

**Sample Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and  
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

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REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 5 2025

Iowa Finance Authority

1963 Bell Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50315

515-348-6205

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Iowa Finance Authority.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**On or about March 24, 2025, the Iowa Finance Authority will authorize Starts Right Here to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME-ARP funds under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to undertake a project known as Starts Right Here - STAY for the purpose of developing 18 apartment units at 525 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street for an estimated \$3,625,000.**

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**The Iowa Finance Authority 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 Iowa Finance Authority, located at 1963 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, IA, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M. The City of Des Moines has also completed an environmental review for this project for the release of an estimated \$1,000,000 and can be found at 602 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Iowa Finance Authority. All comments received by March 25, 2025 will be considered by the Iowa Finance Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

**The Iowa Finance Authority certifies to The Department of Housing and Urban Development that Debi Durham in their capacity as Director 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. Iowa Finance Authority's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Starts Right Here to use Program funds.**

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the Iowa Finance Authority'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 Iowa Finance Authority; (b) the Iowa Finance Authority 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 Omaha Branch of the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 329, Omaha, NE, 68102. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

**Debi Durham, Director of Iowa Finance Authority**