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

**April 5, 2016** 

City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Houston, TX 77007 (832) 394-6183

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **Thursday**, **April 21**, **2016**, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of the following funds:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, as amended), to undertake a project known as, to undertake a project known as:

**Project Title:** 

**Chinese Community Center** 

Location: 9800 Town Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77036

Purpose of project: Project entails new construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot adult day care center that includes a multipurpose auditorium and conference offices/suites, conversion of a storage building into a recreation center, and parking expansion for the Chinese Community Center. This project will all include any and all demolition and rehab work necessary to ensure completion of the new development.

Exterior noise levels at the subject property have been measured at 68.3 decibels (dB), which is in the Normally Unacceptable range per 24 CFR 51. Noise mitigation measures that ensure that interior noise levels are below 45 dB as determined by an architect or acoustical engineer will be required as a condition of the contract. Penalties for failing to document that these goals are met include but are not limited to the possible payback of federal funds.

Grant No. & Amount:

B-13-MC-48-0018......\$342,187.77 B-14-MC-48-0018.....\$920,762.61 B-15-MC-48-0018.....\$237,049.62

## **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 above address and is available for public examination or copying

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77007. All comments received by the close of business on **Wednesday**, **April 20**, **2016** will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Sylvester Turner, in his capacity as Mayor, 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 Houston to use Program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by the close of business on Friday, May 6, 2016 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 Houston approved by HUD; (b) the City of Houston, as Responsible Entity, 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: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1301 Fannin Street, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sylvester Turner, Mayor City of Houston