

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

July 26, 2018

Minnesota Housing Finance

Agency

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 11, 2018

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will submit a request

to the HUD administering agency for the release of HUD Risk Share Mortgage Insurance Program under Section 542 (c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to undertake a project known as West Birch Estates for the purpose of rehabilitation of 16 units of permanent residential housing and new construction of 24 units of permanent residential housing (40 total units in project) for Multifamily use, estimated projects costs \$5,075,755. The project is located at 504 13th Ave N, Princeton, MN.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency 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 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, 400 Wabasha St N, Suite 400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102, where the ERR can be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5 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 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. All comments received by August 10, 2018 will be considered by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency certifies to HUD that Jennifer Wille in her capacity as Certified Environmental 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 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Minnesota Housing Finance Agency'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 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; (b) Minnesota Housing Finance Agency 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Ray Stiles, U.S. Department of HUD, Minneapolis Field Office, 212 3rd Ave S, Ste 150, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jennifer Wille, Certifying Officer

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