

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

May 24, 2022

City of Benton Harbor Community and Economic Development
200 E. Wall Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
269-927-8400

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2022 the City of Benton Harbor Community and Economic Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant 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 CDBG Residential Demolition for the purpose of removing blighted, fire damaged and unsafe structures City-wide for \$300,000.00 in the City of Benton Harbor.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Benton Harbor 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 Benton Harbor Community and Economic Development Department at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M. The ERR is also available for public view at <https://bhcity.us/community-economic-development/>.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Benton Harbor Community and Economic Development Department at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 or alittle@bhcity.us. All comments received by June 8, 2022, will be considered by the City of Benton Harbor prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Benton Harbor certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Ellis Mitchell 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 Benton Harbor to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Benton Harbor'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 Benton Harbor; (b) the City of Benton Harbor 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD's Detroit Field Office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-DET@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD's Detroit Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ellis Mitchell, City Manager of the City of Benton Harbor