

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS



REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after November 22, 2016 the City of Lubbock will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following projects known as:

1. **Project: CDBG Tiered Minor Rehabilitation Program**

Purpose: Assist low- to moderate-income homeowners in obtaining repairs to their homes.

Location: Within the city limits of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

Project Description: Assists qualifying low- and moderate-income homeowners whose homes are in need of minor rehabilitation in areas such as central HVAC repair/replace, weatherization components, repair or update of major systems, install or modify existing bathrooms for handicapped accessibility, and other repairs as needed which fall within the parameters of the program and within the maximum amount of the grant allotted per project. .

Project Issues: Project issues will be addressed at time of specific site location

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: N/A

Estimated Project Cost: \$ 545,320

2. **Project: HOME Tiered Rehabilitation Program**

Purpose: Assist qualified homeowners in obtaining repairs or modifications to their home to bring the entire structure up to standards of building and code regulations of the City of Lubbock.

Location: Within the city limits of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

Project Description: This is program will be a loan program. Participants will be required to pay back the part of the loan not covered by the grant. Project costs will not exceed \$65,000, loans will not exceed \$50,000.

Project Issues: Project issues will be addressed at time of specific site location

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: N/A

Estimated Project Cost: \$ 330,331

3. **Project: HOME New Construction**

Purpose: Assist in construction of new housing for low- to moderate-income persons through rental housing or homeownership programs.

Location: Within the city limits of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

Project Description: Program will aid in construction of two (2) new homes for qualified residents and also in constructing two (2) rental units for qualifying elderly or handicapped persons.

Project Issues: Project issues will be addressed at time of specific site location

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: N/A

Estimated Project Cost: \$ 276,000

The proposed projects are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at City of Lubbock Community Development, 1611 10th Street and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to City of Lubbock's Community Development. All comments received by November 22, 2016 will be considered by the City of Lubbock prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Lubbock certifies to HUD that Dan Pope in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Lubbock 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 Lubbock to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lubbock'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 the City of Lubbock; (b) the City of Lubbock 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 administration office at 801 Cherry Street, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dan Pope
Mayor, City of Lubbock

If you desire additional information or require special assistance, please contact our office at 806-775-2296.