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

April 6, 2016
City of Houston
Housing and Community Development
601 Sawyer Street, 4th Floor
Houston, Texas 77007
(832) 394-6200

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Houston.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 26, 2016, the City of Houston will submit a request to the General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program for 2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as the Nichols Street Area Flood and Drainage Facilities in Houston, Texas. The City of Houston shall reconstruct its open ditch storm drainage system by excavating and regrading roadside ditches and replacing driveway and sidewalk culverts ranging in size from eighteen to twenty-four inches (18in. – 24 in.), with associated driveway replacement, sediment removal, sidewalk crossings and appurtenances. The proposed project is located on the following street segments in Houston, Harris County, Texas: Nichols (from 200 feet east of Harlem to western end); Oats (from St. Elmo to Waco); Solo (from Oats to Nichols); and Noble (from Solo to Erastus). The proposed improvements will enable proper conveyance of storm water and reduce flooding. Approximately \$1,058,659 of HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds will be used for the project.

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 City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department, 601 Sawyer Street, 4th Floor, Houston, TX 77007, (832) 394-6200, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston's Director of Houston and Community Development, Neal Rackleff, at the address noted above or sent by email at Neal.Rackleff@houstontx.gov. All comments received by April 25, 2016 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to the General Land Office that Neal Rackleff in his capacity as the Director of Housing and Community Development 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. The 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

The General Land Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston's 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 City of Houston; (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 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 the General Land Office; 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 the Disaster Recovery Program, Environmental Regulatory Officer at 3429 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Austin, Texas 78731-1658. Potential objectors should contact the General Land Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Neal Rackleff, Director, Housing and Community Development