

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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City of Philadelphia
Division of Housing and Community Development
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Philadelphia, PA 19107
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Philadelphia.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 6, 2026, the City of Philadelphia will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of a HUD FY2024 Community Planning and Development (CPF) award to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Construction of Cold Storage Facility

Purpose: Caring for Friends receives donated food and distributes it to food pantries. Currently, the amount of cold storage space at 12271 Townsend Road limits their ability to receive food. Caring for Friends wishes to add an additional 15,000 sq ft of space to its 30,000 sq ft building to increase its cold storage capacity and consequently their food distribution volume.

Location: 12271 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA19154

Estimated Cost: The total development cost is estimated to be \$5,000,000, including a Community Project Funding grant award totaling \$5,000,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Philadelphia 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to City of Philadelphia, City Planning Commission, 1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or by email to planning@phila.gov. The legal notice can be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.phila.gov/departments/division-of-housing-and-community-development/about/legal-notices/>.

POSTING INFORMATION

This Notice will be posted online at the following website:

www.phila.gov/dhcd/legal-notices

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, 1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or by email to planning@phila.gov. All comments received by August 5, 2026, will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to HUD that Jessie Lawrence in his capacity as Director of Planning and Development 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Caring for Friends organization to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City 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; 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 HUD's Philadelphia Office of Community Planning and Development at CPDRROFPHI@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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