

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

Environmental Assessment
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Hennepin County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **November 4, 2024**, Hennepin County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and Community Project Funding (CPF) under Public Law 117-328 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, as amended, to undertake a project known as Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHH) Mills Church Twin Homes as described below:

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity will utilize approximately \$225,000 HOME 2023, \$264,491 HOME 2024, and \$400,000 Community Project Funds (CPF) 2023 funding to support the estimated total development cost \$6,775,184 for construction and sale of ten twin home units in Minnetonka. The homes will be located at 3521 Baker Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305 (PID 1511722420027), and adjoining parcels (addresses yet to be assigned) PIDs 1511722420028, 1511722420029, and 1511722410058. These units will be sold to families earning between 30-80% AMI and will be held in a land trust by Homes Within Reach (HWR) to ensure long term affordability. These ten units will comprise the Mills Twin homes project, where the next-door Mills Church is supporting Twin Cities Habitat in the effort to create long term affordable homeownership in Minnetonka.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Hennepin County 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) may be requested via mail at the office of Hennepin County, Housing and Economic Development, 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55415-1843, or requested via telephone at 612-596-0983. The full ERR can also be viewed at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records> for review or requested via email to isak.collins@hennepin.us. In person review may be scheduled by appointment via the contact information above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Hennepin County. All comments received by **November 1, 2024** will be considered by Hennepin County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Hennepin County certifies to HUD that Kevin Dockry, in his official capacity as Chief Housing and Economic Development Officer the Certifying Officer for HUD programs, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows Hennepin County to use the CDBG and CPF funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hennepin County 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 Hennepin County; (b) Hennepin County 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; 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Minnesota Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning and Development (CPD) at CPDRROFMIN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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