

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

January 9, 2026

City of Rochester, 30 Church Street, Rm 005A, Rochester, NY 14614
585-428-6709

and

County of Monroe, Department of Planning and Development, 1150 City Place, 50 West Main
Street, Rochester, NY 14614

585-753-2000

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Rochester.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **January 27, 2026** the City of Rochester and County of Monroe will each submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990, in accordance with section 288 (42 U.S.C. 12838), to undertake a project known as Fine Arts Building Lofts, comprised of the adaptive reuse of a vacant 42,990 sq. ft. building previously used as a hotel to create 42 apartments and a small amount of ground floor commercial space at 45-51 Chestnut Street, Rochester, NY 14604. All units will be affordable to households with incomes at or below 30, 50, 60, or 80% of the Area Median Income. The projected total development cost is \$21,171,723, with the City of Rochester proposing to provide \$920,000 in HOME-ARP funds and the County of Monroe proposing \$750,000 in HOME-ARP.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Rochester 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: City Hall, 30 Church Street, Room 005-A, Rochester, NY 14614, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The ERR can also be obtained by emailing CDGrants@monroecounty.gov. The City of Rochester and County of Monroe have prepared a joint ERR with separate cover and signature pages, but all other materials are the same.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Erik Frisch, Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood and Business Development, of the City of Rochester, 30 Church Street, Room 005A, Rochester, NY, 14614 or by Email to erik.frisch@cityofrochester.gov. Comments can also be directed to Chanh Quach, County of Monroe, Department of Planning and Development, 1150 City Place, 50 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614 or by email to CDGrants@monroecounty.gov. All comments received by **January 26, 2026** will be considered by the City of Rochester and County of Monroe prior to

authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Rochester certifies to HUD that Malik D. Evans, in his capacity as Mayor, and the County of Monroe certifies to HUD that Adam J. Bello, in his capacity as County Executive, consent 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 City of Rochester and County of Monroe to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Rochester's and County of Monroe's certifications 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 on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Rochester and/or County of Monroe; (b) the City of Rochester and/or the County of Monroe 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 Attn: Director, Community Planning & Development US Department of Housing & Urban Development using CPDRROFBUF@hud.gov or directly to the HUD Buffalo Field Office Address (300 Pearl Street, Suite 301, Buffalo, New York 14202). Potential objectors should contact HUD Buffalo Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Malik D. Evans, Mayor
Adam J. Bello, County Executive
Certifying Officers