

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 Alexandria.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 4, 2016 the City of Alexandria will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as The Fillmore/St. James Plaza Redevelopment. The proposed project intends to demolish the existing St. James Methodist Church, and its administration building, to construct a multi-family building that will include 93 units of affordable housing serving a mix of 50% and 60% of the area median income. This project has an estimated funding amount of \$30.1M, including \$880,000 in HOME funds, and is proposed for two parcels at 5000 and 5001 Echols Avenue, Alexandria, VA.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Alexandria 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 the Office of Housing, located at 421 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA, and may be reviewed or copied weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or may be reviewed at the City's website at alexandriava.gov/Housing, through November 3, at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Housing. All comments received by November 3 at 5 p.m., will be considered by the City of Alexandria prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Alexandria certifies to HUD that Mark B. Jinks in his capacity as 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 City of Alexandria to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Alexandria'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 Alexandria; (b) the City of Alexandria 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 HUD, 820 First Street, N.E., Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002-4255, Attention: Mr. Michael D. Rose, Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (202) 775-6266, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark B. Jinks, City Manager