PUBLICATION NOTICE:
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF CDBG FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before January 7th, 2014 the above-named County will request the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) 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: construction of Providence Home, a therapeutic youth group home, in connection with Intermountain Children's Home. The project site will be seven miles north of Somers, in Flathead 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 County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a Statement is as follows:

- After careful environmental review, it has been determined that the project will 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 Flathead County. This Environmental Review can be viewed at: https://flathead.mt.gov/commissioner/intermtnea.php or is on file at the Flathead County Commissioners Office (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 Flathead County Board of Commissioners, 800 South Main Street, Room 302, Kalispell, MT 59901 on or before January 6, 2014. All such comments so received will be considered and Flathead County will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to January 7, 2014.

Release of Funds

Flathead County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by MDOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Flathead

County is certifying to MDOC that BJ Grieve, in his 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, Flathead County may use the CDBG funds and MDOC 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 MDOC; 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 MDOC. No objection received after January 22, 2014 will be considered by MDOC.

BJ Grieve, Flathead County Planning Director & Environmental Certifying Officer

Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman
Flathead County Board of Commissioners

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