

**Combined Public Notice
Notice of Finding of No
Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request
Release of Funds**

January 9, 2019
City of Minot, North Dakota
P.O. Box 5006
Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006
701-857-1553

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Minot.

**REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE
OF FUNDS**

On or about January 25, 2019, the City of Minot will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Region VIII for the release of Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Minot CDBG-NDR Program: Downtown Gathering Place Project, for the purpose of voluntarily acquiring nine contiguous parcels, as well as a portion of the 2nd Street SE right-of-way (ROW), clearing all structures and converting the site to a public park. The total allocation will be \$6,000,000, with CDBG-NDR funds providing the entire amount. The proposed Downtown Gathering Place would involve the voluntary acquisition of the following nine contiguous parcels:

Parcel Number	Address
1	M124.238.010.0082 13 1st Street SE
2	M137.540.000.0040 Unassigned
3	M124.238.010.0121 105 1st Avenue SE
4	M124.102.230.0064 107 1st Avenue SE
5	M124.102.230.0063 109 1st Avenue SE
6	M124.102.230.0062 115 1st Avenue SE
7	M124.788.010.0000 110 E. Central Avenue
8	M124.102.300.0070 Unassigned
9	M124.238.010.0070 11 1st Street SE

Once acquired, all existing structures would be removed, and the parcels, as well as nearly 0.08 acres of the 2nd Street SE public ROW, would be converted to a public park. The park would be predominantly open space and may include the fol-

lowing: a water feature such as a fountain or wading area, a walking trail, a stage/performance area, an area for temporary installation of canopies (for markets and art festivals), an ice-skating rink, a permanent covered shelter, tables for chess and checkers, a storytelling area for children, landscaping and benches. Collectively, the project site would be approximately 2.28 acres.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT**

The City of Minot 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 City of Minot, 515 2nd Avenue SW, Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Minot, P.O. Box 5006, Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006. All comments received by January 25, 2019 will be considered by the City of Minot prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
CERTIFICATION**

The City of Minot certifies to HUD Region VIII that Mr. Shaun Sipma 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. HUD Region VIII's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Minot to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF
FUNDS**

HUD Region VIII will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Minot's certification for a period of 15 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 Minot; (b) the City of Minot 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 the approval of a release of funds by HUD Region VIII; 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 U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development, Region VIII Office, 8ADE, 1670 Broadway Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-4801. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. Shaun Sipma, Mayor, City of
Minot
(January 9, 2019)