

**Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment
and Notice to Public of Request of Release of Funds**

December 14, 2016

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons: On or about January 6, 2017 Wake County Human Services will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for release of federal funds under the federal HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Grant Program funds. The release of funds is requested for the construction and permanent financing of Amber Spring Apartments in Raleigh, NC.

Purpose of Notice: This notice is intended to meet two separate procedural requirements of 24 CFR part 58: 1) To provide notice to the public that the County has determined that the request for release of funds for the above programs will not have a significant impact on the environment; 2) To provide notice to the public that the County is requesting the release of funds under the above program.

Finding of No Significant Impact: It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly Wake County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for this project. The reasons for the decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: Amber Spring Apartments will benefit low income Seniors by providing affordable housing in Raleigh, NC without any adverse impact to the natural environment. An Environmental Review Record describing more fully the reasons such a statement is not required is on file for each project and available for public examination and copying in the Wake County Housing and Community Revitalization Office, 4th floor-room 449, Wake County Office Building, 336 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, NC, between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

No further environmental review of such projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the Request for Release of Federal Funds.

Public Comments on Findings: All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County to: Kelly Baraldi, Wake County Housing & Community Revitalization, P.O. Box 550, Raleigh, NC 27602 or Kelly.Baraldi@wakegov.com. Written comments must be received on or before January 5, 2017. All comments will be considered and the County will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds: Wake County will undertake the project described above with HOME funds in accordance with all applicable laws. Wake County is certifying to HUD that Wake County and James K. Hartmann by the authority delegated to him by the Wake County Board of Commissioners, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in response to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Wake County may use HOME funds for the activities specified above and has satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to Request for Release of Funds: HUD will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: a) The certification was not in fact executed by the certifying official or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or b) That the applicant's environmental review records for the program indicate omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the program in the environmental review process; or c) Other permissible bases for objections listed in 24 CFR part 58. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, ATTN: Lenwood Smith, 1500 Pincroft Rd., Suite 401, Greensboro, NC 27407-3838.

Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received 15 days after the anticipated submission date or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) will be considered by HUD. Comments must specify whether they concern the finding of no significant impact or the request for release of funds.

James K. Hartmann, County Manager
Wake County