# E-P.2 - NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

January 1, 2020

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Arizona Department of Housing

Address: 1110 W. Washington, Suite 310

City, State, Zip Code: Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Telephone Number of RE: 602-771-1000

**REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 9, 2020the the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH)will submita request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under Title IIof the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Actof1990*,* to undertake a project known as Hope House for the purpose of:

Acquiring a 4 unit multi-family development for rehabilitaiton and rent to very-low income seniors1 (30% AMI or below) to be funded with approximately $300,000 in FY 2020 HOME funds.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at **ADOH, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 310, Phoenix, Arizona 85007** for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the ADOH, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 310, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007*.* All comments received by January 8, 2020 will be considered by the ADOHprior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The ADOHcertifies to HUDthat John Smith inhiscapacity as Deputy Director of ADOHconsents 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 Foundation for Better Livingto use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

*HUD* will accept objections to the ADOH's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above 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 ADOH; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency 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* at*One North Central Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004.*. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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## Signature of Certifying Officer

## John Smith, Deputy Director ADOH