

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

November 1, 2011

City of Columbia
Community Development Department
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Columbia's Community Development Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 16, 2011 at least one day after the end of the comment period the City of Columbia will submit a request to the South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Administration for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, for a project known as Bellfield Cultural Arts Center Renovation Project, located at 2611 Grant Street in Columbia, South Carolina.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Columbia 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 City of Columbia Community Development Department, 1225 Lady Street, Ste 102, Columbia, SC 29201 where the ERR can be examined and name and address of other locations where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 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 Columbia's designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by November 16, 2011 will be considered by the City of Columbia 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 Columbia certifies to South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Administration that Mr. Steve Gantt in his/her capacity as City Manager 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. South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Administration's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Columbia to use CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Administration will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Columbia'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 Columbia; (b) the City of Columbia has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the City of Columbia has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by South Carolina Department of Commerce Grants Administration (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) and shall be addressed to South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Administration office at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600. Potential objectors should contact Department of Commerce Environmental Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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