

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 3, 2011

City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)

601 Sawyer, 4th Floor

Houston, TX 77007

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On or about Thursday, August 11, 2011, on behalf of the Martin Luther King Center, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds authorized by Title I, Section 108(q) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, 42 U.S.C. 5308), to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: Martin Luther King Center Rehabilitation Project

**Location: 2720 Sampson
Houston, Harris County, Texas 77004**

Purpose of Project: Rehabilitation of the Martin Luther King Center's facility in the Third Ward area of Houston, for purposes of enabling this community center to effectively serve low to moderate income individuals and families.

Grant No.: B-04-SP-TX-0781.....\$99,410.00

Total federal funding \$99,410.00

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(iii) from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, 601 Sawyer, 4th Floor, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 601 Sawyer, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77007. All comments received by the close of Wednesday, August 10, 2011 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

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 Martin Luther King Center, as grant recipient, to use Program

funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by the close of Friday, August 26, 2011 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 of Houston 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 or other participants in the project have 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) 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