Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

## May 22, 2025:

City of Lake Charles

Office of Community Development

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Lake Charles, LA 70602

337-491-1440

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lake Charles.**

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2025the City of Lake Charles will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD*)* for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program funds under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117–43), September 30, 2021, as amended, and as authorized by related laws and policies to undertake a project known as the Hope Center Nonprofit Hub for the purpose of constructing a new non-profit and neighborhood community facility. The project is located at 1110 1st Avenue N, 1411 Katherine Street, 1415 Katherine Street, and 1417 Katherine Street in Lake Charles, LA 70601 (Center Coordinates: 30.2515, -93.2007), and the estimated funding is $2,000,000.00.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### The City of Lake Charles 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this Proposed Project is on file and available for public review from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the City’s Office of Community Development, 326 Pujo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and www.cityoflakecharles.com.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lake Charles. Comments may also be submitted via email at CommunityDevelopment@cityoflc.us. All comments received by June 9, 2025 will be considered by the City of Lake Charles prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lake Charles certifies to HUD that Nicholas Hunter in his capacity as Mayor/Certifying Officer 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 City of Lake Charles to use CDBG-DR program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lake Charles’ 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 Lake Charles; (b) the City of Lake Charles 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 at Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras St., 9th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Nicholas Hunter, Mayor; City of Lake Charles, LA*