

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 25, 2014
City of Leavenworth
700 Highway 2
Leavenworth, WA 98826
(509) 548-5275

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Upper Valley M.E.N.D., a Washington non-profit.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 11, 2014 the City of Leavenworth will Authorize Community Frameworks to submit a request to the HUD for the release of Self Help Homeownership Opportunity (SHOP) funds under the Housing Opportunity Extension Act of 1996, Section 11, to undertake a project known as Meadowlark Development, for the purpose of creating a 60 unit mixed income residential community which will include 30 affordable single-family homes, estimated funding is \$15,500,000. Project location is between Titus Road and Chumstick Highway, Leavenworth, Chelan County, NNA Titus Road/NNA State Route 209 (Chumstick Hwy), located within real property owned by Upper Valley M.E.N.D., a Washington non-profit corporation; Titus Road, LLC, solely owned by Rudolph Prey Jr.; and Edward J. Agnew and Patricia Hebert, owners as a married couple.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Leavenworth 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 City of Leavenworth, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, WA, 98826 for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the attention of Finance Director/City Clerk at the City of Leavenworth, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, WA, 98826. All comments received by July 9, 2014 will be considered by the City of Leavenworth prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Leavenworth certifies to HUD that Chantell R. Steiner in his/her capacity as Finance Director/City Clerk 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 Community Frameworks on behalf of Upper Valley M.E.N.D. to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Leavenworth'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 RE; (b) the RE 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 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 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) and shall be addressed to HUD at 909 First Ave Ste 200, Seattle, WA 98104-1000. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Chantell R. Steiner, Finance Director/City Clerk