

Dane County
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

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

April 8, 2025

County of Dane
Department of Human Services - Division of Housing Access & Affordability
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 421
Madison, WI 53703
608.949.4975

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 24, 2025, the County of Dane will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) – American Rescue Plan Program (ARP) funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act at title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 24 U.S.C. 12701 et seq. and under the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) which was appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to undertake a project known as the Merchant Place Apartments to assist in the construction of a multi-family apartments, using funds originating with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The amount of HOME-ARP funds to be invested is estimated at \$1,917,059.40. The project is located at 6706 Odana Rd, Madison WI 53719.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Dane 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 Dane County Department of Human Services - Division of Housing Access & Affordability office located at 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 421, Madison, WI 53703 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Environmental Review Record may be viewed electronically during the duration of the public comment period at: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Dane County Department of Human Services - Division of Housing Access & Affordability office. All comments received by April 23, 2025 will be considered by the County of Dane prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Electronic comments can be emailed to: cdbg@danecounty.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Dane certifies to HUD that Joanna Cervantes in her capacity as HAA Human Services Manager 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 the County of Dane to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Dane 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 County of Dane; (b) the County of Dane 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; 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 the HUD Milwaukee Field Office at MKE-ENV@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Milwaukee Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joanna Cervantes, HAA Human Services Manager
County of Dane