

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI and NOI/RROF)

February 29, 2012

City of Portland, Oregon
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **March 16, 2012**, the City of Portland, Oregon will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Project Based Section 8 vouchers, the tenant-based housing assistance programs under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), and the initiation of public-housing operating subsidy which implements section 9(f) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act), (42 U.S.C. 1437g). Section 9(f) establishes an Operating Fund for the purposes of making assistance available to public housing agencies for the operation and management of public housing to undertake the following project:

Home Forward formerly known as the Housing Authority of Portland plans to acquire a 1.1-acre parcel of land bounded by NE Beech Street, NE Mallory Avenue, and NE Garfield Avenue in the City of Portland, Multnomah County and develop a residential treatment facility and supportive housing on the parcel. The supportive housing will have one one-bedroom apartment, twenty-six two-bedroom apartments, and six three-bedroom apartments, for a total of 33 units. The treatment facility will house very low-income women in treatment and their children. Approximate finance costs for the development of the supportive housing is \$9.94 million, and the treatment facility development will costs approximately \$8.01 million. Total project costs \$17.95 million financed by a combination of federal and local funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Portland has determined that these projects 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 Records (ERRs) on file at the Portland Housing Bureau 421 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 500, Portland, Oregon 97204 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to Stella Martinez, Portland Housing Bureau, 421 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 500, Portland, Oregon 97204. All comments received by **March 15, 2012** will be considered by the City of Portland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Portland certifies to HUD that Traci Manning in her capacity, as Bureau Director of the Portland Housing Bureau, 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 City of Portland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Portland's certification received by **March 31, 2012** or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the City of Portland approved by HUD; (b) the City of Portland 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development at 400 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 700, Portland, Oregon 97204. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

Stella Martinez, Certifying Officer Designee
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