



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

November 30, 2023

St. Johns County  
Housing and Development Division  
200 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
904-827-6890

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 Thursday, November 30, 2023 the St. Johns County will submit a request to the Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the release of 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 by Operation Lifeline, Inc. known as 10200 Isom Ave, Hastings, FL 32145 for the purpose of providing home rehabilitation to a low to moderate income veteran homeowner in need of assistance in order to remain living safely and independently in the home. Estimated funding is \$40,000.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The 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 and Community Development Division office at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8\_A.M to\_5\_P.M.

### **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, email: [gguilfoyle@sjcfl.us](mailto:gguilfoyle@sjcfl.us) and (904)-827-6890, Attention: Marie Guilfoyle, Housing Program Specialist CDBG. All comments received by Monday, December 18, 2023 will be considered by the St. Johns County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The St. Johns County certifies to Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Joy Andrews in his capacity as 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

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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 the 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 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 St. Johns County (b) the 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 at 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015 Jacksonville, FL 32202-4410. Potential objectors should contact Florida U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph Cone, Assistant Director  
Housing and Community Development  
St. Johns County Health and Human Services

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received