

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
2505-7 LEONIDAS STREET**

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Responsible Entity (RE): Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC)
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. On or about **December 31, 2024** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-43) and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-180) for major disasters occurring in 2020 and 2021, detailed in Federal Register Docket No. FR-6303-N-01, FR-6326-N-01, and FR-6368-N-01, for the following project:

Rental Restoration and Development Program

Reconstruction of a duplex with two (2) units within the same footprint at 2505-7 Leonidas Street, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA 70118. The total amount of funding requested is **\$355,000.00** in **CDBG-DR funds**.

PROJECT ISSUES: 1) Contamination and Toxic Substances – Lead-based paint, lead dust, and lead soil concentrations above regulatory levels were identified. 2) Floodplain Management -The project is located in the FFRMS floodplain.

MITIGATION: 1) A copy of the lead report will be submitted to the project contractor to perform abatement activities. A final lead inspection must be cleared and submitted to LHC in order to receive funding. 2) Reconstruction will occur within the same footprint as the existing building, local floodplain and drainage regulations will be followed, and the structure will be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 where ERR can be examined and may be examined or copied on weekdays 9 AM to 5 PM.

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 **December 27, 2024** will be considered by this office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: LHC certifies to HUD that Kevin J. Delahoussaye, 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 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:

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Director Disaster Recovery & Special Issues, Office of Community Planning and Development

Department of Housing and Urban Development

451 Seventh Street SW, Room 7-272

Washington DC 20410

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

Kevin J. Delahoussaye, Executive Director

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