# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI and NOI/RROF)

### March 5, 2021

Multnomah County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **March 22, 2021** Multnomah County's CDBG Program will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of CDBG funds under Community Development Block Grant, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development (CDBG) Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended to undertake the following project:

### THE PROJECT

The City of Wood Village proposes improvements to Donald L. Robertson City Park, located at 24300 NE Halsey St, Wood Village, OR 97060. The park is located in Census Tract 103.03, BG 1. The park's location is in Multnomah County tax lots 200, 300, 403 (Multnomah County tax map 1N 3E 26) located in the SW Quadrant of Section 26, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian, Multnomah County, Oregon. The park encompasses approximately 7.49 acres.

The project includes the following improvements to the park: 1) Development of a Nature Play area, incorporating use of natural elements, a small slide, a dry riverbed area, and seating blocks; 2) development of a natural habitat area to include new plantings and irrigation, a fiber wood chip trail for accessibility, and a boardwalk; and 3) a new trailhead access that consists of a graveled extension of an adjacent street into the park forming a cul-de-sac with parking for up to four vehicles for the convenience of park users. The improvements together encompass under three acres of land. The project areas will involve some level of excavation and disturbance of soils. There are no existing facilities that will be renovated, removed or demolished. The estimated total cost of the project is \$170,639, which includes \$77,844 of CDBG funds.

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Multnomah County has determined that these projects 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 Records (ERRs) on file at Multnomah County. Copies may be examined by contacting may.p.cha@multco.us

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to May Cha, at may.p.cha@multco.us. All comments received by March 21, 2021 will be considered by Multnomah County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

#### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Multnomah County certifies to HUD that Peggy Samolinski in her capacity as Director of the Youth and Family Services Division 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 Multnomah County

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will consider objections to its release of funds and Multnomah County's certification period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of Multnomah County approved by HUD; (b) Multnomah County 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; (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 HUD Portland Office of Public Housing at **CPD\_COVID-19OEE-POR@hud.gov**. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

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