

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

December 14, 2011  
City of Houston  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Houston, Texas 77007  
713-868-8324

**This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.**

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about December 30, 2011, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDD) of 1974, as amended to undertake a project known as the Single Family Home Repair Program, for the purpose of the Tiering Home Repair program which will be carried out City-Wide by the City of Houston and will include demolition and clearance, relocation, 67 minor home repair units at a total cost of \$500,000 and 79 rehabilitation units with an total cost of \$1,977,750 and 12 reconstruction units at a total cost of \$1,000,000 throughout the City of Houston and any future targeted areas for revitalization and redevelopment as identified in the City's Consolidated Plan.

Grant Number: B-11-MC-48-0018

Federal Funding: \$3,477,750

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department has determined that the projects 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 Tiering Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77007 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 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. All comments received by December 29, 2011 will be considered by the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department 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 D. 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 or authorize the use of program funds for the purposes identified in this notice.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by January 14, 2012 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 (RE) 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 at 1301 Fannin Street, Suite 2200, Houston, TX 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Annise D. Parker, Mayor  
City Of Houston