

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

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Copiah County Board of Supervisors
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the **Copiah County Board of Supervisors**.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On August 20, 2026, the **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** will authorize the **Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation** to submit a request to the HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, Jackson, Mississippi, for the release of funds under FY 2026 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Community Project Funding (CPF), Facility Improvements of the FY2026 Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake facility improvements to improve safety and accessibility for campers with special needs by constructing a covered walkway system and additional sidewalks connecting the major buildings and cabins at Camp Kamassa. The project will create a safer, more accessible route throughout the campus while providing protection from rain, extreme heat, and sun exposure for campers, families, caretakers, and staff. The estimated funding is \$775,000. The project is located in **Copiah County, Mississippi**, on the campus of **Camp Kamassa 4002 Sumrall Rd. Crystal Springs, MS 39059**.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, the Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) that was performed in 2019 for the onset of construction of Camp Kamassa as required by the Department of War's Innovative Readiness Training Program and annually re-evaluated through 2024, more than adequately fulfills any environmental requirements for this project. Additional project information contained in the ERR (Environmental Review Record) and the completed NEPA with FONSI is located at the office of the **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** 100 Caldwell Dr., Hazlehurst, MS 39083, and at the office of the **Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation**, 4002 Sumrall Rd. Crystal Springs, MS 39059 and are available for review, examination, and/or copying weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Copiah County Board of Supervisors Attention to David Engel. All comments received August 20, 2026 will be considered by the **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** certifies to HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, Jackson, Mississippi, that **David Engel** in his capacity as **Copiah County Administrator** 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. The Jackson, Mississippi, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows **the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation** to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** 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 **Copiah County Board of Supervisors**; (b) the **Copiah County Board of Supervisors** 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's Office of Community Planning and Development, Jackson, Mississippi; 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 emailed to HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, Jackson, Mississippi to Ashley Lowe at ashley.t.lowe@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



David Engel

Copiah County Administrator

Responsible Entity for Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation Environmental Review
