

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

September 10, 2020

Harris County
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Houston, Texas 77054
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Harris County Community Services Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 28, 2020 the County of Harris will submit a request to HUD for the release of PY2019/2020 HOME Investment Partnership Funds under Title 2 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordability Housing Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12701, HUD Grant # M-19-UC-48-0215, # M-20-UC-48-0215:

- *HCCSD Major Rehab/Reconstruction Program will assist about 6 eligible single-family homeowners with up to \$180,000 for substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction. Total allocation: \$1,123,945, Total project cost \$1,123,945.00. The publication dated July 31, 2020 stated a partial amount of funding in the amount of \$537,580 and did not identify the full amount of funding for the project. The balance remaining for Request Release of Funds includes \$400,000 (PY2019 Prior Year Funds) and \$186,365 (PY2020 Funds). Total allocation: \$586,365 (partial amount), Total project cost: \$1,123,945.*

Other projects funded with PY2017/2020 CDBG funds under Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Public Law 93-383, HUD Grant # B-17-UC-48-0002, # B-20-UC-48-0002 requiring only notice of intent:

- *HCCSD - Minor Home Repair Program will provide low-income and elderly households (62 and older) with minor home repair up to \$20,000 of work; Total allocation \$300,000 (PY2017 Prior Year Funds) and \$1,005,000 (PY2020 Funds). Total project cost \$1,305,000.*

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Harris has determined that the projects 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 the address above or by email to plancomments@csd.hctx.net. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the address above. All comments received by September 25, 2020 or as agreed with commenter in writing

will be considered by the County of Harris prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Harris certifies to *HUD* that Lina Hidalgo in her capacity as County Judge 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 Harris County Community Services Department to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Harris 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 County of Harris; (b) the County of Harris 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 *HUD Fort Worth Regional Office* at 801 Cherry Street, Unit #45 Suite 2500, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Potential objectors should contact *HUD* at (817) 978-5600 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Daphne Lemelle, Deputy Director