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

**107 Larussa lane, independence, la 70443**

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**Notice Issued: August 23, 2024**

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**. On or about **September 10, 2024** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of funds under the *Allocations, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Disasters occurring in 2020 and 2021. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023, The Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2023, and The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-43, 117-180) Federal Register Docket No. FR-6368-N-01, FR-* *6303-N-01,* for the purpose of new construction of two units at 107 Larussa ln., Independence, Tangipahoa Parish, LA 70443. **Project Issues**: 1) The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requested inadvertent discovery clauses be added to all construction documents. 2) Noise Abatement and Control – The day-night noise level is within the normally unacceptable range. **Mitigation:** 1) If significant archaeological materials (i.e., stone arrowheads, ceramics, and early building foundations) or should human burials/remains be unearthed, site activities would cease immediately, all agency officials contacted, and any discoveries shall be kept private and confidential. 2) ) A noise attenuation plan will be followed to lower the interior noise levels. The total amount of funding requested is **$127,500.00** in **CDBG-DR funds**.

**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, 4000 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, and (225) 763-8700 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 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 Shanna Glee at Sglee@lhc.la.gov. All comments received by **September 9, 2024** 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:** This Office certifies to HUD that Marjorianna Willman, in her 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 the 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:

**Tennille Parker**

**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.

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