

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

September 26, 2024

City of New Orleans  
Office of Community Development  
1340 Poydras Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
New Orleans, LA, 70112  
504-658-4200

On or about October 4, 2024 the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development on behalf of the Housing Authority of New Orleans will submit a request to the U S Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Public Housing Capital funds under Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (the 1937 Act), which created the CFP as part of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (title V, Pub. L. 105–276, approved October 21, 1998) as amended, to undertake a project known as “Guste High Rise Senior Housing backup generator replacement” for the purpose of emergency backup power generation to the building located at 1301 Simon Bolivar Street, New Orleans, Louisiana in the amount of \$650,000.00.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of New Orleans Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. The ERR can be examined by contacting the Environmental Compliance Office, Craig Foundas, Director of Environmental Compliance, Room 917 in the same building weekdays from 9A.M to 4P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development, Environmental Compliance Unit, 1340 Poydras Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. All comments received by October 3, 2024, will be considered by the City of New Orleans prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of New Orleans Office of Community Development certifies to the U S Department of Housing and Urban Development that Tyra Johnson Brown in her capacity as Director of the Office Housing Policy and Community Development 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 New Orleans to use Program funds.

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

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of New Orleans 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 New Orleans; (b) the City of New

Orleans 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:

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
New Orleans Field Office  
Office of Public Housing  
Attention: Elvettra Gibbs, Director  
501 Magazine Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period regarding the federal funds.

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LaToya Cantrell,  
Mayor

Tyra Johnson Brown  
Director of Housing Policy and Community Development/Environmental Certifying Officer