

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

January 29, 2026
City of Cleveland
Department of Community Development
601 Lakeside Ave, Room 320
Cleveland, OH 44114
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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 after February 16, 2026, the City of Cleveland will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) to undertake the following project.

Project Title: Buckeye Apartments Over Retail

Purpose: This project will revitalize distressed, mixed-use buildings on Buckeye Road, creating housing and business opportunities for the area.

Project Description: This project involves the rehabilitation of the vacant mixed-use buildings at 2902 E 121st St & 11909, 11914, and 12001 Buckeye Rd. This rehabilitation will provide 18 affordable housing units and 2 ground-floor commercial spaces. Housing units will be made available to residents with incomes of 60% AMI or less. This development involves the remediation of the project site to Ohio EPA VAP standards in pursuit of a Covenant Not to Sue.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR 58.36

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: Contamination and Toxic Substances – Asbestos, Environmental Media, Lead-Based Paint, and Radon; Endangered Species

Estimated Project Cost: \$8,008,125.00, of which:

- **\$254,900.00** will be City of Cleveland HOME funds

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 601 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4:30 P.M. or online at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Joy Anderson, Interim Director, Department of Community Development, City of Cleveland at JAnderson2@ClevelandOhio.gov. All comments received before February 16, 2026 will be considered by the City of Cleveland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Cleveland certifies to HUD that Joy Anderson, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Interim Director 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 HUD 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 fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on 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 CPD Director, HUD Columbus Field Office, at CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Columbus Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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City of Cleveland

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