

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

July 24, 2011

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about Tuesday, August 9, 2011 the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds authorized by Section 2301(c)(2) of the Housing Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289), as amended by Section 1497 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (75 FR 64322), which authorizes the approximately \$1 billion in new NSP funds known as NSP3, to undertake a project known as:

**Project Title: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP3) Activities**

**Location: This project will take place in NSP Target Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4, in Houston, Harris County, Texas. Zone 1 is in north-central Houston, Zone 2 is in northeast Houston, Zone 3 is in south Houston, and Zone 4 is in southwest Houston.**

**Purpose of Project: To undertake the following affordable housing and community development related activities under funds available from NSP3, with a specific goal of counteracting blight—Multifamily Acquisition & Rehabilitation, Single Family Acquisition & Rehabilitation, and Land Banking & Demolition**

**Federal Funding: \$3,051,035.00 of B-11-MN-48-0400 (\$1,713,035.00 Single Family; \$1,000,000 Multifamily; \$338,000 Demolition)**

**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) on file at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

### **REVIEW PROCESS**

In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed for the target area and other applicable laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Once the lots are selected, each lot will undergo an environmental review.

None of the properties selected will adversely impact a floodplain, a wetland, an endangered species zone, or a historical property. No lot will be adversely affected by hazardous operations or toxic, hazardous or radioactive materials, contamination, chemicals or gases. Noise attenuation will be performed on the rehabilitated dwellings as necessary per 24 CFR Part 51. Lead and asbestos will be treated in a manner consistent with program requirements and Federal, state and local law.

The ERR on file documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above.

### **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, 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77007. All comments received by the close of business on Monday, August 8, 2011 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Annise Parker, in her 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's certification before the close of business on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 or for a period of fifteen days following 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 or other officer of the City approved by HUD; (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 has 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, 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.

Annise Parker, Mayor  
City of Houston