

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

December 5, 2014
City of Houston
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
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Houston, TX 77007
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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Tuesday, December 23, 2014 City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department, will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO), who is acting in the role of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal funds for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Round 2.2 (CDBG-DR) funds authorized by Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, (Public Law 110-329), enacted on September 30, 2008, as amended. These particular funds are part of a CDBG grant administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Hurricane Ike Disaster Relief. GLO will act in the stead of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and be overseen by HUD.

The funds will be utilized to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Bringhurst Infrastructure Project (Bayou 5th)

Location: 43 Acre Former MDI Site (Bringhurst Street on West, Railroad on East, Hare Street on North, and Cline Street on South), Houston, Harris County, Texas 77020

Purpose of project: Development of infrastructure on the remediated former Many Diversified Interests (MDI) site for the purpose of potential future residential development.

- **Construct and/or reconstruct storm drainage infrastructure in Bringhurst Street**
- **Extend Cline and Baer Streets across the MDI site to create east/west access to increase mobility through this portion of the 5th Ward and allow for better emergency vehicle access and create more escape routes for residents in the event of a natural disaster. Construct storm drainage infrastructure under these streets which will drain water from Bringhurst into an existing storm sewer under the MDI site.**
- **Construct Frank Teich Drive across the MDI site on a north/south orientation to connect Hare and Clinton Streets to increase mobility through this portion of the 5th Ward which will allow for better emergency vehicle access and create more escape routes for residents in the event of a natural disaster. Construct the necessary trunk line for storm drainage under Frank Teich Drive.**

GLO Contract No.: 14-236-000-8329

Total DIDR2 Federal Funding: \$7,456,986.00

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 Monday, December 22, 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 GLO, acting in the role of HUD, that Neal Rackleff, in his capacity as Director and Certifying Officer, 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. GLO'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

GLO will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by the close of business on Thursday, January 8, 2015 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 GLO; (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 GLO; 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: Texas General Land Office, 3429 Executive Center, Suite 150, Austin, Texas 78731. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Neal Rackleff, Certifying Officer/Director
Housing & Community Development
City of Houston