

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or after January 11, 2016, the City of Columbia will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME funds to undertake the following project:

- The purchase of 105 Lynn Street, 107 Lynn Street, 115 Lynn Street, 700 Oak, 104 W. Sexton, 106 W. Sexton, 108 W. Sexton, and 110 W. Sexton. The City will be utilizing \$120,355 in CDBG Rental Rehabilitation Program Income funds towards the project, which will involve acquisition of the lots. Redevelopment of the lots is anticipated to include up to \$300,000 in HOME funding and \$800,000 in CDBG funding.

The City has determined that the Environmental Assessment has a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) under HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Columbia Department of Community Development, 500 E. Walnut, Suite 108, Columbia, MO 65201 where the ERR can be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.; and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Columbia Department of Community Development. All comments received by 5:00 P.M. January 11, 2016 will be considered by the City of Columbia prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Release of Funds

The City of Columbia certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Mike Matthes, in his capacity as City Manager, 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 Columbia to use HUD program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Columbia's certification 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 the City of Columbia; (b) the City of Columbia 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 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Robert A. Young Federal Building, 1222 Spruce Street, Third Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mike Matthes, City Manager