

## **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 6, 2024  
City of Craig  
300 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Craig, CO 81625  
970-826-2023

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

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about at least one day after the end of the comment period the City of Craig will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Economic Development Initiative, Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) and the Explanatory Statement for Division L of that Act, 2022, which was printed in the House section of the Congressional Record on March 9, 2022 (Explanatory Statement), to undertake a project known as the 8th Street Redevelopment Project for the purpose of providing 20 new units of attainable workforce housing to the community through a collaborative partnership between the City of Craig, the Craig Housing Authority, and Memorial Regional Health. The project will encompass four, five-plexes. Each of the five-plexes include two (2), three-bedroom units at 1,368 sq./ft. that will bookend three (3) two-bedroom units at 1,152 sq./ft. in between. All the units will be sold as deed restricted and affordable to households up to 120 percent of AMI. In total, the project will feature 12 two-bedroom units and 8 three-bedroom units. Each of the units will include a small backyard space and parking access through an alley. The front facades will include a step-up porch with new sidewalks connecting the project to the surrounding neighborhood and amenities. The project will request \$300,000 in available funding from HUD. Additional funding sources for the project include the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Division of Housing, El Pomar Foundation, Yampa Valley Community Foundation, and City of Craig ARPA Funds.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Craig 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 Craig City Hall, upstairs in Administration at 300 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Craig, CO 81625 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR. Written comments should be sent to the attention of Melanie Kilpatrick at 300 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Craig, CO 81625. All comments received by March 21, 2024 will be considered by the City of Craig prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Craig certifies to HUD that Peter Brixius in his capacity as the City Manager of Craig 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 Craig to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Craig'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 Craig; (b) the City of Craig 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 via Noemi Ghirghi, CPD Region VIII Director, at [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-DEN@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-DEN@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD at [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-DEN@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-DEN@hud.gov) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Peter Brixius, City Manager - City of Craig