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

August 18, 2025

City of Cleveland 601 Lakeside Ave, Rm 320 Cleveland, OH, 44114 216-664-4000

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **September 2nd, 2025** the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Section 212(a)(1) of Title II (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (as amended), the HOME American Rescue Plan funds under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L.117-2) ("ARP"), 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:

Gateway 66 at the intersection of East 66th Street and Linwood Avenue

for the purpose of constructing a new construction affordable housing development of 80 units serving general occupancy consisting of one and two-bedroom units in a mixed income community, with rents ranging from 30% AMI to market rate. The total project cost is estimated at \$26.8M and includes LIHTC funds. The City of Cleveland is funding the project with \$2,000,000 in ARPA funds; Cuyahoga County is funding the project with \$500,000 in HOME funds, and the project is under consideration of Project-Based Vouchers from Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority of approximately \$2,000,000. The project includes the following ppns: 106-08-033; 106-08-032; 106-12-001; 106-12-002; 106-12-042; 106-12-047; 106-12-003

CMHA is currently considering providing Project-Based Vouchers in Support of Buckeye-Woodhill Choice Neighborhoods (Choice Funds) located at 1521 East 66th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. No decision to commit funds has been made at this time. CMHA is providing this information to allow the project to be included in the Environmental Review public notice process, consistent with 24 CFR Part 58. A final decision regarding the use of Choice Funds in addition to HOME and ARPA funds will not be made until the environmental review process is completed and the project is approved in accordance with applicable requirements.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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 at City of Cleveland 601 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114 for review and may be examined by appointment at (216) 664-4000; or you may view it at HUD's Environmental Review Records page:

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 at ahernandez2@clevelandohio.gov or Cuyahoga County at spjackson@cuyahogacounty.gov. All comments received by **September 1, 2025** 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 Alyssa Hernandez, in her capacity of Director of the 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, Office of Community Planning and Development, Columbus Field Office at:

 $\underline{\text{CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov}} \text{ . Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.}$

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor City of Cleveland

Alyssa Hernandez, Director City of Cleveland Department of Community Development