

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

April 15, 2025

St. Johns County Housing and Development Division 200 San Sebastian View St. Augustine, FL 32084

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by St. Johns County.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about Tuesday, April 10th, 2025, St. Johns County will submit a request to the Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq to undertake a project by Habitat for Humanity known as 4150 Maine Street Elkton, FL 32033 to provide water and sewer access to four contiguous 5—foot x 100-foot lots. This is in preparation for building four affordable homes to make homeownership accessible to four low-income households. The project will also benefit the surrounding area, which could eventually tap into the water and sewer lines Habitat St. Augustine installs. While all four households that Habitat St. Augustine will serve are low-income, the Vermont Heights area is comprised of low to moderate-income residents. Estimated funding is \$165,807.

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

St. Johns County has determined that the project will not significantly impact the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at St. Johns County, Housing and Community Development Division office at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. It may be examined or copied on weekdays \_from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or in our website at <a href="https://www.sjcfl.us/community-development-block-grant/">https://www.sjcfl.us/community-development-block-grant/</a>



### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the St. Johns County, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, email: gguilfoyle@sjcfl.us and (904)-827-6890, Attention: Marie Guilfoyle, Housing Program Specialist CDBG. All comments received by Wednesday, April 30, 2025, will be considered by St. Johns County before authorizing the submission of a request to release funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The St. Johns County certifies to the Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Joy Andrews, in her capacity as County Administrator, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities about the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Florida U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's certification approval satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows St. Johns County to use Program funds.

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

Florida U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE's certification for 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 St. Johns County (b) the St. Johns County 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 Florida U. S. 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). They shall be addressed to the Florida U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202-4410. Potential objectors should contact the Florida U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the last day of the objection period.

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