

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

June 11, 2023

City of Aurora, Illinois
Community Development Division
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Aurora, IL 60507
630-256-3320

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Aurora, IL (COA-IL), Community Development Division (CDD).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 27, 2023, the COA-IL will authorize the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Illinois Regional Office for the release of Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (EDI/CPF) Program funds under FY Consolidated Appropriations Act P.L. 117-328 (the FY2023 Act), to undertake a project known as the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry Expansion for the purpose of expanding the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry to better able to serve their customers, with an estimated funding of \$1,800,000 at 834 N. Highland Ave.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The COA-IL, CDD 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 on the COA website <https://www.aurora-il.org/1175/Community-Development> and at the City of Aurora, Community Development Division located at 44 E. Downer Place, Fourth Floor, Aurora, IL 60507 and may be examined or copied weekdays, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

A minor finding the ERR did find, however, is a report commissioned by the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry found that part of the interior that will be rehabilitated contains asbestos-containing material. To mitigate this environmental hazard, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry must include asbestos removal as part of the project scope to successfully complete this project and utilize EDI/CPF funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the CDD of the COA-IL via email at CDD@aurora.il.us or by U. S. mail to City of Aurora, Community Development Division, Fourth Floor, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507. All comments received by June 26, 2023, will be considered by the COA-IL, CDD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The COA-IL, CDD certifies to HUD that Richard C. Irvin 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 and related laws and authorities and allows the COA as the Responsible Entity to complete the Environmental Review Record on behalf of Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry to utilize program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the COA-IL, CDD'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 COA-IL; (b) the COA-IL, CDD 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/State; 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, Chicago Regional Office at donald.g.kathan@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD, Chicago Regional Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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