



  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



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

**If the Mayor declares a state of emergency due to snow on March 13-14, 2017,  
this Notice will become effective immediately.**

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March 13, 2017

District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)  
1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
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These Notices satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Government of the District of Columbia (DC) associated with the removal of snow in Ward 8 during an emergency declared by the Mayor of DC that there is an immediate need for public action to protect the public safety.

### **Request for Release of Funds**

Today, DHCD will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Washington DC Field Office for the release of up to \$700,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the DC Department of Transportation and the DC Department of Public Works to undertake the activities generally described above. Such activities may specifically include, but are not limited to, the rental of equipment and the labor costs (including immediate maintenance needs) associated with: the plowing of snow; the loading and spreading of salt, deicers, and other safety treatments; the hauling of snow and ice debris; and the channeling of melting snow.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

DHCD has determined that these activities 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

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contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC and may be examined or copied weekdays 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the subject of these Notices may submit written comments to both:

- 1) DHCD Office of Program Monitoring, ATTN: Ms. Lesley Edmond, Housing Compliance Officer; and
- 2) HUD Washington DC Field Office, ATTN: Mr. Michael D. Rose, Director - Community Planning and Development Division, Suite 300, 820 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

All comments received by March 28, 2017, will be considered by DHCD and HUD. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **Release of Funds**

DHCD certifies to HUD that Mary R. (Polly) Donaldson, in her capacity as DHCD Director, 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 DHCD to use CDBG funds.

### **Objections to Release of Funds**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the DHCD certification for a period of 15 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 DHCD Certifying Officer; (b) DHCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 C.F.R. 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 C.F.R. Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 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 at 24 C.F.R. Part 58 and be addressed to the HUD Washington DC Field Office as noted above. Potential objectors should contact HUD at 202-275-6266 or 410-209-6546, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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