyers, Commissioner