

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

March 11, 2025

City of Pittsburgh – Office of Management and Budget
414 Grant Street
Room 501
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-255-2211

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Pittsburgh.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (1) – MTW & SECTION 8 PBV PROJECT

On or about Wednesday April 2, 2025, the City of Pittsburgh will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release of the Federal funds to undertake to undertake a rental housing development known as Hazelwood Green (HG1-Lytle and HG2-Blair): (a) HACP Moving to Work (MTW) funds under the 1937 Act as modified by the 1996 and 1999 Consolidated Appropriations Act; and (b) Section 8 Project Based Voucher (PBV) program under the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 as modified by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016.

The release of the aforementioned funds will be for Hazelwood Green HG1-Lytle and HG2-Blair (the “Project”) which are 2 new 5-story apartment buildings that will comprise the first residential development at the Hazelwood Green site. HG2-Blair will front Blair Street at Eliza Street and HG1-Lytle will front Lytle Street across from The Plaza Park, a recently completed 2-acre public green space adjacent to Mill-19 designed with families in mind. Both developments are situated in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Hazelwood.

HG1-Lytle will be a new general occupancy **fifty-unit (50)** building fronting Lytle Street at Eliza Street and will contain thirty-three (33) one-bedroom and seventeen (17) two-bedroom apartments. HG2-Blair will be a new general occupancy **forty-six (46)** unit building situated parallel to HG1-Lytle across the rear parking yard and fronting Blair Street at Eliza Street and will contain twenty-nine (29) one-bedroom, ten (10) two-bedroom, and seven (7) three-bedroom apartments. Both buildings will house amenities, communal spaces and retail on the ground floor. This development encompasses a total of forty (40) units with PBV subsidy to assist low-income households.

A unique partnership with Pittsburgh Scholar House (PSH), a not-for-profit organization, will provide supportive services to parents with young children who seek higher education. In alignment with the academic developments at Hazelwood Green by local universities, PSH aims to empower parents and children to begin the cycle of generational prosperity through education. First floor amenities in both buildings will include a study room and a children's playroom to support students and their children. The building will be designed and constructed to achieve LEED Gold Certification, a requirement of the Special Planning Zone 10.

Funding for the Project will consist of the following approximate amounts; URA funding of \$4,000,000; an Allegheny County loan of \$250,000; a PHFA loan of \$3,750,000; a PHARE loan of \$1,750,000; \$33,378,412 in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity, \$1,400,000 in PA State Tax Credit equity, and \$224,375 in 45L Tax Credit equity.

The HACP's \$3,200,000 gap financing loan will be sourced with Moving to Work (MTW) funds under the 1937 Act as modified by the 1996 and 1999 Consolidated Appropriations Act in addition to providing forty (40) Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (PBV) as part of the Section 8 PBV program [HG1-Lytle: 25 PBV units; HG2-Blair 15 PBV Units] under the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 as modified by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 to support the units' affordability. The total estimated cost of the development is \$47,057,505.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (2) – MTW & SECTION 8 PBV PROJECT

The City of Pittsburgh 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to City of Pittsburgh, Office of Management and Budget, 414 Grant St, City County Building Room 501, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219 or by email to OMBEnvironmental@pittsburghpa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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OR

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All comments received by Wednesday, March 26, 2025 will be considered by the City of Pittsburgh prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice (Request for Release of Funds 1 or Finding of No Significant Impact 2) they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Pittsburgh certifies to HUD that Ed Gainey in his capacity as Mayor, City of Pittsburgh, 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 Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to use development funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Pittsburgh certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Pittsburgh; (b) the City of Pittsburgh 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 writing in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Field Office of Public Housing in Pittsburgh at PittsburghPIH.ER@hud.gov regarding MTW and Section 8 PBV funds.

Potential objectors should contact the HUD Field Office of Public Housing via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ed Gainey
Mayor
City of Pittsburgh