

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

July 5th, 2024.

City of Springfield
Office of Planning & Economic Development
800 E. Monroe, Room 107
Springfield IL, 62701
217-789-2377

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by The City of Springfield.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 20th, 2024, the City of Springfield, as the Responsible Entity (RE), with respect to environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR Part 58, will submit a request to the 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, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Salvation Army Demolition and Abatement on 11th Street in Springfield, Illinois. The purpose of the funding is for building removal with asbestos abatement. This work shall consist of the removal and disposal of the building(s), including all foundations, retaining walls, and piers down to a plane 1ft (300mm) below the ultimate bottom of building elevation or proposed bottom of construction elevation. The buildings are located at 221 North 11th Street. The estimated cost of the project is \$567,600 and is being paid with CDBG grant funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Springfield, as the Responsible Entity (RE), 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 Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe, Room 107, Springfield IL, 62701 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 the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe, Room 107, Springfield IL, 62701 or by email to Julia.Cave@springfield.il.us. All comments received by July 20th, 2024, will be considered by the City of Springfield 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 Springfield certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Misty Buscher, in her capacity as Mayor of Springfield, 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. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Springfield use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Springfield'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 Springfield; (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 The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Chicago Field Office, Donald. G Kathan, Director, Community Planning and Development at: CPDRROFCHI@hud.gov**. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Misty Buscher, Mayor of Springfield