

Public Notice: City intent to request release of funds

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 authorize the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of congressionally earmarked HUD funds (EDI-CPF FY23) pursuant to the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-328). Funds for this project have been congressionally earmarked for the MWVCAA to pursue a project known as “Santiam Lodge: A Transitional Home for Wildfire Survivors”, for the purpose of MWVCAA acquiring a 10-unit, 2-story apartment building, located at 1155 Howard St. SE, to be used as transitional housing for wildfire victims. The estimated project cost will be \$1,700,000 of which \$1,000,000 has been directly earmarked by the U.S. Congress to MWVCAA via HUD. No City funds will be utilized in this project.

Project Title: Santiam Lodge: A Transitional Home for Wildfire Survivors

Location: 1155 Howard Street SE, Salem, OR 97302

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. 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, Salem OR 97301 attention Eric Lowe) or by email to elowe@cityofsalem.net. All comments received by the end of the business day on 1/20/2026, 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 3rd Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97204-2825. Objections also can be emailed to: Portland_RROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Krishna Namburi, City Manager

City of Salem