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

September 23, 2024

City of Saint Paul 1300 City Hall Annex 25 West Fourth Street Saint Pal, Minnesota 55102 651-266-6565

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Saint Paul.

# **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about October 9, 2024 the City of Saint Paul will authorize the Saint Paul Public Housing Authority to submit a request to HUD for the release of Project Based Voucher funds under 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq., of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, to undertake a project known as 438 Dorothy Day Place located at 438 Dorothy Day Place for the purpose of rehabilitating an existing residential building and improving living spaces for 88 units (68 efficiencies and 20 one-bedrooms) of deeply affordable rental supportive housing. The project proposer and facility operator, Aeon, is seeking Project Based Vouchers for 42 units (25 Housing Choice Vouchers and 17 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers) at a total cost of \$608,220. Estimated total project cost is \$34,317,951.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Saint Paul 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 Saint Paul, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 and will be made available for inperson viewing or copying from 8 AM through 12 PM and 1 PM and 4 PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays and electronically upon request to kady.dadlez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Saint Paul, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Attn: Kady Dadlez, 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 or to <u>kady.dadlez@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>. All comments received by October 8, 2024 will be considered by the City of Saint Paul prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Saint Paul certifies to HUD that Yasmine Robinson in her capacity as Planning Director and in her official capacity as Certifying 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 Aeon to use Program funds.

# **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Saint Paul'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 Saint Paul; (b) the City of Saint Paul 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 HUD via email at Lucia.M.Clausen@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Yasmine Robinson, Planning Director yasmine.robinson@ci.stpaul.mn.us Certification by Certifying Officer regarding the government website where the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds, and Environmental Assessment were published and the date of publication

I, Yasmine Robinson, in my capacity as Certifying Officer for the City of Saint Paul, hereby certify that the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds, and the Environmental Assessment for the project at 438 Dorothy Day Place were published on the City's Environmental Review Records website at <u>https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-and-economic-</u> <u>development/planning/current-activities/environmental-review</u> and that the date of publication of the documents on the website is September 23, 2024.

Yasmine Robinson Yasmine Robinson (Sep 23, 2024 14:23 CDT)

Yasmine Robinson Certifying Officer

September 23, 2024

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