



**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI RROF)**

Posting Date: November 30, 2016

Richland County Government
Community Development Department
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803-576-2230

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Richland County Government and its Community Development Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:

On or about December 28, 2016, the Richland County Government and its Community Development Department will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and HOME Investment Partnership funds to undertake the following projects in Council District 3 in an approved neighborhood master plan area: New Castle/Trenholm Acres and in Council District 5 within the Columbia city limits, respectively.

Project Title: Shakespeare Crossing Phase I, II and III
Location: 6319 Shakespeare Road, Columbia, SC 29223, Richland County
Purpose of the Project: Pre-development Activities to include the construction of a blast barrier wall and site development to prepare for the construction of 24 units of rental housing.
Estimated Cost: 1.1 million
\$376,448 in County CDBG funds
\$150,000 in County HOME
\$327,800 in State HOME funds

Project Title: East Central In-fill Housing
Location: Scattered sites
Purpose of the Project: Partnership with Columbia Housing Authority to construct 2 of 12 single family homes for homeownership for households that are 50% of the area median income.
Estimated Cost: 1,548,488.00
\$200,000 County HOME
\$700,000 Conventional Financing
\$643,488 City of Columbia

Background:

Trenholm Acres/New Castle Neighborhood: The Trenholm Acres/Newcastle area was approved by the Richland County Council as a priority focal area for Neighborhood/Community Master Planning. A project aimed to achieve the community goals is the redevelopment of the Columbia Mobile Home Park located on 3.77-acre and sits between Humphrey Drive and Judy Street in Columbia. The property is a parcel identified by Tax Map number R14215-13-13. The County is proposing to use CDBG funds to redevelop the former Columbia Mobile Home Park, the County used CDBG funds previously for spot removal of slum and blight at this site.

East Central Scattered In-fill Housing project is located in close proximity to Gonzales Garden, the city's oldest public housing complexes. The area is designated a Neighborhood Strategy Area by the City of Columbia. Gonzales Garden made up of 236 units will be raised by the Columbia Housing Authority at the end of 2016 and redeveloped as a mixed income low density affordable housing community in downtown Columbia. The East Central Scattered sites will be a jump start project for the area. The target audience for units funded by Richland County are the disabled, families and/or Section 8 voucher holders that have a household income that is 50% of area median income.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Richland County Government 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 Richland County Community Development, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063, Columbia, SC 29204 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

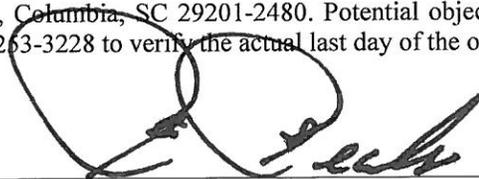
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Richland County Community Development Department, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063, Columbia, SC 29204, the department responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by Wednesday, December 28, 2016 should specify this notice and received comments will be considered by this date.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

Richland County certifies to HUD/Columbia Field Office that Gerald Seals, in his capacity as Interim County Administrator, 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, and allows Community Assistance Provider and the Columbia Housing Authority to use the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

HUD/Columbia Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and The Richland County Government's 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 Richland County Government; (b) The Richland County Government has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Richland County Government 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) and shall be addressed to: Bradley S. Evatt, Director, Community Planning and Development, US Department of HUD, 13th Floor, 1835 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201-2480. Potential objectors should contact the HUD/Columbia Field Office at (803)263-3228 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Mr. Gerald Seals, Interim County Administrator, Certifying Officer