

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

November 20, 2014
City of Houston
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
601 Sawyer, 4th Floor
Houston, TX 77007
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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Monday, December 8, 2014, 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:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, as amended), to undertake a project known as, to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: SPARK Park 2014

Location: Clifton Middle School – HISD – 6001 Golden Forest, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77092;
Looscan Elementary School – HISD – 3800 Robertson, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77009;
Lockhart Elementary School – HISD – 3200 Rosedale, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77004;
Hartsfield Elementary School – HISD – 5001 Perry Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77021;
Ridgemont Elementary School – Fort Bend ISD – 4910 Raven Ridge Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77053

Purpose of project:

Improvements at 5 separate public school parks for the purpose of enhancing recreational, educational and fitness opportunities for students and community residents.

Clifton Middle School – Scope of Work: Outdoor classroom; Fitness equipment.

Looscan Elementary School – Scope of Work: Soccer goals, Benches, Picnic tables, Play equipment, Trail.

Lockhart Elementary School – Scope of Work: Soccer field; Benches and goals; Walking trail and trees.

Hartsfield Elementary School – Scope of Work: Play Equipment; Mini track; Walking trail – asphalt with concrete border; Benches; Picnic tables; Concrete classroom seating area.

Ridgemont Elementary School – Scope of Work: Sidewalks, Outdoor classroom/seating area, Benches and trees.

Grant No. & Amount: B-14-MC-48-0018.....\$90,000.00, Clifton Middle School
 B-14-MC-48-0018.....\$90,000.00, Looscan Elementary School
 B-14-MC-48-0018.....\$90,000.00, Lockhart Elementary School
 B-14-MC-48-0018.....\$90,000.00, Hartsfield Elementary School
 B-14-MC-48-0018.....\$90,000.00, Ridgemont Elementary School

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston 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 the above address and is available for public examination or copying weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 601 Sawyer, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77007. All comments received by the close of business on Friday, December 5, 2014 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Annise Parker, in her 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 Houston 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 business on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 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, as Responsible Entity, 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.

Annise Parker, Mayor
City of Houston