

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

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Responsible Entity (RE): Louisiana Housing Corporation (“LHC”)
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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 **December 9, 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:

2023 Piggyback Resilience Initiative – Mixed-Income (PRIME 3)

New construction of twenty-nine (29) units of affordable housing located at 701 S. Upland Avenue, River Ridge, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana 70123. The total amount of funding requested is **\$1,315,153.00** in **CDBG-DR funds** and **five (5) Project-Based Vouchers (PBV)**.

PROJECT ISSUES: 1) Contamination and Toxic Substances – Vapor sampling indicated elevated concentrations of constituents of concern in soil and groundwater and there was observed vegetative landfilled debris on site. 2) Area susceptible to future disasters caused by climate change.

MITIGATION: 1) Follow Corrective Action Plan approved by LDEQ and submit No Further Action letter at completion of remediation. 2) Use hurricane-resistant construction practices.

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, (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 **December 6, 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: LHC certifies to HUD that Stephen I. Dwyer, in his capacity as Chairman of the LHC Board of Directors, 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.

Stephen I. Dwyer, Chairman, LHC Board of Directors
Louisiana Housing Corporation