

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Maricopa County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 6, 2020 Maricopa County 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 of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Tempe New Single-Family Housing-Newtown. The project consists of developing 14 parcels located at 14401497 South Rita Lane in Tempe, AZ. The 0.67-acre project site is currently a vacant lot with no improvements. Newtown Community Development Corporation, a private-non-profit developer is acting as a Community Housing Development Organization.

The project includes the construction of 12 two-story, 600-square-foot, one-bedroom, one-bathroom residential units. The project also includes the construction of one single-story, 600 sf, one-bedroom, one-bathroom residential unit, as well as a common single-story, 900 sf common area for laundry, cooking, and restroom facilities. Also included is a common parking area, with sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and other features.

7 of the homes will be sold to those earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), and 6 homes will be sold to households earning less than 120% of AMI. 3 residences will be available for sale to households earning less than 80%. The homes will be part of Newtown's Community Land Trust program, ensuring their affordability in perpetuity.

Maximum HOME funding is \$354,897 and \$140,000 in City of Tempe CDBG funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Maricopa County 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically. Please submit your request by email to rachel.milne@maricopa.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Maricopa County Human Services Department, Housing and Community Development Division. All comments

received by July 5, 2020 will be considered by the Maricopa County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Maricopa County certifies to HUD that Rachel Milne in her capacity as Assistant 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 Maricopa County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Maricopa County'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 Maricopa County; (b) Maricopa County 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 RROFSFRO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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