

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

May 22, 2020

Harris County
Community Services Department
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Houston, Texas 77054
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Harris County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2020 the County of Harris will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds authorized by the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements of 2017, Public Law 115-56 and, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123 through activities authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended to undertake one project known as Richcrest Apartments under GLO Grant 19-147-002-B490 and HUD Grant B-17-DM-48-0001 for the purpose of developing new multifamily housing.

Richcrest will be built on HCAD Parcel #1150920000001 at the southeast corner of Richcrest Dr. and Imperial Valley Dr., Houston, Texas 77060, in unincorporated Harris County Precinct 1 within the Houston Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). On these 13.21 acres of undeveloped, wooded land AMTEX will newly construct a 288-unit multi-family housing development. High-quality affordable unit mix of 30 1bed/1bath, 144 2bed/2bath and 114 3bed/2bath units will rent to households at and below 60% AMI to help efforts to replace lost and damaged units and add housing stock to the Greenspoint Community. Onsite drainage to detention pond at east side of development. Units facing Imperial Valley Dr. will use double-paned windows to reduce traffic noise in sleeping rooms. Common areas include small dog park at center of the west parking lot, outdoor pool courtyard in the center of the facility, and accessible route around the entire development. Land acquisition is not funded with CDBG-DR. It will occur after the CDBG-DR funding completes all regulatory review. Timeframe for construction by June 1, 2022. Approximately \$16,710,000.00 of CDBG-DR funds will be utilized with the total project cost estimated at \$52,925,413.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Harris County 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 Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD), 8410 Lantern Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77054. The ERR will be made available upon request 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 subject *Richcrest Apartments*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Harris County Community Services Department. All comments received by June 8, 2020 will be considered by the Harris County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Harris County certifies to the Texas GLO 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. The Texas GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Harris County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas GLO will accept objections to its release of fund and Harris County'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 Harris County; (b) Harris County 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 Texas 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Texas General Land Office at P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Potential objectors should contact the Texas GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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