+ NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS CDBG AND HOME

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On or about September 14, 2020, the above named City will submit a Request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Release of Federal funds to be used for 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects and 2020-2021 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Projects. All Projects are listed below.

CDBG 20-01 & HOME H20-02 Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Single Family Residences (Location Unspecified)

The City of Warren has allocated 2020 CDBG funds in the amount of \$171,452 and 2020 HOME funds in the amount of \$131,561.66 to the City's single family owner occupied residential rehabilitation loan program for low and moderate income households. The maximum loan amount for complete rehabilitation is \$30,000. The work performed must include lead-based paint hazard reduction and correction of code violations. A lien for the total cost of the work will be placed on the property. Loan applications are processed on a first come first serve basis. There is currently a 2-3 month wait for loan application processing.

CDBG 20-02 Rehab Lead Grant Match

The City of Warren has allocated \$30,000 in CDBG funds to serve as match for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. The City of Warren Lead Hazard Control Program makes grants available to eligible "low" and "moderate" income households occupied by children under six years or pregnant women. These grant funds may only be used to pay for eligible lead hazard remediation work completed at eligible homes. Grants will only be approved if the work that is necessary to make the home lead safe and in compliance with the City's Property Maintenance Code and the 1992 Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act and the implementing regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be completed.

HOME H20-01 CHDO Housing Development

The City of Warren has allocated 2020 HOME funds in the amount of \$82,065 for this project. These funds will be used to contract with a City certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for development of a single family home, through new construction or rehabilitation, for occupancy, through sale or rental, by a HOME eligible household.

HOME H20-03 Acquisition – New Construction of Single Family Residences (Location Unspecified)

2020 HOME funds in the amount of \$405,321 have been allocated for this project. This project will consist of acquisition of residential property, construction of new single family residences, and sale of the new residences to moderate or low income first time homebuyers. It is estimated that 2-3 new residences will be constructed with these funds. The property acquired will be located in the City south of Eleven Mile Road. The property will be acquired from willing sellers. The property will either be vacant or occupied by a single family dwelling, which is substandard unsuitable for rehabilitation as defined in the City's Consolidated Plan. If the dwellings are not vacant or owner occupied, the tenants will be provided with relocation assistance as required by federal regulations. At the time of construction, the property will be zoned for single-family residential use. The new residences will be built in compliance with the City's building code and zoning ordinance. The residences will be between 1,000 and 1,500 square feet and will at a minimum have 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, a basement and a garage. They will be frame construction. The proceeds from the sale will be returned to the City's HOME Trust Fund as program income and be used to finance future HOME eligible activities.

The City of Warren has determined that these projects 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by email to home@cityofwarren.org.

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Warren at the above stated address. All comments received by the close of business on Thursday, September 10, 2020 will be considered by the City of Warren prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

The City of Warren certifies to HUD that James R. Fouts, in his official capacity as Mayor, 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Warren to use program funds.

HUD will accept an objection to its Release of Funds and the City of Warren's certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- A. The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Warren; or
- B. The City of Warren has omitted a step or failed to make a decision of finding required by HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58;
- C. The City of Warren has committed funds or incurred costs 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 a project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Detroit Field office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-DET@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Detroit Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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