

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

February 1, 2017

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 **Friday, February 17, 2017** the City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department, on behalf of the Houston Housing Authority, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the following federal 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

to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: Cuney Homes Capital Fund Rehab

Location: Cuney Homes Site: Bounded by Cleburne Ave. on South, Truxillo and Winbern Aves. On North, Velasco/Columbia Tap Rail Trail and Burkett St. on West, and Tierwester St. on East, Houston, Texas 77004

Purpose of project: Routine maintenance combined with park/playground improvements for the subject property, a Houston Housing Authority property for low to moderate income persons. Work entails:

Handrails (REAC) combined with Porch Alignment (rehab)	75000
Mail box replacement (rehab)	79000
Five year gas test (rehab)	193404.48
Replacing 205 refrigerators, 373 ranges and 520 range hoods (rehab)	346952
Replace bathroom cabinets/vanities (rehab)	205000
Replace kitchen countertops (rehab)	225000
Shade for playgrounds (installation of equipment/new construction)	105000
Backfill porch slabs (rehab)	105000
Landscape rehab	80000
ADA accessible playground surface (installation of equipment/new construction)	75000
Replace entry doors (back-front) including hardware (rehab)	65000

Grant No. and Amount:

1 CFP TX24P005501-15	\$694,356.48
1 CFP TX24P005501-16	\$860,000.00

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.

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 **Thursday, February 16, 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 respective certifications satisfies their responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Houston Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to their respective releases of funds and the City of Houston certifications received by the close of business on **Monday, March 6, 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 to HUD 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