NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
WELLSPRINGS HOLLY HAVEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS

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Responsible Entity (RE):	Louisiana Housing Corporation ("LHC")
Address:	2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808
Contact:	Kevin J. Delahoussaye, LHC Executive Director (225) 763-8700

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by LHC, as well as satisfy two comment periods between LHC and HUD.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. On or about **May 07, 2026** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.), for the following project:

<u>HOME-ARP (NCS) Home American Rescue Plan Non-Congregate Shelters</u>
Family Shelter: New construction of one (1) one-story building serving as a non-congregate shelter with seven (7) studio units, and eight (8) one-bedroom units. The addresses are 305-313 Holly Street, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA 71202.

Domestic Violence Shelter – 312-314 Holly Street and 1500-1504 Railroad Avenue: The proposed project includes the new construction of an 8,500 square foot structure and will be configured with 8 studio apartments (to house 1 adult and 1 child) and 5 one-bedroom units (to house 1 adult and up to 3 children in private quarters). The total amount for both sites Family Shelter and Domestic Violence Shelter of funding requested is **$2,125,000.00** in **HOME funds**.

PROJECT ISSUES: 1.) Floodplain Management – One of the project sites is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, 2.) Endangered Species – The USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPAC) online review application was reviewed to identify threatened and endangered species that may potentially be present in the project area for the Tricolored Bat (Proposed Endangered, Determination May Effect).

MITIGATION: 1.) Floodplain Management - The structure will be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain elevation, 2.) Endangered Species - No tree removal will not take place during Pup Season May 1 – July 15 and Hibernation season December 15 – February 15, for the Tricolored Bat.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: LHC 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at LHC, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 358- 5289 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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 this office by mail to the LHC Environmental Department or by email to Sue Chin at schin@lhc.la.gov. All comments received by **May 05, 2026** will be considered by this office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: LHC certifies to HUD that Kevin J. Delahoussaye, in his capacity as LHC's 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 LHC to use HUD Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS. HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and LHC's certification received 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 LHC approved by HUD; (b) LHC 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 project have 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, sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to:

Cheryl Breaux
Department of Housing and Urban Development
500 Poydras Street, 9th floor
New Orleans, LA 70130

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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