

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: JUNE 17, 2010  
NAME OF RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: MARICOPA COUNTY  
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
234 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004

### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 2, 2010, Maricopa County, as lead in the HOME Consortium, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as the City of Chandler Housing Rehabilitation Program, for the purpose of providing approximately 80 forgivable loans to qualified households for housing rehabilitation to remedy unsafe or inhabitable living conditions in the City of Chandler. The City of Chandler will utilize \$878,919 for a tiered-review construction program of single-family owner occupied housing, which will include energy efficiency and rehabilitation activities in the fiscal year 2010/2011. Specific sites are being determined and funds will not be obligated to a specific activity until after a site-specific review is completed to address environmental factors.

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 2, 2010, will be considered by the City of Chandler and Maricopa County prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

#### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Maricopa County certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Renee Ayres-Benavidez, in her capacity as Deputy Director of Human Services for Maricopa County, 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 Maricopa County and the City of Chandler to use Program funds.

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

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and Maricopa County's certification for a period of fifteen days starting July 9, 2010, only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Maricopa County; (b) Maricopa County 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.

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