

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

7/29/15

City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department  
310 N. Commerce Park Loop Tucson AZ 85745

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

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 14, 2015 the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department (Responsible Entity) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to undertake the project known as the Sundyside Pointe Phase II, in the vicinity of the intersection of S. Park Avenue and E. Bantam Road, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona 85706. The 92 unit project includes 62 one-bedroom, 30 two-bedroom and community building. The homes will serve low income persons earning between 40% - 60% of the area median income. Eighty percent (80%) of the units will be reserved for older persons who are of age 55+ and twenty-five percent (25%) of the units will be reserved for adults with special needs, specifically persons with developmental disabilities and autism. The community building will include a large multi-purpose room for special events and designated offices and classrooms for supportive services.

Requested funding from the HOME program through the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department is \$719,919.00. The total estimated project cost from all sources is \$14,676,345.00, with additional funding provided by State GAP funds, AZ Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity and Pima County GO Bonds.

The project is located in a service enriched location within proximity to many services, such as the Old Pueblo Neighborhood Center, which includes a City Senior Center, YMCA, El Rio Medical Center, library, community center, pool and park. Shopping, restaurants, schools and large employers are all nearby. The Laos Bus Transit Center is also located 1/2 mile west of the property, and bus stops are also located along the east and north boundaries of the property. The buildings will be built to energy efficient standards and include Energy Star appliances.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department (RE) 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.

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/whats-new> and on file at City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department, 310 S. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, Pima County Arizona 85745 and may be examined weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. Copies may be requested at \$.25 per page.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written or email comments on the ERR to Glenn Fournie, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop Tucson AZ 85745 [Glenn.Fournie@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Glenn.Fournie@tucsonaz.gov) . All comments received by August 14, 2015 will be considered by the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments and responses will be posted on our website at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/whats-new> .

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department certifies to HUD that Sally Stang in her capacity as Director of the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department 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 Tucson Housing and Community Development Department to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date of August 29, 2015 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 Tucson Housing and Community Development Department; (b) the RE 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 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: Maria Cremer, Director Office of Community Planning & Development, US Department of Housing & Urban Development, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104-4430. Potential objectors should contact HUD (Zach Carter, 415-489-6621) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sally Stang, Director  
City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department