

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

*June 15, 2021
City of Houston,
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Houston, HCDD.*

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 1, 2021, 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 Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), in accordance with section 288 (42 U.S.C. 12838) to undertake a project known as **Sunrise Lofts**.

Project Location: 3103 McKinney St, Houston, Texas 77003 (29.7465745, -95.3495048)

Project Description: The proposed 1.92-acre project will involve the construction of a new 89-unit housing complex, consisting of a single 3 story residential building and outdoor pavilion/garden areas. The project's 1st floor will have full wrap around services provided by the Tejano Center to assist the tenants with finding employment, education opportunities and access to credentials, medical care, and other benefits. The target clients are youth aged 18 to 25 who have aged out of foster care and/or are homeless. The project area is an undeveloped lot at the northeast corner of McKinney Street and Ennis Street.

The estimated total project cost is \$23,015,827. Approximately \$15,384,738 of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery CDBG-DR funds under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Contract 19-147-002-B490/HUD Grant B-17-DM-48-0001 (funds provided by Harris County) and approximately \$5,987,477 from the HOME Program (\$1,560,000 provided by the City of Houston and \$4,427,477 provided by Harris County) will be utilized.

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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. All comments received by the close of business on June 30, 2021 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

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 accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual 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 of the City of Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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, Sec. 58.76) 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*