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

August 11, 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 August 27, 2025, the City of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Department of Development 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 [42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq] and will authorize Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) to submit for the release of Project Based Vouchers 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)., as amended, and for Community Project Funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42) (the FY2024 Act), and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) (the Further FY2024 Act) to undertake a project known as:

Innovation Square Phase II

for the purpose of building 67 units of affordable housing. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$25.6M and will be funded with \$1,616,279 in direct Community Project Funding Grants; by the City of Cleveland with \$2,620,000 in ARPA funds; by Cuyahoga County with \$500,000 in HOME funds; and \$3,479,960 in Project Based Vouchers through CMHA.

The proposed project will be located on 17 parcels of land located within a city block bounded by Hudson Avenue to the north, East 105th Street to the east, Quebec Avenue to the south, and East 103rd Street to the west. The parcel addresses include 2276, 2280, 2284, 2290, 2294, 2298, 2300 E 105 St; E 105 St; 2277, 2279, 2285, 2287, 2291, 2293, 2299, 2303 E 103 St;

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County have 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 <u>Ahernandez2@clevelandohio.gov</u> or Cuyahoga County at <u>spjackson@cuyahogacounty.gov</u>. All comments received by August 26, 2025 will be considered by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County 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: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov or the Office of Public and Indian Housing, Cleveland Office, at ClevelandPublicHousing@hud.gov. 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