

**COMBINED NOTICE
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
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August 21, 2005

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about September 2nd, 2005 the City of Bozeman will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

CDBG Public Facilities #MT-CDBG-05PF01

To the City of Bozeman for the Reach, Inc. Work Center Construction Project, to be built on Blocks 5 and 6, Gallatin Park Subdivision, City of Bozeman, Gallatin County, Montana.

Finding of No Significant Impact

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

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

1. Cultural & Historic Resource Inventories have concluded that no cultural or archaeological resources are present on the proposed building site;
2. Soils, groundwater, wetlands, and wildlife resources are not adversely impacted by proposed construction;
3. No EPA-regulated hazardous waste or materials sites lie within 1000 feet of the proposed construction site; and
4. Potential impacts on occupants from railroad noise have been properly addressed in the construction documents through HUD Noise Abatement Guidelines.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been compiled by the City of Bozeman. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the City Grants Administrator's Office, 20 East Olive Street, Room 206, Bozeman, MT and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Bozeman to the office of the undersigned on or before September 2nd, 2005. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Bozeman will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to this date.

Release of Funds

The City of Bozeman will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The City of Bozeman is certifying to DOC that Ms. Sara Folger, in her official capacity as Grants Administrator / Environmental Certifying Officer, consents to accept the 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 on the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Bozeman may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that 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;
- (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 DOC; 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 design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after September 26th, 2005 will be considered by DOC.

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