FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
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This Notice shall satisfy the two separate but related procedural requirements of the Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Intent to Request Release of Funds.

On or about **October 24, 2013** the City of Amarillo (City), as the responsible entity, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended to undertake the following projects:

PROJECT

Demolition and Clearance – 30 structures - $90,000 (CDBG)
Project will fund demolition and clearance of unsafe, uninhabitable, and vacant buildings following condemnation by City Commission or voluntary request for demolition from qualified property owners with substandard structures. Demolition and clearance may include residential buildings, accessory buildings, and accumulations of junk or debris. Disposal of demolition debris will be done in accordance with the local, state, and federal guidelines governing solid waste. The project anticipates removal of 30 substandard structures. Weeds, junk vehicles, or other debris may also be removed from selected sites where intervention to eliminate slum and blight is required. The project will take place on scattered sites within the City of Amarillo CDBG Target Area.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Amarillo has determined that the proposed projects will not have a significant affect on the human environment. Therefore, Environmental Impact Statements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) are not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and documents the environmental review process and more fully explains the reasons why the Statements are not required. The ERR is on file in the Community Development Department in Room 104 at City Hall, 509 East 7th Street and is available for public examination and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this decision may submit written comments to the City at the address below. All comments received by **October 22, 2013** will be considered by the City prior to the submittal of the request for release of funds.

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RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City certifies to HUD that W. Jarrett Atkinson, 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 the NEPA and allows the City of Amarillo to use CDBG and HOME program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's certification received by **November 9, 2013,** or for a period of fifteen (15) days its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Amarillo; (b) the City of Amarillo 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 project have 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. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD – Environmental Review Officer at P.O. Box 2905, Fort Worth, TX 79113-2905. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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