

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

March 23, 2022

City of Salem, Urban Development Department  
350 Commercial Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301  
503-588-6178

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Wallace Early Learning Center Program.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about April 9, 2022, the City of Salem will authorize Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Early Childhood Head Start Program to submit a request to HUD for the release CDBG funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 *et seq.*). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 92 to undertake a project known as the Wallace Early Learning Center project for the purpose of purchasing and rehabbing two existing properties located at 1205 and 1215 Wallace Road, NW Salem, Oregon. The total cost of the project will be about \$1.4M. CDBG funds totaling \$700,000 (FY 2022-23) will be used for the project.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Salem 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 City of Salem’s Urban Development Department at 350 Commercial Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Due to COVID 19 safety protocols, to review the documents by appointment contact Shelly Ehenger, Federal Programs Manager, via email at [sehenger@cityofsalem.net](mailto:sehenger@cityofsalem.net). Documents may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Salem’s Urban Development Department. All comments received by 5:00

p.m. on April 8, 2022 will be considered by the City of Salem prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice is being addressed.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Salem certifies to HUD that Kristin Retherford in his/her capacity as Interim 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 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – Wallace Early Learning Center to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Salem'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 Salem; (b) the City of Salem 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to the HUD Oregon State CPD Field Office, Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Office Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97204-2825. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager  
City of Salem