

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

Date of Notice: February 20, 2025

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: DeKalb County, Community Development Department

Address: 178 Sams Street, Suite A-3500

City, State, Zip Code: Decatur, Georgia 30030

Telephone Number of RE: (404) 371-2521

These notices satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Decatur.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 13, 2025 the DeKalb County will authorize the City of Decatur to submit a request to the HUD Georgia for the release of Community Project Funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (FY2023 Act) to undertake a project known as Decatur Legacy Park Creative Village Project for the purpose of conducting major rehabilitation on two former group homes to repurpose them into affordable housing and studio space units for Decatur and DeKalb County artists. The grant will open an affordable housing option for up to 16 artists. The project site is located at 500 South Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030. The project funding for the project is \$209,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DeKalb 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 DeKalb County, Community Development Department, 178 Sams Street, Suite A3500, Decatur, Georgia 30030. and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the DeKalb County, Community Development Department at 178 Sams Street, Suite A3500, Decatur, Georgia 30030. All comments received by if notice is published: publication date plus fifteen days; if notice is mailed and posted: mailing and posting date plus eighteen days will be considered by the DeKalb County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The DeKalb County certifies to HUD Georgia that Allen Mitchell in his capacity as 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 Georgia approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Community Project Funding, City of Decatur Legacy Park Creative Village Project to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD Georgia will accept objections to its release of fund and the DeKalb County 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 DeKalb County; (b) the DeKalb 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 HUD Georgia; 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 HUD Georgia administration office at Five Points Plaza Building, 40 Marietta Street Atlanta, GA 30303 Potential objectors should contact HUD Georgia to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Allen Mitchell and Director of DeKalb County, Community Development Department,
Certifying Officer

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.