

Notice to the Public of Finding of No Significant Impact & Intent to Request Release of Funds Rochester Housing Authority Capital Fund Program 2011-2012

Date of Notice: August 22, 2011

The City of Rochester
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Rochester, NY 14614
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Rochester Housing Authority. The City of Rochester prepared this notice as part of an environmental review being undertaken for, and on behalf of Rochester Housing Authority, of its 2011-2012 Capital Fund Program.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 8, 2011 the City of Rochester will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other applicable provisions of law specified in Title 24 CFR Part 58, as the HUD Responsible Entity (RE) and on behalf of the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

RHA's Comprehensive Fund Program (CFP) for 2011-12 includes general rehabilitation and upgrade to the interior and exterior of existing residential units and structures, office, and program space. Activities will include maintenance and repair of sidewalks, fencing, landscaping, and general operating and other administrative expenses. Additionally, RHA will demolish three scattered site units and construct two duplexes.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Rochester has determined that the activities in RHA's CFP 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 Rochester, Bureau of Business & Housing Development, 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY 14614, where ERR can be examined and copied, weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Rochester. All

comments received by September 7, 2011 will be considered by the City of Rochester prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Rochester certifies to HUD that Thomas S. Richards, in his capacity as Mayor, 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 RHA to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Rochester'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 one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Rochester; (b) the City of Rochester 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to HUD Grant Administration Office at Buffalo Area Office, Lafayette Court, 465 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Thomas S. Richards, Mayor
City of Rochester
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