

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

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Environmental Assessment
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Hennepin County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **April 25, 2025** Hennepin County and the City of Brooklyn Park will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (B-23-UC-27-0001, B-24-UC-27-0001, and B-25-UC-27-0001) , and Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant funds under B-24-CP-MN-1235 of the The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-42), as amended, to undertake a project known as Zanewood Recreation Center as described below:

Zanewood Recreation center serves the purpose of providing teen and young adult programming. There is an increasing demand for recreational activities and facilities in the area. To provide services to meet the increasing needs the current recreation center will undergo renovation and construction to add an addition to provide increased space at the current location of the Zanewood Recreation Center. The project will feature the excavation and site work to create a 25,000 square foot two -story addition with a gymnasium addition to serve a dedicated teen space, site enhancements to support additional parking and manage storm water. The existing building structure will not be altered, but interior improvements will be made to create a separate dedicated space for K-5 programming. CPF estimated funds of \$500,000 and CDBG estimated funds of \$600,000 will contribute to the total project cost is estimated at \$10,000,000. The project will be located at 7100 Zane Ave North in Brooklyn Park.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Hennepin 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 Action of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) may be requested via mail at the office of Hennepin County, Housing and Economic Development, 300 South 6th Street, MN 685, Minneapolis, MN 55487, or requested via telephone at 612-596-0983. The full ERR can also be viewed at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records> for review or requested via email to isak.collins@hennepin.us. In person review may be scheduled by appointment via the contact information above. Alternatively, the environmental assessment can be viewed at Brooklyn Park City Hall, 5200 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Hennepin County. All comments received by **April 24, 2025** will be considered by Hennepin County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Hennepin County certifies to HUD that Kevin Dockry, in his official capacity as Chief Housing and Economic Development Officer, the Certifying Officer for HUD programs, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows Hennepin County and recipient to use the CPF funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hennepin County certification for a period of **15 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 Hennepin County; (b) Hennepin 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Minnesota Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning and Development (CPD) at CPDRROFMIN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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