

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

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Responsible Entity (RE): Louisiana Housing Corporation (“LHC”)
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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 **April 14, 2025** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of Public and Indian Housing Project Based Vouchers (PBV) under Section 8(o)(13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)); and Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-201), for the following project:

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Project Based Vouchers (PBV)

Historic renovation of an existing three-story masonry and wood frame structure with forty-six (46) units located at 621 Celeste St, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA 70130 requesting **two (2) project-based vouchers**.

PROJECT ISSUES: Historic Preservation – The building is a historic structure.

MITIGATION: The property owner is required to adhere to the U.S. Park Service’s Historic Tax Credit Application Approvals. If the application is withdrawn or terminated, the owner is required to complete a Section 106 historic review.

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) 763-8700 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 Amber Lavergne at alavergne@lhc.la.gov. All comments received by **April 10, 2025** 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:

**Elvettra Gibbs
Office of Public Housing Director
Department of Housing and Urban Development
500 Poydras St, 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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