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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS AND
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

(To be used by Cities and Counties only)

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

_____, _____
(Grantee) (Address)

gives notice that it will submit a request for release of grant funds and an environmental certification pertaining thereto to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency 15 days following this publication. The request and certification relate to the following project.

Project Title: _____
Location: _____
Purpose of Project: _____
Estimated Cost: _____

The *(City or County)* will undertake the project described above with HOME funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. *(City or County)* is certifying to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency that the *(City or County)* and *(Chief Elected Official)* in his/her official capacity as Certifying Officer consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon THDA's approval, the *(City or County)* may use the funds, and THDA will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related laws and authorities. THDA will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following bases:

- a. that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or
- b. that applicant's environmental review for the project omitted a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the Environmental Review Process.
- c. other specific ground in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to Tennessee Housing Development Agency, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite

1200, Nashville, TN 37243-0900, Attention: Community Programs Division. THDA will consider all objections received within fifteen (15) days following the receipt of this request.

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The *(City or County)* also gives notice that it has been determined that the above project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, *(City or County)* has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The project is not of sufficient size, scale, or mass and does not exceed the threshold criteria established for the preparation of a statement nor will the project have a significant impact on the human environment under NEPA.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by *(City or County)* which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file in the *(City or County address)* and is available for public examination and copying, upon request during the weekday hours of ___AM to ___PM.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the *(City or County)*. The *(City or County)* will consider all objections received within fifteen (15) days following the receipt of this request. All such comments so received will be considered and *(City or County)* will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Mayor or County Executive

*The day following the 15 day comment period (i.e., 16 days from date of publication).