

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

July 14, 2017

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 **Tuesday, August 1, 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:

Section 420 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114-113, approved December 18, 2015) (Appropriations Act) makes available \$300 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared in 2015, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), related to the consequences of Hurricane Joaquin and adjacent storm systems, Hurricane Patricia, and other flood events.

The City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) submitted an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery—2015 Flood Events (Plan) to HUD on September 19, 2016 and updated November 17, 2016. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded on December 7, 2016 to the City of Houston \$66,560,000 in federal funds associated with disasters declared on May 29, 2015 (DR-4223) and on November 25, 2015 (DR-4245).

The funds being used for this project are part of the Action Plan described above, and are authorized by the laws identified in the first paragraph describing said funds. They are Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, and they will be used to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: DR15 Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) 12A - Bonita Gardens Area Drainage & Paving Improvements

Location: This project is generally bounded by Laura Koppe to the north, Lockwood Drive to the east, Union Pacific Railroad the South, and US 59/IH 69 to the west, Houston, Harris County, Texas

Purpose of project: The City previously completed paving and drainage improvements on Hirsch (Kelley to E. Crosstimbers) to provide improved trunk storm sewer capacity to serve the

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 **Monday, July 31, 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 **Wednesday, August 16, 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