

**Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)  
and  
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF)**

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**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), Reinvestment In Communities of Gaston County, Incorporated.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**On or after April 24, 2016, the City of Gastonia will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal funds from the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake the following project:**

**Project Title:** *Villas at Union Trace*

**Purpose:** *Construction of a 60-unit elderly, multi-family housing development*

**Location:** *1601 Union Road, Gastonia, NC 28054, Parcel ID 138521, recorded in Platbook 004 Page 035*

**Project Description:** *Proposed development of a 60-unit senior housing multi-family housing. Development consist of one, 2-story building on a 4.07 acre parcel to include paved parking areas and landscaping. The project also involves the demolition of one single-family occupied dwelling.*

**Project Issues:** **None Known - Not Applicable**

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** **None Known - Not Applicable**

**Estimated Project Cost:** *HOME funds released by HUD to the City of Gastonia will be used toward the project as part of the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside in the amount of \$140,337, designated to Reinvestment In Communities of Gaston County, Incorporated as a CHDO. The total project budget is \$7,054,048.*

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**The City of Gastonia 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 Housing and Neighborhoods Division office, located on the second floor of the Garland Municipal Business Center, 150 S. York Street, Gastonia, NC 28052, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.**

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Vincent C. Wong, Housing and Neighborhoods Administrator, at the address above. All comments received by April 23, 2016, will be considered by the City of Gastonia prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing, either the RROF and/or the FONSI.**

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

**The City of Gastonia certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Edward C. Munn, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gastonia to use HUD program funds.**

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

**HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Gastonia'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 Gastonia; (b) the City of Gastonia 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 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, ATTN: Lenwood Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist at 1500 Pinecroft Road, Suite 401, Greensboro, NC 27407-3838. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

*Edward C. Munn, City Manager  
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