

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

DATE OF NOTICE: September 24, 2026
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: City of Hazleton
ADDRESS: 40 N. Church St.
Hazleton, PA 18201
TELEPHONE: 570-459-4960

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 12, 2026, the City will authorize the Hazleton Housing Authority to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds under Section 9(d) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. § 1437g(d)), as amended to be used for a project known as Vine Manor Parking Lot Expansion. Hazleton Housing Authority has acquired a vacant parcel, located at 326 West Mine St, Hazleton, PA 18201, which is adjacent to the Vine Manor Public Housing development located at 320 West Mine St, Hazleton, PA 18201. This project involves utilizing this vacant parcel to expand the parking lot of the public housing development and add a passive nature park. Activities will include paving for additional parking spots and a walkway, landscaping with trees and other plantings, and the installation of benches. Estimated CFP funding: FY 2026 - \$200,000. Estimated Total Project Cost: \$200,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The City has determined that the above projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Hazleton Housing Authority, 320 West Mine St., Hazleton, PA 18201, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERRs to Dorothy George, Executive Director, Hazleton Housing Authority, 320 West Mine St., Hazleton, PA 18201, or by email at edgeorge@ptd.net. All comments received by October 9, 2026, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Hazleton certifies to HUD that Jeffrey L. Cusat, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Hazleton, 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 Hazleton Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hazleton'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 Hazleton; (b) the City of Hazleton 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 the HUD-PIH, Philadelphia Field Office, philaPIH@hud.gov, Director, Office of Public Housing, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, 801 Market Street, Strawbridge's Building, Philadelphia PA 19107. Potential objectors should contact the Director of Public Housing via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeffrey L. Cusat, Mayor