## Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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

July 22, 2020

Town of St. George

305 Ridge Street

St. George, SC 29477

(843) 563-3032

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of St. George.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 12, 2020 the Town of St. George will submit a request to the SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Uptown/Little Harlem Revitalization Improvements for the purpose of the demolition of six (6) vacant and uninhabitable residences, maintenance and construction of drainage infrastructure and installation of a safety guardrail along NW Railroad Avenue, estimated to cost approximately \$249,202 (CDB funds \$226,548; Town funds \$22,654), within the Uptown/Little Harlem neighborhood of the Town of St. George.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of St. George 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 Town of St. George offices, located at 305 Ridge Street, St. George, SC29477 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the attention of Kevin Hart, Mayor, Town of St. George, 305 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477. All comments received by August 10, 2020 will be considered by the Town of St. George prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Town of St. George certifies to SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division that Kevin Hart in his 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. The SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of St. George to use Program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of St. George'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 Town of St. George; (b) the Town of St. George 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 the Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division; 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 SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC, 29201. Potential objectors should contact SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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