

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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**On or after November 7, 2025, the Iowa Finance Authority will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as East Central Iowa First Time Homebuyer Program for the purpose of providing downpayment assistance and hazard mitigation for five residential homes in Iowa, Washington, Jones, and Benton Counties at the cost of roughly \$206,250.**

**The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Iowa Finance Authority, located at 1963 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, IA, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 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 November 6, 2025, will be considered by the Iowa Finance Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.**

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**The Iowa Finance Authority certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Deb Durham in her capacity as Director of the Iowa Finance Authority 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 Iowa Finance Authority approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund to use HUD program funds.**

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds 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 Iowa Economic Development Authority; 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development – Region 7 At the following email address: CPDRROFOMA@hud.gov. Objectors should contact the Iowa Finance Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

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