

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

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after February 9, 2021, the City of Wichita will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds in the Public Housing Capital Fund Program, Community Development Block Grant program, Community Development Block Grant Section 108 Loan (loan repayments) and HOME Investment Partnership Program, authorized respectively under the United States Housing Act of 1937, the Housing and Community Development Act of the 1974, and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Significant rehabilitation of McLean Manor, Greenway Manor, Rosa Gragg and Bernice Hutcherson.

Purpose: The properties currently belong to the City of Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) and will convert to HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) pilot initiative in June 2021. After conversion, the properties will be known as Wichita RAD Senior LLC. The RAD developer will perform substantial rehabilitation on each of the properties to alleviate capital needs. The WHA could not afford to make the capital improvements without provisions to recapitalize with financing products and private partnerships under the RAD pilot initiative.

Project Locations: McLean Manor – 2627 W. 9th Street, Wichita KS 67203. Greenway Manor – 315 N. Riverview, Wichita KS 67203. Rosa Gragg – 520 W. 25th Street, Wichita KS 67204. Bernice Hutcherson – 2020 N. Wellington Place, Wichita KS 67203.

Duration/Time: It is anticipated the proposed project will begin rehabilitation in June 2021, and end rehabilitation in 2023.

Estimated Cost: It is estimated this project will utilize \$3,678,108.00 of these HUD program funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Wichita 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 Records (ERR) on file at the City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department. The ERR is available for viewing online at <https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/default.aspx> and may be examined or printed. Due to COVID-19, City of Wichita offices are not open to the public except on the first floor of City Hall, located at 455 N. Main Street in Wichita Kansas. City staff encourage interested parties to view the ERR online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Records (ERR) to the City of Wichita. Those comments should be addressed to Brad Snapp, Housing and Community Services Department; 455 N. Main Street – 10th Floor, Wichita, KS 67202, or via email to: bsnapp@wichita.gov. All comments received by February 8, 2021, will be considered by the City of Wichita prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. The ERR will be available for viewing and copying online at <https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/default.aspx>.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Wichita certifies to HUD that Robert Layton in his capacity as the Wichita 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 the National Environmental Policy Act, and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Wichita to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Wichita'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 they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Wichita; (b) the City of Wichita 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 emailed to CPD_COVID-19OEE-KC@hud.gov and to: Director, Office of Public Housing, Room 200, 400 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Objections may also be sent via email to:

dana.buckner@hud.gov and frances.m.cleary@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert Layton
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