

Public Notice: City intent to request release of funds for property acquisition

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI-RROF)

City of Salem, Community Planning and Development Department

350 Commercial Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

503-588-6173

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by City of Salem.**

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

After an 18-day public comment period, the City of Salem will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HUD entitlement funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 570. City funding for this project will come from its HUD CDBG entitlement grant for the City to pursue a project of acquiring a parcel of land, located at 1797 Evergreen Avenue NE, for the purpose of a future affordable housing development project. The parcel contains 1 single-family residence and 5 cottages that are occupied by tenants of the current property owner, Northwest Human Services. The City will retain a property management firm to manage these tenants while a development proposal is designed and selected. The estimated project cost will be \$1,169,000 which includes property acquisition and soft costs (environmental mitigation, hiring a property management firm to manage existing tenants, project delivery).

Project Title: Evergreen Ave. Property Acquisition

Location: 1797 Evergreen Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97301

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

As the Responsible Entity, the City of Salem has led the environmental review process and determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. No change in use is being proposed for this property as part of the project. 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 on file at the City of Salem's Community Planning and Development Department at 350 Commercial Street NE, Salem, Oregon. To request an electronic copy, or to review the environmental review documents by appointment, contact Eric Lowe,

Federal Programs Manager, via email at [elowe@cityofsalem.net](mailto:elowe@cityofsalem.net). Documents may be examined by appointment or copied in person weekdays 8a.m. to 5p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to the City of Salem's Community Planning and Development Department. Comments may be submitted to Federal Programs staff at the mailing address (City of Salem Community Planning and Development, 350 Commercial Street NE attention Eric Lowe) or by email to [elowe@cityofsalem.net](mailto:elowe@cityofsalem.net). All comments received by March 17, 2026 will be considered by the City of Salem prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice is being addressed.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Salem certifies to HUD that Krishna Namburi in capacity as City Manager 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.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Salem's certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date (after public comment period) 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 Officers of the City of Salem; (b) the City of Salem has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76; (c) the funding recipient has committed funds or incurred costs 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 HUD Portland Field Office: ATTN: Mark Mitchell, Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Office Building, 1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97204-2825. Objections also can be emailed to: [Portland\\_RROF@hud.gov](mailto:Portland_RROF@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Krishna Namburi, City Manager

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