

PUBLIC NOTICE – CITY OF ELIZABETH

Combined Notice of FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) And Notice of Intent To REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)

City of Elizabeth
City Hall
50 Winfield Scott Plaza
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201
908-352-8450

Issued: August 31, 2022
Expires: September 21, 2022

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 26, 2022 the City of Elizabeth will submit a request to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release for federal funds, HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to undertake a project known as Public Facility. The proposed project involves the new construction of a space that will be divided into (12) Twelve rooms (2) Two of the (12) rooms will have bathrooms. This building was destroyed by a fire. Our portion of the proposed activity involves the construction of the entire 2nd floor. The total project is estimated to cost \$4,910,537. The City of Elizabeth intends to provide approximately \$1,170,000. of the Home American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds to this endeavor.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Elizabeth 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 Elizabeth City Hall, Elizabeth Home Improvement Program, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza – Room 109, Elizabeth, NJ and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Elizabeth, Elizabeth Home Improvement Program 50 Winfield Scott Plaza – Room 109, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. All comments received by September 21, 2022 will be considered by the City of Elizabeth prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Written comments must specify which Notice is being addressed. Notice can also be found at the www.elizabethnj.org under Public Notices.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Elizabeth certifies to HUD that the Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, in his capacity as Mayor, 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Elizabeth to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Elizabeth'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 Elizabeth; (b) the City of Elizabeth 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; 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) and shall be addressed to HUD – Newark Area Office, One Newark Center – 13th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor
City of Elizabeth
Certifying Officer