

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
ST JUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS**

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Responsible Entity (RE): Louisiana Housing Corporation (“LHC”)
Address: 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808
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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 **October 10, 2025** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as St Jude Affordable Housing Units:

HHSD (Louisiana Homelessness and Housing Stability Affordable Multi-Family Rental Housing Development Program):

Rehabilitation of a multi-family complex with fifteen (15) units of affordable housing located at 400 N. Rampert Street, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, 70112. The total amount of funding requested is **\$312,985,000.00** in **HOME funds**.

PROJECT ISSUES: 1.) Floodplain Management – The project is in the FFRMS Floodplain and the 8-Step Process is conducted, 2.) Historic Preservation- The project is located in the historic district 3.) Noise Abatement and Control- Noise levels were 74dB, which is within the normally unacceptable range.

MITIGATION: 1.) Flood Insurance will be obtained and maintained for the project, 2.) NPS National Historic Tax Credits was approved indicating that the project will follow the SOI Standards for Rehabilitation, 3.) Sound reduction through construction materials will reduce indoor noise levels to 45dB or less.

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 Sue Chin at schin@lhc.la.gov. All comments received by **October 8, 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:

Cheryl Breaux
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
500 Poydras Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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

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