

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: JUNE 17, 2010
NAME OF RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: CITY OF CHANDLER
NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DIVISION
55 NORTH ARIZONA PLACE, SUITE 310
CHANDLER, ARIZONA 85225

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 4, 2010, City of Chandler 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 I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake the following projects:

1) Emergency Home Repair Program

FY 10/11 CDBG funds in the amount of \$300,000 will provide assistance to approximately 73 low and moderate-income Chandler residents with minor emergency home repairs that may affect quality of life or safety issues. Funding of this activity will continue to address Goal # 2 – Rehabilitate and where appropriate redevelop existing housing stock, in the City's Five Year Strategic Plan. This activity has been determined Categorically Excluded Subject to Statues per §58.35(a) and subject to tiered review.

2) Exterior Improvement Loan Program

FY 10/11 CDBG funds in the amount of \$250,000 will provide assistance to approximately 25 low and moderate-income Chandler residents with minor exterior improvements to remedy safety issues and provide aesthetic improvements. Funding of this activity will continue to address Goal # 2 - Rehabilitate and where appropriate redevelop existing housing stock, in the City's Five Year Strategic Plan. This activity has been determined Categorically Excluded Subject to Statues per §58.35(a) and subject to tiered review.

3) Public Housing Improvements

FY 10/11 CDBG funds in the amount of \$200,000 will replace 303 refrigerators and funds in the amount of \$190,000 will replace 30 HVAC units in public housing units located in four family public housing sites (163 units), one elderly public housing site (37 units), and 103 single-family units. Funding of this activity will continue to address Goal # 2 - Rehabilitate and where appropriate redevelop existing housing stock, in the City's Five Year Strategic Plan. This activity has been determined Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Statues per §58.35(b).

4) Home Modification Program for Persons with Disabilities

FY 10/11 CDBG funds in the amount of \$100,000 will provide assistance to approximately 10 low and moderate-income disabled Chandler residents with minor accessibility home repairs to reduce barriers and increase accessibility. Funding of this activity will continue to address Goal # 4 - Promote human and supportive services and facilities for frail elderly, disabled persons, low-income households and other needy populations, in the City's Five Year Strategic Plan. This activity has been determined Categorically Excluded Subject to Statues per §58.35(a) and subject to tiered review.

5) East Valley Men's Shelter Capital Improvement Project

FY 10/11 CDBG funds in the amount of \$87,500 will provide improvements to East Valley Men's Shelter located at 2345 N. Country Club Dr, Mesa, AZ 85201. Facility improvements will include the following:

- Purchase of construction materials for the remodel of the existing dining room into an indoor recreation space: \$39,000

- Purchase of 84 sleeping bays: \$18,000
- Install new lithium flooring: \$22,000
- Electrical upgrades: \$8,500

Funding of this activity will continue to address Goal # 4 - Promote human and supportive services and facilities for frail elderly, disabled persons, low-income households and other needy populations, in the City's Five Year Strategic Plan. This activity has been determined Categorical Excluded Subject to Statutes per §58.35(a).

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. A Rehabilitation Environmental Review (RER) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Chandler City Managers Office, 55 N. Arizona Pl. Suite 301 Chandler, Arizona, 85225, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the RER to the City of Chandler City Managers Office, 55 N. Arizona Pl. Suite 301 Chandler, Arizona, 85225. All comments received by July 4, 2010, will be considered by the City of Chandler prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Chandler certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Mark Pentz, in his capacity as City Manager, 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 acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the City of Chandler to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Chandler's certification for a period of fifteen days starting July 10, 2010, only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chandler; (b) the City of Chandler 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 has 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 HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development, One North Central, Suite 600, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

W. Mark Pentz, City Manager
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