

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

June 14, 2021

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Development Department (HCDD)
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Department (HCCSD) – Disaster Recovery
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These notices shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Houston, HCDD and Harris County.*

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 30, 2021, the City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department and Harris County Community Services Department will submit separate requests to the Texas General Land Office (GLO), for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Multifamily Rental Program funds authorized by the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements of 2017, Public Law 115-56 and, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123 through activities authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization and mitigation to undertake a project known as Temenos Place Apartments. Additionally, on or about June 30, 2021, the City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), in accordance with Section 288 (42 U.S.C. 4852), to undertake the same project. Furthermore, this project is also receiving funding from Harris County’s CDBG-DR17 recovery grant, which will be covered by a separate request to GLO from Harris County on or about June 30, 2021.

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This project is a new construction multifamily development under the City’s CDBG-DR 17 recovery grant as well as the City’s direct allocation of HOME funds. This project is a Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery project with HOME funds included, and its aim is to meet general housing needs for low-income people in the Houston area, which have spiked in the wake of the recent flooding events of the past several years, including but not limited to Harvey.

The project is expected to entail the acquisition of approximately 0.11 acres of developed land and the construction of a new 95-unit housing development for homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness. Design plans include handicap accessible parking on the ground level and four stories of residential units and amenity space. The project scope will be designed and constructed in accordance with local building codes and practices as required by the City of Houston. The scope of work will consist of demolition of current onsite structures, grading of the site and construction of the multifamily apartment building. No offsite work is planned for this project.

Temenos Place Apartments is designed to serve residents who are very low income and who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness, will be proximate to several amenities within walking distance, and will also provide supportive services to residents.

Project Location: Temenos Place Apartments, 1703-1711 Gray Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77003 (29.74518N, -95.36504W)

Approximately \$8,000,000.00 of CDBG-DR17 funds, Grant No, B-17-DM-48-0001, for Hurricane Harvey Multifamily Disaster Recovery, from the City of Houston, HCDD will be utilized for this project and the total development cost is estimated at \$33,965,013.00. \$3,000,000.00 in HOME funds will be utilized as well. Please note that this project is expected to include Housing Tax Credit Syndication Proceeds. Additionally, \$11,000,000.00 of CDBG-DR17 funds, Grant No, B-17-DM-48-0001, for Hurricane Harvey Multifamily Disaster Recovery, from Harris County will be utilized for this project. This project proposes to use the following funding, including (per the budget breakdown): 4 % Housing Tax Credit Syndication Proceeds - \$9,420,870.00; City of Houston Request; DR-17 - \$8,000,000.00; HOME Reinvestment - \$3,000,000.00; Housing Bond Reinvestment - \$1,500,000.00; Harris County CDBG-DR 17 - \$11,000,000.00; In Kind - \$1,044,143.00 TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS: - \$33,965,013.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston and Harris County have 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. Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) 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.

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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 29, 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to HUD and to GLO, acting in the role of 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. GLO and 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. Additionally, Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) certifies that Dr. Adrienne Holloway, Executive Director, HCCSD, in her capacity as Certifying Officer 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows HCCSD to use Program funds.

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OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD and GLO, acting in the role of HUD, will consider 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 (or Harris County); (b) the City of Houston (or Harris County) 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 GLO, acting in the role of 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 HUD: 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 or GLO: Texas General Land Office, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Sylvester Turner, Mayor
City of Houston*

*Dr. Adrienne Holloway, Director
Harris County Community Services
Department*
