

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Bristol

300 Lee Street

Bristol VA 24201

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On or after November 19, 2024 the City of Bristol will authorize Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority to submit a request to the Richmond Virginia HUD Field Office Public and Indian Housing Program Center for the release of Housing Choice Voucher funds under Section 8(o) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake the following project:

GOODSON HILLS TOWNHOUSES

Project Description: Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority will submit a request to HUD Richmond PIH for the release of Housing Choice Voucher funds to undertake the following project:

Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority will begin new construction of the Goodson Hills project consisting of 23 three-bedroom residences located in three townhome clusters at 114, 121, and 127 Eason Place in the City of Bristol Virginia. The units are affordable housing and will replace the former Bonham Circle public housing. All 23 apartments are intended to be enhanced with Project-Based Vouchers. The property will be financed with non-HUD funds in the amount of approximately \$12,757,679. The project will utilize approximately \$6,601,920 of Housing Choice Voucher funds over the course of a 20-year contract.

The activities proposed comprise a project for which a Finding of No Significant Impact on the environment was posted on October 30 2024. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Bristol City Hall, 300 Lee Street, Room 108, Bristol, VA 24201 and on the City website at www.bristolva.org and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

Level of Environmental review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.36

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Room 108, Office of the Community Development Specialist, 300 Lee Street, Bristol VA 24201, ellen.tolton@bristolva.org, 276-645-7473. All comments received by November 19 2024 will be considered by the Community Development Specialist prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bristol certifies to the Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Randall C. Eads, Certifying Officer, in his 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. The Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Richmond Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Bristol'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 City of Bristol; (b) the City of Bristol 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 Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development office; 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 emailed to robert.f.davenport@hud.gov , Attention: Mr. Robert F. Davenport, Director, HUD Richmond PIH Program Center Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4899, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Randall C. Eads, City Manager, Certifying Officer