



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI-RROF)

WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY SCATTERED SITES REHABILITATION, WOODBRIAGE APARTMENTS, CREEKWOOD, CREEKWOOD SOUTH AND HOUSTON MOORE, WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC

AUGUST 7, 2023

Name of Responsible Entity and Recipient: North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR), P.O. Box 110465, Durham, NC 27709. Contact: Director Laura Hogshead (984) 833-5350.

Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.43, this combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI-RROF) satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities proposed to be undertaken by NCORR.

Project Description: NCORR is responsible for the direct administration of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program in North Carolina. NCORR proposes to provide CDBG-MIT funding from the Public Housing Restoration Fund Program of \$2,036,241.00 for the Wilmington Housing Authority Scattered Sites Rehabilitation project (“Proposed Project”) located at **Woodbridge Apartments** (20 Units) at 302 Grass Lane, Wilmington, NC 28405 (Unit #s 101-110, 201-205, 207 & 209-212); **Creekwood** (14 Units) at 602, 712, 804, 805, 809 & 1008 N. 30th St., 617, 701, 707, 708, 902, 915 & 922 Emory St., and 2905 Clayton Place, Wilmington, NC 28405; **Creekwood South** (6 Units) at 502, 522, 609, 611, 613 & 710 N. 30th St., Wilmington, NC 28405; and **Houston Moore** (1 Unit) at 1420 Greenfield St., Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC 28401. The Proposed Project is anticipated to have a total cost of \$2,036,241.00. The State of North Carolina was adversely impacted by the landfall of Hurricanes Matthew (October 8, 2016) and Hurricane Florence (September 14, 2018). The Proposed Project will involve repairs, replacements and mold remediation at 41 public housing units severely damaged by Hurricane Florence. The proposed project activities include repairing and/or replacing drywall, plumbing, appliances, water heaters, broken windows, and duct work; painting; patching; mold remediation

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of cleaning ducts and identified affected interior areas; and hazardous materials abatement, where applicable. The Proposed Project will benefit 164 low-income residents, comprised of 41 adults and 123 children, who have been displaced from these 41 currently vacant, storm-damaged units.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Project has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. The EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Subject to public comments, no further review of the Proposed Project is anticipated. NCORR has determined that the EA for the project identified herein complies with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. NCORR has determined that the Proposed Project will have no significant impact on the human environment and therefore does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement under NEPA.

Public Review: Public viewing of the EA and environmental review record is available online at <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policies-reports/environmental-reviews>. Documents may be viewed in person by appointment only at: NCORR, 200 Park Offices Drive, Durham, NC 27709; call (984) 833-5350 to make an appointment.

Further information may be requested by writing to the above address, emailing publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov or by calling (984) 833-5350. This combined notice is being sent to individuals and groups known to be interested in these activities, local news media, appropriate local, state and federal agencies, the regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction, and the HUD Field Office, and is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected community.

Public Comments on the FONSI and/or NOI-RROF: Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the Proposed Project. The public is hereby advised to specify in their comments which “notice” their comments address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before August 22, 2023, at publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov. Written comments may also be submitted by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before August 22, 2023, and addressed to: NCORR – Public Comments, P.O. Box 110465, Durham, NC 27709. All comments must be received on or before August 22, 2023 or they will not be considered. If modifications result from public comment, these will be made prior to proceeding with the submission of a request for release of funds.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION

On or after August 23, 2023, the NCORR Certifying Officer will submit a request and certification to HUD for the release of CDBG-MIT funds as authorized by related laws and policies for the purpose of undertaking this project under the North Carolina CDBG-MIT Public Housing Restoration Fund Program.

NCORR certifies to HUD that Laura Hogshead, in her capacity as Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the U.S. 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 NCORR to use CDBG-MIT program funds.

Objection to Release of Funds: HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and NCORR's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors should contact HUD or the NCORR Certifying Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The only permissible grounds for objections claiming a responsible entity's non-compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 are: (a) certification was not executed by NCORR's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity 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 HUD's release of funds and approval of environmental certification; 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 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Phone: (202) 402-4649, or emailed to disaster_recovery@hud.gov.

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August 7, 2023