

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

November 20, 2024

Name of Responsible Entity: City of Albuquerque

Address: 400 Marquette Ave. NW

City, State, Zip Code: Albuquerque, NM 87102

Telephone Number of RE: 505-768-2860

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 11, 2024 the City of Albuquerque will authorize the Veterans Integration Center to submit a request to the State of New Mexico for the release of HUD Economic Development Initiative, Community Project Funding to undertake a project known as the New Mexico Veterans Integration Center's (VIC) Phase II. Located at 2701 Mulberry St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. The total project cost is estimated at \$300,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Albuquerque 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 Albuquerque, Department of Health, Housing and Homelessness Office located at 400 Marquette Ave. NW, Room 504 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00A.M. to 4:00P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Albuquerque, Department of Health, Housing and Homelessness at the address above or email to mtmontoya@cabq.gov All comments received by December 10, 2024 will be considered by the City of Albuquerque prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Albuquerque certifies to the HUD Economic Development Initiative that Gilbert Ramirez in his capacity as Certifying Officer 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. State of New Mexico's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Veterans Integration Center to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD Economic Development Initiative Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Albuquerque'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 Albuquerque; (b) the City of Albuquerque 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 HUD Economic Development Initiative Office; 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Economic Development Initiative Office at Munir.A.Malik@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Economic Development Initiative Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gilbert Ramirez, Certifying Officer
