

COMBINED NOTICE

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date: October 13, 2025

Applicant: City of Newport, Kentucky

Address: 998 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky Telephone: 859-292-3669

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Request for Release of Funds

On or about October 31, 2025 the City of Newport will request the Kentucky Department for Local Government to release Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Project Name: 2024 Homeownership Development Project

Purpose of Project: Construction of five (5) new single family homes to be sold to low-to-moderate income owner-occupants

Project Locations: 111 West 9th Street, 516 West 9th Street, 429 Hodge Street, 208 West 12th Street and 1036 Hamlet Street in Newport, Kentucky.

Census Tracts: 504, 505 and 506

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that the project will have no significant environmental impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (Statement) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91-190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been prepared by the City of Newport which documents the environmental review of the project. The ERR sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. No further environmental review is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of funds. The ERR is on file at Newport City Hall, 998 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Persons wishing to inspect the ERR may do so during normal office hours at the Customer Service Counter on the second floor of City Hall.

Public Comments

All interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Newport to the attention of John Hayden, City of Newport, 998 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071. Such written comments must be received at the above address on or before 4:30 pm, prevailing local time on October 30, 2025. All such comments received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The City of Newport will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Department for Local Government under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Newport and City Manager John Hayden, in his capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of this certification is that upon its approval the City of Newport may use CDBG funds and the State and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objection to Release of Funds

The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Newport's certification for a period of not less than fifteen days following anticipated submission or its actual receipt of the request, whichever is later, only if objections are made on one of the following bases:

- (a) The certification was not in fact executed by the City of Newport's Certifying Officer.
- (b) The City of Newport has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS58.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
- (c) The City of Newport has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
- (d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
- (e) The 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 the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
- (f) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1505 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, Section 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objection received after 4:30 pm prevailing local time on November 18, 2025 will be considered by the State. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the State Comment Period..

John Hayden, Environmental Certifying Officer
City of Newport
998 Monmouth Street
Newport, Kentucky 41071