

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

February 15, 2024

City of Chattanooga
101 E. 11th Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Chattanooga.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 4, 2024, the City of Chattanooga will authorize the Chattanooga Housing Authority to submit a request to the Office of Public Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of the following funds to undertake a project known as East Lake Courts:

- 2022 Capital Fund Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) (\$82,700)
- 2023 Capital Fund Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) (\$981,804)

The project entails refinance and rehabilitation of an existing multi family apartment complex with no significant ground disturbing activities, for the purpose of maintaining the housing units and providing site improvements, total estimated funding in the amount of \$1,064,504, at 2600 4th Avenue, Chattanooga, TN.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Chattanooga 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 Chattanooga, Economic Development, 101 E. 11th Street, Suite 200, Chattanooga, TN 37402 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M. and is also available for review via the following link: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Chattanooga Department of Economic Development, 101 E. 11th Street, Suite 200, Chattanooga,

TN 37402. All comments received by March 1, 2024, will be considered by the City of Chattanooga prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Chattanooga certifies to HUD that Richard Beeland in his capacity as Administrator of Economic 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 Chattanooga Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Chattanooga'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 Chattanooga; (b) the City of Chattanooga 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 both contacts below:**

William Biggs, Director, Tennessee Office of Public and Indian Housing
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
701 Broadway, Suite 130
Nashville, TN 37203

Erik Hoglund, Director, Community Planning and Development
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
John J. Duncan Federal Building
710 Locust Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Richard Beeland, Administrator of Economic Development and Certifying Officer Designee