

## **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 City of Danbury.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 15, 2021, the City of Danbury will submit a request to the State of Connecticut Department of Housing for the release of CDBG/Small Cities funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5301, et seq., as amended, 24 CFR 570 of the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-136 also known as the “CARES Act”) to undertake a project known as Pacific House West for the purpose of acquiring the Super 8 Motel, 3 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury, CT to establish a non-congregate emergency homeless shelter. The City proposes to apply for up to \$4,825,000 to complete this project.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Danbury 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 City of Danbury Finance Department, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT, and is posted on the City of Danbury website, [www.danbury-ct.gov](http://www.danbury-ct.gov). Any residents requiring ADA accommodation may contact the Office of the Mayor, 203-797-4511.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Director, City of Danbury Finance Department, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810, or by email to [comments@danbury-ct.gov](mailto:comments@danbury-ct.gov), referencing Pacific House ERR in the subject line. All comments received by 6:30 PM on January 14, 2021 will be considered by the City of Danbury prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Danbury certifies to the State of Connecticut Department of Housing that Joseph M. Cavo in his capacity as Mayor 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. The State of Connecticut’s approval of the

certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Danbury to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Connecticut will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Danbury's certification. The objection period will run concurrently with the public comment period. Objections will be accepted only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Danbury; (b) the City of Danbury 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 the State of Connecticut Department of Housing; 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 emailed to Miguel Rivera, Housing and Community Development Manager, at [rivera.miguel@ct.gov](mailto:rivera.miguel@ct.gov). Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph M. Cavo  
Mayor

