

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

October 22, 2014
City of Houston
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
601 Sawyer, 4th Floor
Houston, TX 77007
(713) 868-8324

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Friday, November 7, 2014 City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of the following funds:

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 a project known as:

Project Title: Woodland Christian Towers

Location: 600 E. Tidwell Road, Houston, Texas 77022

Purpose of project: Renovation of a seven-story, 127-unit Section 8 affordable housing community located at 600 East Tidwell Road. The project will include site grading and drainage control, window replacement, replacing the emergency generator and electrical panels, complete mechanical system replacement, modernization of all common areas, full apartment renovation, and the addition of a Health and Counseling Clinic on the first floor. In exchange for HCDD’s funding, 38 units will be designated as by the City as Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units, and 34 units will be designated by Harris County as PSH. All 127 units are restricted to low income Section 8 voucher recipients. Energy Star labeled assemblies of double paned windows will replace the original windows, increasing noise insulation.

Prior to renovation activities, a comprehensive asbestos survey should be performed at the subject property in accordance with 40 CFR 61 Subpart M. Friable ACMs (ceiling tiles) and ACMs which are to be impacted by the renovation activities should be removed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor in accordance with applicable local, state and federal guidelines. The remaining non-friable ACMs and/or PACMs should be managed under a site specific Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Program.

Risk assessment and abatement of any lead hazards on site is also required since this is a building constructed before lead restrictions were in place.

Grant No. & Amount:	M-10-MC-48-0206.....\$848,547.88
	M-11-MC-48-0206.....\$637,748.69
	M-12-MC-48-0206.....\$1,180,142.25
	M-13-MC-48-0206.....\$786,466.18

This project will also utilize other funding, including approximately \$3,872,880.00 in Tax Credit Equity, and \$1,341,689.00 in Harris County HOME Funds.

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 is available for public examination or copying weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project 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 business on Thursday, November 6, 2014 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this 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 consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by the close of business on Monday, November 24, 2014 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, as Responsible Entity, 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