

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 21, 2025

*City of Bristol, Tennessee as Lead Entity
for the Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium
104 8th Street
Bristol, TN 37620
(423) 989-5517*

On or about March 5, 2025 the City of Bristol, Tennessee as Lead Entity for the Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Kingsport Consortium Projects for the purpose of demolishing / reconstructing or substantially rehabilitating four (4) single-family residential units for the existing homeowners. The projects include approximately \$605,000 in Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium funding. The demolition /reconstruction projects are located at 1301 E Sullivan Court, 1628 Jefferson Avenue, 1613 Aaron Way and the substantial rehabilitation is located at 3314 Hillcrest Drive.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Bristol, Tennessee, Community Development Services, Attn: Tyler Gillenwater, Community Development Specialist, Municipal Annex Building, 104 8th Street, Bristol, Tennessee 37620, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. by appointment only by calling (423) 989-5517. The ERR may also be reviewed either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Tyler Gillenwater, Community Development Specialist, 104 8th Street, Bristol, Tennessee, 37620, or by email to tgillenwater@bristoltn.org. The ERR may also be accessed online under the documents tab at the following website www.bristoltn.org/140/CDBG-HOME-Consortium-Division.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Bristol, Tennessee, Community Development Services, Attn: Tyler Gillenwater, Community Development Specialist, Municipal Annex Building, 104 8th Street, Bristol, Tennessee 37620. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2025 will be considered by the City of Bristol, Tennessee prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bristol, Tennessee as Lead Entity for the Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium certifies to HUD that Kelli Bourgeois in her capacity as City Manager 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 *Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium* to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *City of Bristol, Tennessee's* 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 Bristol, Tennessee as Lead Entity of the Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium*;
- (b) the *City of Bristol, Tennessee as Lead Entity of the Northeast Tennessee / Virginia HOME Consortium*; 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 accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to *HUD Knoxville Field Office, Attn: Erik Hoglund at 710 Locust Street SW, Suite 300, Knoxville, TN 37902-2526, telephone (865-545-4391)*. Potential objectors should contact *HUD* to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Kelli Bourgeois, City Manager
Bristol, Tennessee as Lead Entity
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