

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

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the State of North Carolina.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 20, 2018, or 16 days after the publishing of this notice, whichever is later, the North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as NC Rebuild: Single-Family Homeowner Recovery and Rental Programs for the purpose of providing assistance for single-family homeowners and owners of single-family rental properties in Edgecombe County with unmet needs as a result of damage to their properties due to Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. The State of North Carolina has directed approximately \$17,560,000 from its total allocation of CDBG-DR funds to Edgecombe County for Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The NCDOC 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 North Carolina Division of Emergency Management's (NCEM, administering this grant on behalf of the NCDOC) office located at 4105 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the NCEM on behalf of the NCDOC. NCEM will accept written comments during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM delivered to: Michael Gagner, Deputy Chief of Resilience, NCEM, Attention: Disaster Recovery Comments, 4238 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4238. Alternatively, comments may be emailed to CDBGDR.Environment@ncdps.gov with "Attention: Disaster Recovery Comments" in the subject line. All comments received by July 19, 2018, will be considered by the NCDOC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The NCDOC certifies to HUD that Ms. Iris Payne in her capacity as Certifying Official 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 State of North Carolina to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the NCDOC'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 NCDOC; (b) the NCDOC 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 Tenille Smith Parker, Disaster Recovery and special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.