

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

February 16, 2012
City of Missoula (Responsible Entity)
435 Ryman
Missoula, MT 59802
406-258-4657

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by The Poverello Center, Inc.

REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 20, 2012, the City of Missoula will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of The Poverello Center, Inc., for the release of Economic Development Initiative - Special Project funds authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Act, 2009, to undertake a project known as Relocation of The Poverello Center for the purpose of purchasing a property colloquially known as The Trail's End, at 1106 – 1112 West Broadway, Missoula, and subsequently to there erect a new building to house The Poverello Center's homeless shelter and soup kitchen. This grant is in the amount of \$285,000; total project costs are estimated at \$3,989,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Missoula 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 Missoula Office of Planning & Grants, 435 Ryman, Missoula, MT 59802. The ERR is available on line at <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/index.aspx?NID=1111>, or may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Missoula Office of Planning & Grants offices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Missoula Office of Planning & Grants. All comments received by 12:00 Noon on March 19 will be considered by the City of Missoula prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should be submitted by email to povcomments@co.missoula.mt.us, or by mail to Office of Planning &

Grants, Attn: Pov Comments, 435 Ryman, Missoula, MT 59802. All comments should specify whether they are addressing the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for the Release of Funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Missoula certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that John Engen in his capacity as Mayor 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. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows The Poverello Center to use Economic Development Initiative funds.

OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Missoula's 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 made on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Missoula; (b) the City of Missoula has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before the approval of a release of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to the (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region VIII Office, 8ADE, 1670 Broadway Street, Colorado 80202-4801. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Engen, Mayor
City of Missoula