



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

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

December 13, 2021

St. Johns County, Housing & Community Development Division
200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 827-6897

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the St. Johns County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Tuesday, December 13, 2021, St. Johns County will submit a request to the Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq, to undertake a project known as Hastings Community Center and Library for the purpose of new construction of the proposed St. Johns County satellite library, large meeting room, and several offices (social services, outreach, Sheriff community/outreach office, etc). Estimated funding is \$500,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

St. Johns County 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 St. Johns County, Housing & Community Development Division office at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 where the ERR can be examined and/or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. EST.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the St Johns County, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and (904) 827-6897, Attention: Kym D. Johnson, Housing Program Specialist CDBG. All comments received by Monday, December 27, 2021, will be considered by St Johns County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

St Johns County certifies to Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Hunter Conrad, County Administrator, 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. Florida 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 St Johns County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the St. Johns County'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 St Johns County; (b) St Johns County 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 Florida 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 Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development administration office at:

**Charles Bennett Federal Building
400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202-4410
Attn: Ken Pinnix, CPD Representative**

Potential objectors should contact Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

