

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after May 5, 2025 the City of Lynchburg will submit a request to the HUD Virginia Office for the release of HOME Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: 302 Smyth Street

Purpose: The undertaking consists of the demolition of a one-story residence (DHR ID #118-5728) located at 302 Smyth Street Lynchburg, VA 24501, and the construction of a new single-family residential structure on the property. The project property currently contains an existing single-family residence on approximately 0.241 acres of land. The residence was constructed circa 1958 and consists of a one-story wood frame building measuring approximately 737 square feet, a concrete driveway, concrete walkways, a shed, and landscaping. Properties in the general vicinity of the project include residential land uses and vacant land.

Sources of Funds:

- City of Lynchburg HOME Program - \$244,018
- Private Funds - \$205,982 (estimated)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lynchburg 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 Grants Administration Office, 2nd Floor, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA. The ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M., upon request or via email to: melva.walker@lynchburgva.gov or by U.S. Mail to: Melva Walker, Grants Manager, Grants Administration Office, City of Lynchburg, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504. A copy is also available at: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Grants Administration Office, 2nd Floor, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA or by electronic mail at melva.walker@lynchburgva.gov. All comments received by May 5, 2025 will be considered by

the City of Lynchburg prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Lynchburg certifies to HUD that Wynter C. Benda, in his capacity as City Manager of the City of Lynchburg consent 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lynchburg to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lynchburg'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 Lynchburg; (b) the City of Lynchburg 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 HUD; 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 HUD, Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, Community Planning and Development Division by email at CPDRROFRIC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4834, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Wynter C. Benda, City Manager, City of Lynchburg