

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

February 12, 2025

City of Owatonna

540 West Hills Circle

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507-444-4300

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 28 the City of Owatonna will authorize the United Way of Steele County to submit a request to the HUD for the release of Affordable Housing Land Acquisition funds under Section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, to undertake a project known as the Partridge Avenue Development for the purpose of construction of 10 new single-family homes and associated infrastructure with a funding amount of \$300,000, in the City of Owatonna.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Owatonna 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 the City of Owatonna office located at 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Owatonna. All comments received by February 28 will be considered by the City of Owatonna prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Owatonna certifies to HUD that Greg Kruschke in his capacity as Community Development 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 United Way of Steele County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Owatonna'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 Owatonna; (b) the City of Owatonna 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 212 Third Avenue South, Suite 150, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Greg Kruschke, Community Development Manager, City of Owatonna