

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

7/30/2019

Responsible Entity:
City of Elgin
Community Development Dept.
Planning and Neighborhood Services Div.
150 Dexter Ct.
Elgin, IL 60120

Recipient:
Housing Authority of Elgin
130 State St.
Elgin, IL 60123
Phone: (847) 742-3853

These notices shall satisfy separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Housing Authority of Elgin.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 4, 2019, The City of Elgin, will authorize the Housing Authority of Elgin to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Illinois Public Housing for the release of Housing Choice Voucher program funds under Section 8(o) (13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 to undertake a project known as: 1212 Larkin for the purpose of rehabilitation of the main 1212 Larkin Building and hospital building as studios and 1 unit housing, the demolition of 3 buildings and construction of 12 buildings, 6 townhouses and 6 four flats in the northern half of the property at 1212 Larkin Ave. Elgin, IL 60123. This project will provide 48 units of housing with studios, one, two and three bedroom apartments with surface parking in the center of the development.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Elgin, the Responsible Entity, 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. The Project Developer will have to receive final approval of the Elgin City Council in order to proceed with the project. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Community Development Department, Planning and Neighborhood Services Division, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin, IL 60120, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Elgin at Community Development Department, Planning and Neighborhood Services Division. All comments received by August 18, 2019, will be considered by the City of Elgin prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Elgin certifies to HUD that Richard Kozal, in his capacity as the City 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 Housing Authority of Elgin to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Elgin's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Elgin; (b) The city 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 Daniel W. Sherrod, Director of Illinois Public Housing, Room 2401, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago IL 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Richard Kozal, City Manager, Elgin IL