

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 17, 2025

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Flint, MI 48503
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These notices satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by *Communities First, Inc.*

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 08/4/2025 the *City of Flint* will *authorize Communities First, Inc.* to submit a request to the *Detroit HUD* for the release of *Home Improvement Community Project funds* Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L. 117-103), *as amended*, to undertake a project known as *Masonic Temple Renovations* for the purpose of *renovating the Masonic Temple located at 755 S. Saginaw St.* This project includes renovations to the existing building constructed between 1909 and 1911. The upgrades will occur in the basement, first-floor and first-floor mezzanine levels. The basement level renovations include a new egress corridor leading to the existing stairs within the existing kitchen, new flooring and ceiling in the large and small dining rooms, plaster repair, new kitchen layout and equipment. Construction of a new barrier free restroom demolishing the current office area and constructing new restrooms and refinishing the auditorium floor. The mezzanine level renovations will include the construction of new restrooms in the existing restroom area. This project also includes the installation of new mechanical and plumbing systems. The estimated funding: CPF \$350,000, CDBG \$975,000, non-HUD \$4,175,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The *City of Flint* 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 the City of Flint Business and Services 1101 S. Saginaw St. Rm S-8 Flint, MI 48503 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *City of Flint Business Services 1101 S. Saginaw St. Rm S-8, Flint, MI 48503*. All comments received by 08/01/2025 will be considered by the *City of Flint* 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 Flint* certifies to *Detroit HUD* that *Sheldon Neeley* in *his* capacity as *Mayor* 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. *Detroit HUD* approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Communities *First, Inc.* to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *City of Flint* 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 Flint*; (b) the *City of Flint* 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 the *U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or DetroitCPD@hud.gov*. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sheldon Neeley, Mayor
