

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

*May 24, 2022
City of Houston,
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Houston, HCDD.*

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2022 the City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 *et seq.*). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 92, to undertake a project known as 6168 South Loop East Apartments.

Project Location: 6168 or 6160 South Loop East Fwy. Houston TX, 77087 (Latitude: 29.694538, Longitude: -95.315839)

Project description: The 6168 South Loop East Apartments project is a proposed permanent supportive housing (PSH) apartment complex that will be affordable to tenants at 30% of area median income (“AMI”) in the southeast Houston area, which will be developed on approximately 4.95-acre tract of land already owned by the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. Approximately \$2,548,012.00 in Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds will be used towards the construction of the proposed 6168 South Loop East Apartments,

6168 South Loop East Apartments will be a 26-unit permanent supportive housing (PSH) development for adults experiencing homelessness, who also live with mental illness, substance use disorder and/or other chronic health conditions in Harris County. PSH is a type of affordable housing that includes ongoing support services, such as case management, primary and health care, and substance use treatment. The goal is to provide a safe place for clients to practice life skills, reestablish a sense of stability, and ongoing support to live healthy and independent lives in the community. The units will be affordable to tenants at 30% of area median income (“AMI”).

For over 56 years, the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD has been focused on empowering people with behavioral health and IDD need to improve their lives through an accessible, integrated, and comprehensive recovery system of care.

On-site staff will include a full-time Property Manager, Support Staff/Activity Coordinator, Case Managers, and maintenance staff. Case Managers will be located at the adjacent property to engage residents and work towards independence and self-sufficiency. Case Managers would work with residents to provide linkages with life skill training, behavioral and primary health care, mental health, exercise and nutrition programs, and other supportive services to encourage positive development.

To support the safety of our residents, there will be exterior security cameras on the property, fencing and controlled ingress/egress, and the apartments would coexist with a 24/7/365 mental health facility with security regularly visited by law enforcement.

Project activities include preparation and excavation, new utilities work and construction of 26 PSH units. Acquisition will not be required since land is already owned by the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD.

The City of Houston has classified the project as an Environmental Assessment (24 CFR 58.36, subpart E) subject to laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5, 24 CFR 58.6, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, and the additional EA Factors discussed by HUD.

This project proposes to use the following funding, including:

\$113,889.00.....	HOME, M-20-MC48-0206 (City of Houston request)
\$2,434,123.00.....	HOME, M-21-MC48-0206 (City of Houston request)
\$4,770,000.00.....	Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
\$444,450.00.....	Equity
\$150,000.00.....	In-Kind Equity/ Deferred Developer Fee
\$7,912,462.00.....	TOTAL

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). 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 P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. All comments received by the close of business on June 8,

2022 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

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 accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston 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 City of Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Sylvester Turner, Mayor
City of Houston*
