

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

City of Hammond
Department of Community Development
5925 Calumet Avenue
Hammond IN 46320
219-853-6358 ext #2

On or about the 15th of August 2016 the City of Hammond will request a release of federal funds to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Section 104 (g) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, and Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez Nation Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended, to undertake a projects known as:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Owner Occupied Housing/Rehabilitation

Emergency Rehabilitation Program
Ramp Assistance Program
Façade Deferred Match Roof Programs
Hammer for Hearts

Redevelopment

Public and Park Improvements
Acquisition/Demolition-SB Clearance

Home Partnership Program

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The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for the projects is on file at the Department of Planning and Development, 5925 Calumet Ave. Suite 115, Hammond Indiana 46320; where the ERR can be examined on weekdays between the hours of 9am to 4pm.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR, Environmental Review Record(s) to the City of Hammond. All comments received by August 26, 2016, will be considered by the City of Hammond, Department of Planning and Development, 5925 Calumet Ave. Suite 115, Hammond IN 46320 prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Release of Funds

The City of Hammond is certifying to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, that Thomas M McDermott Jr.; in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process, and that the 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 Hammond to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the 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 responsible entity's Certifying Officer of the City Hammond; (b) the City of Hammond has omitted one or more of the steps set forth, or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has 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. Written objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and shall be addressed to the: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Environmental Officer; 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Suite 655, Indianapolis Indiana 46204. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The address of the certifying officer is: Thomas M. McDermott Jr.; Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana
5925 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46320

-or-

Owana J. Miller, Community Development Director
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