

## **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)**

***March 4, 2025***

*George J.J. Beckby, Mayor*

*City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska*

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, the recipient of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development grant, and also the Responsible Entity (RE).

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or after March 20, 2025, the City of Hastings, George J.J. Beckby, Mayor, will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or its State administering agency, Nebraska Department of Economic Development (State), for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as amended, to undertake a project known as CDBG Project #24-PWI-008, Mobile Home Park (K & K Mobile Park Plaza) for the purpose of making public water line improvements to improve water delivery for fire protection to the K & K Mobile Park Plaza (Lone Vista LLC, owner) (the Project) located in Census Tract #9661 (Block 2) of Adams County. The Project will improve the water delivery to the Project area thereby addressing fire safety concerns/protection in the stated area.

The geographical location of the Project (Including the common address) is K & K Mobile Park Plaza, 1203 East Park Street, Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Approximately 2,185 l.f. of publicly owned water line replacement will be completed along with associated appurtenances. The water main Project will connect to an existing water main on the south side of East Park Street and to an existing water main on the east side of K & K Plaza's property to create a looped system. These improvements will serve not only the residents of K & K but also all residents of Census Tract #9661 (Block 2) Adams County with improved water delivery and fire protection. Census Tract 9661 is a roughly 6.5-square-mile area that encompasses the southeast corner of Hastings and rural areas of the County. The borders of the Census tract in the City are generally the BNSF rail to the north and the abandoned railroad right of way to the west. The southern border is East Prairie Lake Rd, and the eastern border is South Technical Blvd.

Easement access will be acquired by the City for the Project. Coordination of activities between contract and property owners will be conducted by City staff. Any closures (street or sidewalk) will be temporary and minimal with residents and pedestrians being afforded alternative routes

(re-routed) of travel during the construction of said Improvements. All appropriate signage and steps will be utilized by the City to make the public aware. Work will be conducted during normal construction/daytime hours. Any dust generated by the Project will be minimal.

Total project costs are estimated at \$467,000, including \$25,000 for general administration and \$5,000 for construction management. Funding sources include a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for \$335,900 and a financial match of \$131,100 that will be provided by the property owner.

The Project will provide beneficiaries with fire protection and improved water delivery and will primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons. No persons, businesses or farms will be displaced as a result of these CDBG activities. The Project activities will be completed within thirty months from the award of the CDBG funds.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Hastings, Nebraska 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 office of Tyler Ficken, City Clerk, 2727 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Suite 424, Hastings where the ERR can be examined and may be copied weekdays 8:00 – 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the address above or by email to [tficken@cityofhastings.org](mailto:tficken@cityofhastings.org). If the RE chooses to send the ERR to the public for review via U.S. mail, the RE will establish a timeframe for accepting comments with the person requesting the ERR.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Hastings, Mayor George J.J. Beckby.. All comments received on or by March 19, 2025, will be considered by Mayor George J.J. Beckby of the City of Hastings prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Hastings certifies to the State that George J.J. Becky in his capacity as Mayor 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. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Hastings, Nebraska to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hastings 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 Hastings; (b) grant recipient 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 the Nebraska Department of Economic Development; 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) in writing to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 002, Lincoln, NE 68521. Potential objectors should contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor