

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

Date of Notice: 3/1/2024

City of Gresham 1333 NW Eastman Parkway Gresham, OR 97030 503-618-2814

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

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the City of Gresham will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of FY 2022 Community Project Funding Grant funds under Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-103) to undertake a project known as Gradin Community Sports Park Phase II for the purpose of improving an existing City park by adding restrooms, additional sports fields, pickleball courts, a fenced dog park, improved parking and other amenities to improve the park's facilities and accessibility. The project is located at 2303 SE Palmquist Rd in the City of Gresham.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Gresham 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 Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR 97030 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M. Copies are also available via email, by contacting Rachel.Nehse@GreshamOregon.gov.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to:

City of Gresham Urban Design & Planning, Attn: Rachel Nehse 1333 NW Eastman Parkway

Gresham, OR 97030 Email: Rachel.Nehse@GreshamOregon.gov Phone: 503-618-2814

All comments received by March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be considered by the City of Gresham prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Gresham certifies to HUD that Eric Schmidt in his capacity as Interim 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gresham to use Program funds.

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

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Gresham'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 Gresham; (b) the City of Gresham 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 addressed to HUD via email at <u>Portland RROF@hud.gov</u>. Objections may also be mailed in using the address below:

# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development Portland Field Office 1220 SW Third Avenue, Suite 400 Portland, OR 97204

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.