

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

November 26, 2024

Multnomah County

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 12, 2024 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

This environmental review will cover a 5 year period starting in 2024 through 2029 for sidewalk projects carried out in the Old Historic Fairview neighborhoods in the City of Fairview. The City of Fairview proposes to do a sidewalk infill on the south side of NE Lincoln Street from its intersection with NE 6th Street down to NE 7th Street first. In coming years additional sidewalk projects within close proximity will be carried out as CDBG funding comes available. In 2025, the project will connect 500 square feet of five foot wide concrete sidewalks with the existing sidewalk on the east side of 6th street. Two (2) ADA curb ramps will be installed on the intersection of Lincoln and 6th street in the SW and SE corners. Storm drainage, water, street and sewer improvements will be made along with the sidewalk installations. One (1) rain garden will be installed near the SW corner of Lincoln and 6th street intersection. This project will directly benefit 97 low and moderate-income persons/households living off NE Lincoln Street in 2025 and 597 low and moderate-income persons/households on the census block 101, where the projects will take place, in coming years.

Overall, the City of Fairview is 63% Low Medium Income and is in regulation to meet HUD requirements. The total population of the City is 9,567 according to the 2019 Census. All sidewalks, curbs, driveways and curb ramps will be constructed to meet the current City of Fairview Standard Specifications for Public Construction. City of Fairview (1300 NE Village St, Fairview OR 97024) will be overseeing the project. The project is estimated to begin Summer of 2025 and be completed by Fall 2025. The CDBG award amount for construction is \$80,000. The City of Fairview will pay \$105,000 of their own local funds for professional and personnel costs in addition to the CDBG funds to carry out the project in program year 2025.

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 website: <https://www.multco.us/cdbg>. Copies may be examined by contacting cdbg@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 Multnomah County CDBG, at cdbg@multco.us or

by calling (503) 988-7440 or in writing to 209 SW 4th Ave, Suite 200 | Portland, OR 97204 Att: DCHS/Youth and Family Services Division – Community Development Block Grant. **All comments received by December 11th, 2024 by midnight will be considered by Multnomah County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.** Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Multnomah County certifies to HUD that Mohammad Bader in his capacity as Director of Department of County Human Services 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 to use Program funds.

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 Portland_RROF@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.

