

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

July 11, 2025

Mayor Steve Downer

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 29, 2025, the City of Buffalo will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending funds under Senate section of the Congressional Record (CREC-2022-12-20-pt3-PgS9325-2.pdf (congress.gov)) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 as amended, to undertake a project known as Ryan's Way Improvements for the purpose of completing a gap in the middle of the existing backage road system along Trunk Highway 55 within the City of Buffalo, Minnesota. Community Project Funding funds will be used for wetland mitigation, right of way acquisition, construction, and contingencies. Proposed include the construction of a roadway with curb and gutter, storm sewer, stormwater management, sanitary sewer, watermain, and sidewalk. This project includes funding from various agencies. The funding included is:

Funding Sources	Funding Amount	Secured/Anticipated
CPF – HUD	\$2,400,000	Secured
Local – City of Buffalo, MN	\$977,000	Secured
Total Project Cost	\$3,377,000	

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Buffalo 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 Buffalo City Center, 212 Central Avenue, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Taylor Gronau, City Administrator, City of Buffalo at Taylor.Gronau@ci.buffalo.mn.us. All comments received by July 28, 2025, will be considered by the City of Buffalo prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Buffalo certifies to HUD that Steve Downer 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Buffalo to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Buffalo'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 City of Buffalo; (b) the City of Buffalo 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 HUD at CPDRROFMIN@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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