

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

July 29, 2013
City of Houston
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
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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 Wednesday, August 14, 2013 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:

Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds authorized by Title I, Section 108(q) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, 42 U.S.C. 5308), to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: Rebuilding Together-Houston Veterans' Housing Renovation Project

Location: 25 Single Family Homes at Scattered sites throughout Houston and Harris County

Purpose of project: A \$320,000.00 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) appropriation to Rebuilding Together-Houston (RT-H) to deliver renovation of houses of veterans who are living on low income or disabled, at 25 single family homes located at scattered sites around Houston and Harris County. These repairs will be critically needed repairs/replacements to roof, essential systems (plumbing, heating, a/c, electrical, structural, gas, interior walls, exterior doors and windows, exterior siding; and modifications as appropriate to improve access and safety including: ramp, wider doors, walk in shower, grab bars, elevated toilet, pedestal sink, attic insulation, cfl bulbs, etc. to improve life, health, and safety conditions in the home that improve the quality of life at no cost to the veteran served.

Grant No.: B-10-SP-TX-0300

Total Federal Funding: \$320,000.00

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.

REVIEW PROCESS

In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed for the target area and other applicable laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Once the lots are selected, each lot will undergo an environmental review.

None of the properties selected will adversely impact (or be adversely impacted by) a floodplain, a wetland, an endangered species zone or a historical property. No lot will be adversely affected by hazardous operations or toxic, hazardous or radioactive materials, contamination, chemicals or gases. Noise attenuation will be performed on the rehabilitated dwellings as necessary per 24 CFR Part 51. Lead and asbestos will be treated in a manner consistent with program requirements and Federal, state and local law.

The ERR on file documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above.

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 Tuesday, August 13, 2013 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 Thursday, August 29, 2013 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