

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

December 22, 2020

Harris County Community Services Department
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 12, 2021 the County of Harris will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funds under Title II, Investment in Affordable Housing of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. 42 U.S.C., P.L. 101-625, Title II, 104 Stat. as amended, November 28, 1990, to undertake a project known as Harris County Community Services Department Single Family Affordable Housing Programs-HOME (Countywide) for the purpose of construction or reconstruction of single-family homes to support the Harris County CDBG-DR Single-Family New Construction Program and the Homeowner Assistance Program that will replace affordable single-family housing stock for those affected by disasters impacting Harris County through the development of housing with reduced risk of flooding by new construction or reconstruction and elevation if in floodplains/wetlands. Total project funding will be \$800,000 in HOME funds with the first known parcels to be HCAD # 1057380000039 and 1065180000062.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Harris 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the address above or by email to plancomments@csd.hctx.net. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/?filter_status=&filter_state=TX&filter_city=Harris+County&program=ERR. The Public Notice can be accessed online at the following website <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the address above or by email to plancomments@csd.hctx.net. All comments received by January 11, 2021 or as agreed with commenter in writing will be considered by the County of Harris prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Harris certifies to HUD that Lina Hidalgo in her capacity as County Judge 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 Harris County Community Services Department to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Harris 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 County of Harris; (b) the County of Harris 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 HUD at 307 W. 7th St., Suite 1000, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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