

## COMBINED NOTICE

### Finding of No Significant Impact

### Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

City of Vernonia  
September 21, 2017  
1001 Bridge Street  
503-429-5291  
Vernonia, OR 97064

This Combined Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Vernonia.

#### **Request for Release of Funds:**

On or about October 9, 2017 the above-named entity will submit a request to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for the release of federal Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as:

#### **ROSE AVENUE SENIOR CENTER & FOOD BANK**

The building will house senior citizen programming and services and emergency food service for low to moderate income individuals needing food assistance.

Estimated Funding: **\$2,000,000 (2 million dollars)**

The project will be located at **547 Weed Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064**

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

The City of Vernonia 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 above address and is available for public review/examination or can be copied weekdays 8:00a.m.-12:30p.m. / 1:30p.m.-5:00p.m. upon request.

#### **Public Comments**

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Vernonia, Office of the City Administrator, whom is responsible for receiving and responding to comments. Such written comments should be received at the above address on or before Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All such comments so received will be considered by the City of Vernonia prior to authorizing submission of a request of release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **Release of Funds**

The City of Vernonia certifies to OBDD that Mario Leonetti in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is, upon its approval, the City of Vernonia may use the Grant funds, and OBDD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

#### **Objection to Release of Funds**

OBDD will accept objections to its Release of Funds and the City of Vernonia certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or actual receipt of the request for release of funds (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- A. The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer, Mario Leonetti
- B. City of Vernonia has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58
- C. City of Vernonia has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by OBDD
- 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and shall be addressed to OBDD at 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301-1280. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by OBDD.

Potential objectors should contact OBDD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. It is estimated that any objection received after Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will not be considered by OBDD.

Certifying Officer: Mario Leonetti  
Mayor of Vernonia  
1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064