

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

*Date of Notice: March 19, 2025*

*Name of Responsible Entity (RE): City of Wymore*

*Address: 115 West E Street*

*City, State, Zip Code: Wymore, NE 68466*

*Telephone Number: 402-645-3377*

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

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or after April 4, 2025 the City of Wymore 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 2024 Wymore Water Improvement Project for the The City of Wymore, Gage County, Nebraska (City) to implement a water system improvement project within the municipal limits of the City. The Project will replace approximately twelve (12) blocks of 6” water lines with 8” water lines (many of these are lead-lined or rely on lead connections). Water line replacement will take place along three segments: north/south along 11<sup>th</sup> Street from C Street to M Street, east/west for one block along M Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and north/south along 10<sup>th</sup> Street from M Street to L Street (the Project).

The Project will replace roughly twelve (12) blocks of 6” water lines with 8” water lines (4,471 linear feet (LF)), replacing 85 LF of 6” water lines, exchange 21 cross intersections with newly sized junctions (6” to 8”), replace nine (9) fire hydrants, abandoning two service lines that are no longer utilized, replacing the existing service line 2” service line to the high school with a 4” line , installing a water meter to the high school, replacing and adding 1,480 LF of residential service lines, removing and replacing approximately 200 square yards (SY) of concrete walks and street surfaces where water lines are constructed, and reconnecting 52 water meters. The Project will benefit operational activities. The City of Wymore will continue to own and operate the municipal water system as well as maintain the facilities.

The total Project area covers approximately 12 blocks. All easements and rights-of-ways are either owned or have been secured by the City and are surrounded primarily by residential properties. Project impacts may include temporary road closures, noise, and dust during construction. The City will notify businesses, residents, and emergency services of all road closures and provide alternative routes. All construction activities will be scheduled during normal business hours to minimize disruption.

Total Project costs are estimated at \$756,394, including \$25,000 for general administration and \$5,000 for construction management. Funding sources include a Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$480,000 and a local match of \$276,394 provided by the City. The matching funds will be sourced from city's general fund, and are unobligated and readily available. The Project will primarily benefit low-to-moderate-income (LMI) residents by improving local infrastructure and enhancing the overall quality of life in the community. No residents, businesses, or farms will be displaced as a result of the Project activities. Construction is anticipated to be completed within thirty (30) months.

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

The City of Wymore 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 115 West E Street, Wymore, NE 68466 where the ERR can be examined and may be copied weekdays 9:00 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 or by email to [cityclerk@cityofwymore.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofwymore.com). 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 Janet Riensche, Wymore City Clerk. All comments received by April 3, 2025 will be considered by the City of Wymore prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Wymore certifies to the State that Collin Meints in their 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 Wymore 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 Wymore 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 Wymore; (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.

Collin Meints, Wymore Mayor