

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

January 14, 2025

City of Battle Creek

10 N. Division Street, Suite 104

Battle Creek, MI, 49014

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Battle Creek.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 3, 2025, the City of Battle Creek will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as 614 Capital Ave NE for the purpose of overseeing and performing the rehabilitation of a 5 to 6 unit residential building aimed at improving safety, energy efficiency, and overall livability for new tenants. The project will involve comprehensive upgrades, including structural repairs, exterior renovations, interior remodeling, and other repairs to meet current codes. Energy-efficient features, such as insulation and low-flow fixtures, will be installed to promote sustainability. Additionally, the project will address accessibility and safety improvements to ensure compliance with regulations. Throughout the process, the City will be actively involved in construction, oversight and conduct regular inspections. The rehabilitation will provide multi-unit housing to low income and moderate-income new tenants with an estimated amount of funding of \$297,860.05 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Battle Creek 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 the City of Battle Creek, 10 N Division Street Suite 104 Battle Creek MI 49014 and may be examined or copied weekday's 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Battle Creek 10 N Division Street Suite 104, Battle Creek MI 49014. All comments received by January 31, 2025, will be considered by the City of Battle Creek prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Battle Creek certifies to HUD that Ted Dearing in his capacity as Interim 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 and allows the City of Battle Creek to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Battle Creek certification received by February 18, 2025, or 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 Battle Creek; (b) the City of Battle Creek 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 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 ***U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or DetroitCPD@hud.gov.*** Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ted Dearing, Interim City Manager