

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

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City of Salem, Community Planning and Development Department
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Salem, Oregon 97301
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by WestCare Oregon, Inc.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

WESTCARE OREGON, INC. SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION

On or after November 20, 2024, the City of Salem will authorize the WestCare Oregon, Inc. to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended. To undertake the following project:

Project Title: WestCare Oregon, Inc.
Purpose: Substantially rehabilitating Veteran's homeless shelter
Location: 2933 Center Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Project Description: Rehabilitation activities will include adding window replacement all around, a generator, walk-in refrigerator and freezer condensers and a full HVAC replacement. WestCare is located in a residential area of the city. Bus, healthcare, education and employment opportunities are available in the immediate vicinity. The project will require temporary relocation of residents. They were moved off of site property before execution of this grant. No URA funds were issued for this project. They will be housed offsite in local available housing units and hotels for periods of up to 30 days. WestCare will be responsible for compliance with meeting the relocation needs of the existing occupants. Construction will be contracted out. The project is prevailing wage and Section 3 employment is a component. The start of construction is anticipated no later than December 5, 2024, with completion no later than June 30, 2025.

Project Issues: None anticipated, none discovered.

Estimated Project Cost: The estimated cost for the project is \$512,000. CFP investment is \$400,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Salem 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 Salem's Community Planning and Development Department at 350 Commercial Street NE, Salem, Oregon. To request an electronic copy or to review the environmental review documents by appointment contact Tiffany Ottis, Program Manager III, via email at tottis@cityofsalem.net. Documents may be examined by appointment or copied in person weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 City of Salem's Community Planning and Development Department. All comments received by December 5, 2024, will be considered by the City of Salem prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice is being addressed.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Salem certifies to HUD that Keith Stahley in his capacity as City 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 WestCare Oregon Inc. to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Salem's certification for a period of 15 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 Salem; (b) the City of Salem 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 the HUD Oregon State CPD Field Office, Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Office Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97204-2825. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Keith Stahley, ICMA-CM, City Manager
City of Salem