

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

December 30, 2016
City of Houston
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
601 Sawyer, 4th Floor
Houston, TX 77007
(832) 394-6183

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **Wednesday, January 18, 2017** 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 2016

**Location: Woodview Elementary SPARK Park– 9749 Cedardale, Houston, Texas 77055
Whidby Elementary SPARK Park—7625 Springhill, Houston, Texas 77021
A.A. Milne Elementary SPARK Park—7800 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071**

Purpose of project: The purpose of the SPARK Parks project for 2016 is to place park improvements in three (3) schools in the Houston area in order to provide expanded recreational and exercise facilities for students and the communities in which they live:

Woodview Elementary SPARK Park– Work includes installation of park equipment and improvements including play equipment, benches, picnic tables, fitness equipment and sidewalks.

Whidby Elementary SPARK Park— Work includes installation of park equipment and improvements including a soccer field, sidewalks, site work, fitness equipment, picnic tables and benches.

A.A. Milne Elementary SPARK Park— Work includes installation of park equipment and improvements including an outdoor classroom, sidewalks, site work, play equipment, fitness equipment and a new entryway.

**Grant No. & Amount: B-16-MC-48-0018..... \$150,000.00, Whidby
 B-16-MC-48-0018..... \$150,000.00, Milne
 B-16-MC-48-0018..... \$75,000.00, Woodview
 B-10-MC-48-0018..... \$75,000.00, Woodview**

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 **Tuesday, January 17, 2017** 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 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 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, February 2, 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, 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.

Sylvester Turner, Mayor
City of Houston