

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

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about August 1, 2016, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended as well as federal HOME Investment Partnerships funds under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following projects:

LFUCG Single Family Rehabilitation Program - provide low-interest loans to low-income homeowners and deferred loans to very low income homeowners for the purpose of bringing their homes into compliance with the housing code and to improve energy efficiency. Approximately 30 units will be rehabilitated during 2016 program year. The sites will conform to a Monitoring Strategy since the exact locations are unknown at this time. Approximately \$650,173 CDBG and \$100,000 HOME funds will be used.

Parkside Phase III Development – AU Associates will use HOME funds to construct a 3-story multifamily housing with total of 36 units to make available for rental to low – income family households. Approximately \$306,117 HOME funds will be used.

CHDO - Fayette County Local Development Corporation – redevelopment of 6 scattered site lots. Four units will be new construction and rehabilitation two single family units for rental to low – income households. Sites will conform to a Monitoring Strategy since the exact locations are unknown at this time. Approximately \$144,018 in HOME funds will be used.

Lexington Habitat for Humanity Housing Construction Program – provide developer subsidies to support new construction or rehabilitation of 3 single family homes for homeownership to low-income income persons. Sites will conform to a Monitoring Strategy since exact locations are unknown at this time. Approximately \$50,000 in HOME funds will be used.

Realtor Community Housing Foundation Repair Program - provide ramps and other accessibility renovations to houses of LMI person with mobility impairments. Approximately 4 household will be assisted. The sites will conform to a Monitoring Strategy since the exact locations are unknown at this time. Approximately \$10,000 in CDBG funds will be used.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly LFUCG has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, P.L. 91-190 (NEPA). The reason for the decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement is as follows:  
The projects will provide serve low and moderate income people or provide affordable housing units for low and moderate income persons with insignificant environmental impact.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the projects has been made by LFUCG, which documents the environmental review of each project. The Environmental Review Records are on file at the above address for LFUCG and is available for public examination or copying upon request, at the Division of Grants and Special Programs, 6th Floor, between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### Public Comments of FONSI

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by LFUCG to the Division of Grants and Special Programs. Such written comments should be received at 200 E. Main Street, 6th Floor, Lexington, KY 40507, on or before August 1, 2016. All comments will be considered and LFUCG will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project(s) prior to August 1, 2016.

#### Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF)

At least one day after the termination of the public comment period for the FONSI, but not before comments on the FONSI have been considered and resolved, LFUCG will submit a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification to HUD. By so doing, LFUCG will ask HUD to allow it to commit funds to these projects, certifying that Jim Gray, in his official capacity as the certifying officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, LFUCG may undertake this project, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under NEPA. HUD will consider an objection to release of funds and approval of this certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt if it is on one of the following bases; (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of the responsible entity; (b) LFUCG has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required 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 LFUCG; 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 to Release of Funds

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58, Subpart H), and may be addressed to HUD at: U.S. Department of HUD, Kentucky Office, 601 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202, Attn: Roger A. Leonard. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Objections to this undertaking on any bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD.

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