



**City of Helena**

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December 30, 2011

Re: Request for release of funds for Intermountain CDBG

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is being submitted in accordance with the requirements under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program of the Montana Department of Commerce. The City of Helena has determined a FONSI (Finding of no Significant Impact) for the Intermountain children's cottages project.

Intermountain has been tentatively awarded a CDBG of \$450,000 from the Department of Commerce. This grant will involve construction of two cottage units for children, and remodeling of current buildings. A combination of CDBG, private, and loan funds will be used to finance the project. The new cottages will be located on the Intermountain campus located at 500 S. Lamborn Street Helena, Montana.

Attached please find an exhibit requesting the release of those funds from the Montana Department of Commerce. Please contact Sharon Haugen, Environmental Certifying Official, with any questions or to view the environmental review record.

Sincerely,

Sharon Haugen  
Community Development Director  
316 N. Park Ave.  
Helena, MT 59623  
(406)447-8445

**EXHIBIT 2-Q**

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)**

(Pursuant to Section 104(h) of Title I of the Housing and  
Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended)

**ENVIRONMENTAL -- FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT\***

<b>1. NAME OF GRANTEE</b>	<b>2. GRANT/CONTRACT NUMBER</b>
City of Helena/Intermountain	Intermountain <u>MT-CDBG-11PF-03</u>
<b>3. ADDRESS</b> (Include Street, City, State, ZIP Code.)	<b>4. REQUEST DATE</b>
316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT, 59623	12/30/11

5. **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS.** Release of approved grant funds for the following project is requested.

**PROJECT**

**GRANTEE**

Intermountain Children's Cottages

City of Helena

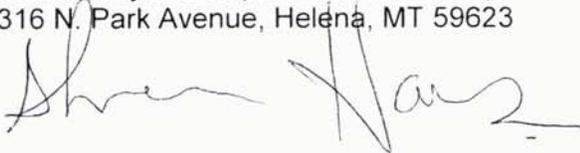
6. **CERTIFICATION.** With reference to the above project, I the undersigned officer of the applicant, certify:

- That the applicant has at least fifteen (15) days prior to submitting this request for release of funds and certification, published and disseminated, in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 a notice to the public (a copy of which is attached) in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70);
- That the applicant has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project named above; that the applicant has complied with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; that the applicant has complied with environmental procedures, permit requirements and the statutory obligations of the laws cited in 25 CFR 58.5; and that the applicant has taken into account the environmental criteria, standards, permit requirements and other obligations applicable to the project under the other related laws and authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5;
- That the level of environmental clearance carried out by the applicant in conjunction with this project [ ] did [ X ] did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement;
- That the dates upon which all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment, or other response or action in regard to this clearance began and ended as indicated below; applicant is in compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58;

	COMMENCE MO/DAY/YR	EXPIRE MO/DAY/YR
15-day Notice of No Significant Impact: Publication	12/7/11	12/27/11
15-day DOC Decision Period	12/30/11	1/16/12
Other (Specify)		

- That I am authorized to, and do, consent to assume the status of responsible federal officer under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of the law specified in 24 CFR 58.5 insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to state and federal responsibilities for environmental review, decisionmaking and action assumed and carried out by the applicant; that by so consenting, I assume the responsibilities, where applicable, for the conduct of environmental review, decisionmaking, and action as to environmental issues, preparation and circulation of draft, final and supplemental environmental impact statements, and assumption of lead agency or cooperating agency responsibilities for preparation of such statements on behalf of State and Federal agencies, when these agencies consent to such assumption.
- That I am authorized to consent to, and do, accept on behalf of the applicant and personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my official capacity as certifying officer of the applicant.

Sharon Haugen  
Community Development Director, City of Helena  
316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59623



12/30/11

**WARNING** -- Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and Criminal Procedures shall apply to this certification. Title 18 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willfully makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter with the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the united States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more that five years or both.

**COMBINED NOTICE  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
(FONSI/NOI/RRF)**

December 7, 2011  
City of Helena  
316 N. Park Avenue Room 445  
Helena, MT 59623  
(406) 447-8445

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or before December 27, 2011 the above-named City of Helena 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:

Intermountain Children's Cottages

The project is to modernize the campus. That will include the construction of two new children's cottage units.

Helena, Lewis & Clark County, MT

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 above named City of Helena 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:

After careful environmental review it has been determined that the project does not have any significant impact on the environment.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the City of Helena. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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 Helena to the Community Development office at 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena MT 59623, (406)447-8445, or to shaugen@ci.helena.mt.us on or before December 27, 2011. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Helena will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Helena 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 Helena is certifying to DOC that City of Helena and Sharon Haugen, in her official capacity as 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 Helena 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 January 16, 2012 will be considered by DOC.

Sharon Haugen  
Environmental Certifying Officer 12/1/2011  
316 N. Park Avenue  
Helena, MT 59623  
December 7, 2011