Template | HOME Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds (NOIRROF)

**Instructions:**

The language below is HUD’s recommended wording of the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds (FONSI-NOIRROF) for HOME projects. This Notice is used for projects requiring an Environmental Assessment (24 CFR Part 58, Section 58.36]. Words in **bold type** are required language. Words in *italics* are to be replaced by language appropriate to the particular project.

# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)

## Date of Notice

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development**

**245 Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 002**

**Lincoln, NE 68521**

**800-426-6505**

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

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

**On or after** *[insert date at least one day after the end of the comment period]* **the Nebraska Department of Economic Development****will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)****for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Funds (HOME) program funds. under Title II of the (Cranston-Gonzalez) National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.), as amended, to undertake a project known as** *[insert project title]* **for the purpose of** *[insert project description].*

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**The Nebraska Department of Economic Development 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 Nebraska Department of Economic Development, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68521,****where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4:30 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. If the public viewer wishes to have the ERR sent for review via U.S. mail, the RE will establish a timeframe for accepting comments with the person requesting the ERR. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website:** <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/housing/home/> (Announcements)**.**

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.****All comments received by** *[insert date: if notice is published: publication date plus fifteen days; if notice is mailed and posted: mailing and posting date plus eighteen days]* **will be considered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.**

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

**The Nebraska Department of Economic Development certifies to the HUD that Steve Charleston, in his 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. The HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to use Program funds.**

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## **The HUD** **will accept objections to its release of funds and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development** **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 Nebraska Department of Economic Development;** **(b) the Nebraska Department of Economic Development 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 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) in writing to the HUD’s email address at** CPD\_COVID-19OEE-OMA@hud.gov. **Potential objectors should contact** **the HUD** **via email** **to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

## **Steve Charleston, Certifying Officer**

## **Nebraska Department of Economic Development**