



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

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

November 29, 2023
City of Cleveland
Department of Community Development
601 Lakeside Ave., Room 320
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 664-4000

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for an activity to be undertaken by the City of Cleveland.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 15, 2023, the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program dollars, under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.), and Project Based Vouchers (PBV) dollars, under Section 8(o)(13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)); and Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-201), to undertake a project known as:

Gordon Crossing
9806 Woodward Avenue

Associated Permanent Parcel Numbers: 119-12-058; 119-12-059; 119-12-060; 119-12-061; 119-12-082; 119-12-083; 119-12-084; 119-12-085; 119-12-057

The four-story new construction project combines multiple vacant City of Cleveland land bank parcels to facilitate the construction of a 54-unit, general occupancy, and 60,845 sq. ft., affordable housing building in the Hough Neighborhood (Ward 7). The proposed development would be located at the intersection of East 101st Street and Woodward Avenue and deliver new high-quality infill development close to numerous amenities and employment opportunities including the Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University, Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Museum of Art, and Museum of Contemporary Art. The proposed development would be financed primarily through housing tax credits through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. The project would meet the need for keeping affordable housing in the area while continued investment occurs in the Hough Neighborhood thus allowing low-income residents in the area to not be displaced or priced out of the market.

Total project cost is approximately \$16,306,765 and the City of Cleveland is providing approximately \$600,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority is providing \$1,928,160 in Project Based Vouchers assistance.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The City of Cleveland 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. You may review this record at 601 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114 by making an appointment at (216) 664-4094, or by visiting the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development website at:

<https://www.clevelandohio.gov/city-hall/departments/community-development>

You may also review the environmental review by visiting HUD's Environmental Review Records page at:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/?filter_status=&filter_state=OH&filter_city=Cleveland&program=ERR&group=

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Cleveland. All comments received by December 14, 2023 will be considered by the City of Cleveland prior to authorizing submission of the request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Cleveland certifies to HUD that Martin Bielat, in his capacity as Compliance Manager, Department of Community Development, 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 Cleveland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cleveland's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submittal 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 Cleveland; (b) the City of Cleveland 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 the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Columbus Field Office at: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Department of Housing and Urban Development, Columbus Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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