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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS AND
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

(To be used by CHDOs and Non-profits only)

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

Tennessee Housing Development Agency

404 James Robertson Parkway
Suite 1114
Nashville, TN 37243-0900

gives notice that it will submit a request for release of grant funds and an environmental certification pertaining thereto to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 15 days following this publication. The request and certification relate to the following project.

Project Title: _____
Location: _____
Purpose of Project: _____
Estimated Cost: \$ _____

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) will undertake the project described above with HOME funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. THDA is certifying to HUD that THDA and its Executive Director in his official capacity as Certifying Officer consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon HUD's approval, THDA may use the funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related laws and authorities. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following bases:

- a. that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or
- b. that applicant's environmental review for the project omitted a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the Environmental Review Process.

- c. other specific ground in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Third Floor, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street, Knoxville, TN 37902-4393, Attention: Susan Miller. No objection received after *fifteen days* following the receipt of this request will be considered by HUD.

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THDA also gives notice that it has been determined that the above project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, THDA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The project is not of sufficient size, scale, or mass and does not exceed the threshold criteria established for the preparation of a statement nor will the project have a significant impact on the human environment under NEPA.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by THDA which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file in the Community Programs Division, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1114, Nashville, TN 37243-0900 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request during the weekday hours of 8AM to 4:30PM.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Programs Division of THDA. Such written comments should be received at the address listed above within fifteen days of this request. All such comments so received will be considered and THDA will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Executive Director
Tennessee Housing Development Agency