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

September 14, 2022
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In accordance with 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.70, this notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities undertaken by the City of Detroit.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about September 30, 2022, and in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71, the City of Detroit will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Detroit Field Office for the release of HOME Funds authorized under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (HOME), to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: Merrill Place II; 1312 Seward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

For the Purpose Of: New construction of a one three-story 27-unit mixed-income multi-family apartment development. The project will include a 3,000 square foot rooftop terrace and the property will include on-site parking for residents.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: 1. The conditions listed in the Section 106 Determination Letter will be completed. 2. Noise attenuation measures will be incorporated into the building. 3. Hours of construction shall be in accordance with local code to mitigate temporary construction phase noise.

## **FUNDING**

HOME - \$1,745,985.00

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Detroit has determined that the activities proposed 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available on the City of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department Website's Public Notice section: <a href="https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/public-notices">https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/public-notices</a>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit oral or written comments on the ERR to Penny Dwoinen, the City of Detroit Environmental Review Officer at telephone: 313.224.2933 or email: <a href="mailto:dwoinenp@detroitmi.gov">dwoinenp@detroitmi.gov</a>. All comments received by September 29, 2022, will be considered by the City of Detroit prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Detroit certifies to HUD that Ms. Julie Schneider, in her capacity as Certifying Officer 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 recipient to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Detroit's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Detroit; (b) the City of Detroit 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 Ms. Kathy Bagley, CPD Representative at CPD COVID-190EE-DET@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Ms. Kathy Bagley via e-mail to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The City of Detroit does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, handicap, national origin, race, sex or sexual orientation. Persons or groups with discrimination complaints may file those complaints with the City of Detroit Human Rights Department, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1026, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

Ms. Julie Schneider, Director, Housing and Revitalization Department, City of Detroit