

# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFIGANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

*October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*City of Kansas City, Missouri*

*414 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106*

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On or about November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 the City of Kansas City, Missouri will authorize the Housing Authority of Kansas City to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) to undertake a project known as the Jazz District III development. The project will involve the construction of a mixed-used new construction building located at the southwest corner of 18th St and Vine St. The building will incorporate the facade of the currently existing House of Hits building located at 1511 E 18th St. The new building will stretch along 18th St from the Paseo to Vine St. The building will contain over 7,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor. The upper floors will contain 48 units of housing, 90% of them being affordable units

Estimated Project Cost: \$21,107,000

Estimated HUD-Funded Amount: \$1,000,000

The City of Kansas City, Missouri 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 414 E 12<sup>th</sup> St, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Suite 401, Kansas City, MO 65106 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Kansas City's Office of Environmental Quality either by mail at the above address or by email to [claire.chaffin@kcmo.org](mailto:claire.chaffin@kcmo.org). All comments received by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Kansas City, MO certifies to HUD that Andrew Savastino in his capacity as Chief Environmental Officer 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 Housing Authority of Kansas City to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City'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 (b) the City 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning & Development, Region 7 at 400 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Andrew Savastino, Chief Environmental Officer and Alternate Certifying Officer