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

July 28, 2023

The City of Dover 15 Loockerman Plaza Dover, DE 19901 (302) 736-7196

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 16, 2023, the City of Dover will authorize Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity to submit requests to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Economic Development Initiative, Community Project Funding Program funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) and the Explanatory Statement for Division L, of that Act, which was printed in the Senate section of the Congressional Record on December 20, 2022 as amended, to authorize a project known as Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity for the construction of 3 single family homes on vacant lots for the purpose of affordable housing on approximately .24 acres of land located 37 and 39 S. New Street, and 145 N Ann Avenue, Dover, DE. The estimated HUD funding is \$600,000 in Community Project funding, and the estimated total cost is \$2,360,334 for the project. Average per unit cost \$233,918.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements or comprise of a project for which a Finding of No Significant Impact on the environment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the City of Dover, 15 Loockerman Plaza, Dover, Delaware and the Dover Public Library at 35 Loockerman Plaza and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Environmental Review Record can also be viewed on the City of Dover website at <a href="https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews">www.cityofdover.com</a> under Community Development or can be accessed at <a href="https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews">https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental</a>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Dover, Attn: Tracey Harvey, City of Dover Planning Department, 15 Loockerman Plaza, Dover, DE 19901 or via email to <u>tharvey@dover.de.us</u>. All comments received by August 15, 2023 will be considered by the City of Dover prior to authorizing submission of a

request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Dover certifies to HUD that Robin R. Christiansen 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA, related laws and authorities.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Dover'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 Dover; (b) the City of Dover 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 via e-mail in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Philadelphia Office of Community Planning and Development at <u>CPDRROFPHI@hud.gov</u> Potential objectors should contact HUD Philadelphia Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robin R. Christiansen Mayor

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