
PUBLIC NOTICE

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

July 16, 2025
Jefferson County Commission
Jefferson County, Alabama
Department of Community Services
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Jefferson County Commission through its Department of Community Services.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Monday, August 4, 2025, the Jefferson County Commission, acting as Community Development agent for Jefferson County, Alabama and Consortium municipalities, through its Department of Community Services will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act as amended (Title II, Publ. L 101-625, originally approved November 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4094-4128, 42 U.S.C. 12701-12839), to undertake a project known as Central Alabama Housing Alliance Homebuyer Development for the purpose of development of up to 7 single-family homes located in unincorporated western Jefferson County, at approximately 6041 Hopewell Road, Bessemer, Alabama for the total estimated amount of \$530,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Jefferson County Commission through its Department of Community Services 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 Jefferson County, Alabama Department of Community Services, Suite A-430, 716 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. N., Birmingham, AL 35203, and may be examined or copied Monday - Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Accommodations will be available to meet the Special Needs Requirements of those with disabilities as well as for those with limited English proficiency upon request and within reason. Those in this category should contact the Department of Community Services at 205-325-5761. This notice may also be reviewed online at (<https://communityservices.jccal.org>).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Jefferson County Commission through its Department of Community Services. All comments received by August 1, 2025, will be considered by the Jefferson County Department of Community Services

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Jefferson County Commission through its Department of Community Services certifies to HUD that James A. Stephens in his capacity as President of the Jefferson County Commission 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 Jefferson County Commission to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Jefferson County Commission'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 on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Jefferson County Commission; (b) the Jefferson County Commission 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: Environmental Clearance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Birmingham Field Office, Region IV, at 417 20th Street North, Suite 700, Birmingham, AL 35203. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James A. Stephens, President
Jefferson County Commission
