# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

## 06/12/2024

City of Bloomington

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Bloomington.

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 17, 2024 the City of Bloomington will submit a request to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development Minnesota for the release of federal Housing Choice Voucher funds under 24 CFR Section 983 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake the following projectknown as 700 American.

PURPOSE: The project involves providing eight affordable rental units in a larger new construction project of 128 affordable senior rental apartments on a vacant lot. The Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) in and for the City of Bloomington, will project-base eight of its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) units in the larger development to provide rent assistance to low-income families. The project-based units will be maintained as affordable units for a contracted ten-year term.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Bloomington 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 Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority office at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, Minnesota, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Written comments can be submitted via email to hra@bloomingtonmn.gov. All comments received by June 27, 2024 will be considered by the City of Bloomington prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bloomington certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Minnesota area office that Tim Busse 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development Minnesota area office’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Bloomington’s HRA to use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Minnesota area office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Bloomington’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 City of Bloomington; (b) The City of Bloomington 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 the Department of Housing and Urban Development Minnesota area office; 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 Minnesota area office at 920 Second Avenue South, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development Minnesota area office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## Tim Busse

Mayor

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