

## **INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice July 12, 2018

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

On or about July 20, 2018 the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of CDBG funds to undertake the Healthy Homes Rehabilitation Program. This program will provide a Healthy Homes assessment and residential rehabilitation to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 single family owner-occupied homes. The target is an average of \$25,000 per home, with a maximum of \$40,000.00 per home. The Scope of Work will be determined using the Healthy Homes Assessment Tool. For each project site, an outside agency selected through an RFP process will submit to the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) a comprehensive Healthy Homes assessment identifying: existing hazards, the condition of: all major systems within the home, the condition of all exterior surfaces of the home, and the condition of the site with a plan including a cost estimate to mitigate the identified issues. A lien shall be placed on the property for the full amount billed to the project, including overhead. CDBG funding plus existing mortgage may not exceed 120% of assessed value or 100% of a recent (no more than one year old) appraisal.

Total grant amount is \$500,000.00 in CDBG funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This is the first year of a 5 year program.

The City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department will utilize a tiered environmental review process for these projects. A Rehabilitation Environmental Review (RER) for the maximum scope and magnitude of the program that meets the criteria of rehabilitation, acquisition, disposition at §58.35(a)(3) has been reviewed and approved. Site specific factors at 24CFR §58.5 and §58.6, including historic preservation, explosive/flammable operations, toxic substances, airport clear zones and flood insurance shall be addressed by completing an Appendix A before approving any specific loans or grants or the commencement of any work. Documents supporting compliance as well as the implementation of required mitigation measures shall be maintained in the ERR.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Glenn Fournie, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department, 310 North Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, Arizona 85745 [glenn.fournie@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:glenn.fournie@tucsonaz.gov). All comments received by July 20, 2018 will be considered by the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentaries should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Tucson certifies to HUD that Sally Stang in her capacity as Director, 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.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department certification received by August 4, 2018 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 Tucson Housing and Community Development Department approved by HUD; b) the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department 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 HUD at CPD, One North Central Avenue, Suite 600, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

### NAME AND TITLE OF RE CERTIFYING OFFICER

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

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