

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**January 25, 2017**

City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)  
601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Houston, TX 77007  
(832) 394-6183

On or about **Thursday, February 2, 2017**, on behalf of the Houston Housing Authority, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of the following funds:

**Capital Fund Program Grant funds authorized by Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and described in regulations found at 24 CFR Part 905**

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to undertake a project known as:

**Project Title:               Lyerly—Houston Housing Authority—Capital Fund  
  Rehab**

**Location:                       75 Lyerly, Houston, Texas 77022**

**Purpose of Project:   Rehab at the Houston Housing Authority apartment complex known as Lyerly. Work consists of Interior doors (including hardware); Cell boost; Replacement of accordion closet doors; Intercom system installation. Asbestos encapsulation is required for the door work—the asbestos encapsulation of the door frame drywall is included in the budget.**

**Grant No.:                     1 CFP TX24P005501-15**

**Amount of Funding Requested:               \$2,096,905.00**

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(ii) from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. This project could not convert to exempt due to the asbestos mitigation requirements, hence a public notice is required and a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) must be sent to HUD. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77007. All comments received by the close of **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request

for release of funds.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Sylvester Turner, 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 Houston Housing Authority, as grant recipient, to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by the close of **Friday, February 17, 2017** or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the City of Houston approved by HUD; (b) the City of Houston 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1301 Fannin Street, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sylvester Turner, Mayor  
City of Houston