

Dane County
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

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

February 25, 2024

County of Dane
Department of Human Services - Division of Housing Access & Affordability
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 421
Madison, WI 53703
608.949.4975

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Dane.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 12, 2024, the County of Dane will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act at title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 24 U.S.C. 12701 et seq. to undertake a project known as the Uptown Hills - Northpointe Development Project to assist in the construction of 24 units of affordable rental housing, 3 of which will be HOME-assisted, using funds originating with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The amount of HOME funds to be invested is estimated at \$200,000. The project is located at 5078 Haight Farm Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Dane 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Dane County Department of Human Services - Division of Housing Access & Affordability office located at 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 421, Madison, WI 53703 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Environmental Review Record may be viewed electronically during the duration of the public comment period at: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Dane County Department of Human Services - Division of Housing Access & Affordability office. All

comments received by March 11, 2024 will be considered by the County of Dane prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Dane certifies to HUD that Joanna Cervantes in her capacity as HAA Human Services Manager 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 County of Dane to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Dane certification 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 the County of Dane; (b) the County of Dane 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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 the HUD Milwaukee Field Office at MKE-ENV@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Milwaukee Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joanna Cervantes, HAA Human Services Manager
County of Dane