

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
15269 STONES THROW ROAD**

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Responsible Entity (RE): Louisiana Housing Corporation (“LHC”)
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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by LHC, as well as satisfy two comment periods between LHC and HUD.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. On or about **September 16, 2024** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-43) and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-180) for major disasters occurring in 2020 and 2021, detailed in Federal Register Docket No. FR-6303-N-01, FR-6326-N-01, and FR-6368-N-01, for the following project:

Rental Restoration and Development Program

New construction of seven (7) residential units and associated parking and infrastructure at 15269 Stones Throw Rd, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, LA 70401. The total amount of funding requested is **\$725,000.00** in **CDBG-DR funds**.

PROJECT ISSUES: 1) Historic Preservation – The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requested an inadvertent discovery clause be included in the contract. 2) The project is located in the 500-year floodplain.

MITIGATION: 1) If significant archaeological materials (i.e., stone arrowheads, ceramics, and early building foundations) or should human burials/remains be unearthed, site activities would cease immediately, all agency officials contacted, and any discoveries shall be kept private and confidential. 2) The structure will be elevated to the BFE, the site plan will preserve natural water systems, and flood insurance will be maintained.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: LHC 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at LHC, 4000 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 763-8700 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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 this office by mail to the LHC Environmental Department or by email to Amber Lavergne at alavergne@lhc.la.gov. All comments received by

September 12, 2024 will be considered by this office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: LHC certifies to HUD that Marjorianna Willman, in her capacity as Executive Director, 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 LHC to use HUD Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS. HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and LHC's certification received 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 LHC approved by HUD; (b) LHC 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 project have 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:

Tennille Parker
Director Disaster Recovery & Special Issues, Office of Community Planning and Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street SW, Room 7-272
Washington DC 20410

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Marjorianna Willman, Executive Director
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