

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is requesting Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a new lease agreement (Agreement) between the City, and AMG CityView Apartments (Agent) utilizing Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR17) funds. The new Agreement term will be from July 12, 2023, through March 31, 2024, to enable the Agent to continue operating and managing the property as tenants continue to be relocated by the City. The previous Lease Agreement expired on November 17, 2022. No new CDBG-DR17 funds are being added to this project.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-810, the City and Agent entered into a Lease Agreement for a multifamily housing development located at 17030 and 17050 Imperial Valley Drive, Houston, Texas 77060 (commonly known as Biscayne at CityView Apartments), with an original lease term from November 17, 2021, through November 17, 2022.

The City has developed a one-for-one relocation plan which was posted for public comment from Wednesday, March 24, 2021 through Friday, April 23, 2021. The one-for-one relocation plan is a requirement that the grantee must provide replacement dwelling units whenever lower-income dwelling units are demolished or converted to another use. The one-for-one plan is in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA), to provide current tenants with the option to relocate to a different apartment unit located within approximately 1-3 miles of the Property. This project meets the CDBG-DR17 national objective of benefiting Low-and-Moderate-Income (LMI) persons.

As of June 01, 2023, 193 of the 558 units are vacant due to tenant move-out or eviction for cause. Of the remaining 365 units, 13 units have been deemed ineligible for assistance and 352 units are being reviewed for assistance opportunities or are in the payment approval process.

The Property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for a use that is compatible with open space, recreational, or floodplain and wetlands management practices. No new structure will be erected on property acquired, accepted, or from which a structure was removed under the acquisition or relocation program other than: (a) a public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space (e.g., a park, campground, or outdoor recreation area); (b) a rest room; (c) a flood control structure, provided that structure does not reduce valley storage, increase erosive velocities, or increase flood heights on the opposite bank, upstream, or downstream and that the local floodplain manager approves, in writing, before the commencement of the construction of the structure. No subsequent application for additional disaster assistance for any purpose or to repair damage or make improvements of any sort will be made by the recipient to any Federal entity in perpetuity.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The 30-day period extends from Friday, August 4, 2023, through Sunday, September 3, 2023. Upon completion of the 30-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to City Council.

For additional information on this item, contact Metchm Lohoues-Washington at (832) 394-6180. Written comments can be submitted by email to Anne.Lohoues-Washington@houstontx.gov.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.