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COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE
ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about June 2, 2025, the State of Wisconsin, through the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) created under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for the following Project(s):

Name of Project:	700 GRAND APARTMENTS
Address:	700 Grand Avenue
City County State:	WAUSAU MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Amount:	\$2,000,000

Description: 700 Grand Apartments is a proposed new construction activity to develop one (1) four-story building with 50 units in the City of Wausau. The proposed development will have one, two, and three-bedroom sized apartment units. The project will include ten (10) HOME-ARP assisted units, comprised of five (5) one-bedroom sized units, and five (5) two-bedroom sized units.

This activity will be undertaken over multiple years.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the State of Wisconsin, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decisions are:

An environmental assessment has been completed and any adverse impacts can be mitigated through consultation with the appropriate laws, authorities, and agencies.

An Environmental Review Record regarding this project has been made by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, documenting the environmental review of the project and setting forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is available for the public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the State to the above-mentioned address. Such written comments should be received at the address specified on or before June 1, 2025. All such comments so received will be considered and the State will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to such date.

The Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, will undertake the project described above with HOME-ARP funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The State of Wisconsin is certifying to HUD that the State and Kathy Blumenfeld, in her official capacity as Secretary of Department of Administration, consent to accept jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is, that upon its approval, the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, may use the HOME-ARP funds and that the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of the funds and the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources 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 Department of Administration's Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources Certifying Officer; (b) the Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources 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 HUD/State; 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 the HUD Milwaukee Field Office at MKE-ENV@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period (full NOI sample is available on the HUD Exchange). HUD will accept any objection to its approval of their release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if (a) the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD, or (b) the applicant's environmental review record for the project

indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.

David Pawlisch, Division Administrator