

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Portland, Oregon and City of Gresham, Oregon.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **August 4th, 2025** the City of Portland will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Oregon for the release of Home Investment Partnerships funds under Title II of the Cranston- Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as the ALSO Apartments for the purpose of new construction of affordable housing at 1220 NE Division Street, Gresham, OR 97030.

THE PROJECT

This project seeks to demolish an existing single-family home located at 1220 NE Division Street in the City of Gresham and construct a 39-unit, four-story multi-family housing project. The project will include 21 one-bedroom, 12 two-bedroom, and 6 three-bedroom units. Additionally, on-site parking and outdoor space, including sports courts, a kids play area, and community garden spaces will be constructed for residents' use.

Following construction services will be provided by Advocates for Life Skills and Opportunity (ALSO), one of Oregon's long-standing nonprofit disability support service providers in the Portland Metro area. ALSO has also signed an MOU with All Good Northwest for the purpose of increasing housing stability for People of Color and Immigrant and Refugee communities by combining traditional and culturally specific resident services. The four-story, wood-framed, elevator-served project will incorporate Universal Design Standards in order to accommodate a wide range of individual abilities.

Total HOME subsidy for this project will be \$800,000. The project will also receive assistance through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The **City of Portland** 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

Portland Housing Bureau and online at **HUD's public comment site**. Copies may be examined by contacting **anna.shook@portlandoregon.gov**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to Anna Shook, at anna.shook@portlandoregon.gov. All comments received by August 1st, 2025 will be considered by the City of Portland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Portland certifies that Anna Shook, in her capacity as HUD Certifying Officer, 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 Portland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/Portland will accept objections to its release of fund and the RE'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 Portland:
- (b) the RE 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/State; 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) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development at Portland_RROF@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

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