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

Date of Notice:

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

Address: Andrew Jackson Building, Third Floor
502 Deaderick Street

City, State, Zip Code: Nashville, TN 37243

Telephone Number of RE: (615)-815-2030

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about _____ (at least one day after the end of the comment period) the Tennessee Housing Development Agency will authorize _____ (name of grant recipient) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as _____ (project title) for _____ the _____ purpose _____ of _____ (nature/scope of project, estimated funding (include non-HUD funding sources if applicable) and project location if applicable).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency 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 the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Andrew Jackson Building, Third Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243, Community Programs Division and at _____ (name and address of grant recipient office where the record is available for review) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00A.M to 4:30P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Programs Division of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. All comments received by _____ (*publication date plus fifteen days*) will be considered by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD) that Ralph M. Perrey in his capacity as Executive 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 _____ (*name of grant recipient*) to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the RE'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 name of RE;
- (b) the RE 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 THDA; 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 U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Third Floor, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 701 Locust Street, Knoxville, TN 37902-4393, Attention: Community Planning and Development. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ralph M. Perrey
Executive Director
Tennessee Housing Development Agency