

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS**

August 14, 2013
Missoula County
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Missoula County and The Poverello Center, Inc.

REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after August 30, 2013, the above-named Missoula County will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), for the project Poverello Center Homeless Shelter. The Poverello Center will build a new homeless shelter and soup kitchen at 1106 – 1112 West Broadway, Missoula, former site of the Trail's End bar.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Missoula County has determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Missoula County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: (1) the project site is a long-developed site in downtown Missoula; (2) consideration based on consultation with the public and relevant authorities indicates no impact on flora, fauna, water quality, air quality, historic resources, or other aspects of the human environment.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Missoula County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Department of Grants and Community Programs, 127 West Spruce, Missoula, Montana, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or by appointment.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Missoula County to the Department of Grants and Community Programs, 200 West Broadway, Missoula MT 59802, or by email to povcomments@co.missoula.mt.us, on or before August 29, 2013. All such comments

so received will be considered and Missoula County will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Missoula County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Missoula County is certifying to DOC that Cindy Wulfekuhle, in her official capacity as Director of the Department of Grants and Community Programs, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, Missoula County may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce; (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; 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 design. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after September 15, 2013 will be considered by DOC.

Cindy Wulfekuhle
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August 14, 2013
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