
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

ERC MEETING DATE: August 22, 2016

Project Name: Renton Housing Authority Capital Fund and Operating Subsidy RROF- 2016 - 2020

Project Number: LUA16-000630, ECF

Project Manager: Rocale Timmons, Senior Planner

Owner: Renton Housing Authority; 2900 NE 10th St; renton, WA 98056

Project Summary: The applicant, the Renton Housing Authority (RHA), is requesting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review for their proposed Capital Fund and Operating Subsidy activities for 2016 through 2020. All activities receiving Capital Fund Grants and Operating Subsidies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to undergo review pursuant to the NEPA, consistent with HUD's rules (24 CFR Part 58). The City of Renton is the NEPA Responsible Entity (RE) for RHA proposals. NEPA review for RHA's proposed activities is being accomplished by a single programmatic EA review for the period 2016 to 2020 and is applicable to all affected properties in the Renton Housing Authority's portfolio. The Renton Housing Authority manages eight subsidized properties that are available to low income households or low-income senior or disabled households. Exempt and non-exempt activities are proposed. Activities include: Public Housing Authority-wide administration, operations, technical assistance, training, fees and costs, and delivery of services such as summer youth programs; Low Income Public Housing Authority-wide maintenance including appliance replacement, non-dwelling equipment and tools; Plans and designs of the Sunset Terrace Replacement Units (prior NEPA clearance in 2011); and maintenance, Rehabilitation, and Public Facility Improvements at Hillcrest Terrace, Evergreen Terrace, and Cole Manor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: **Staff Recommends that the Environmental Review Committee issue Notice of Intent to Release Funds (NOI-RROF)**

The City will issue a Notice of Intent to Release Funds (NOI-RROF). In the NEPA process the NOI-RROF serves as a type of appeal process where interested parties have the opportunity to object to the EIS. Since the NEPA process is being completed for proposed redevelopment of Sunset Terrace public housing, which is project that is a US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) project managed by the Renton Housing Authority, objections are directed to the local HUD office. After a waiting period, if no objections are filed, the ERC will be asked to issue the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) document to HUD.