

**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**

**Habitat for Humanity – New Construction** – 13 New Homes - \$104,422 (HOME)

Project will provide HOME funds to Amarillo Habitat for Humanity, a Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO), for construction of new single family homes in Blocks 83 and 84 in the Glenwood Addition. Construction of 5 new homes will be completed in the 2013-2014 program year, and an additional 8 homes will be completed in following program years. Constructed homes will be purchased at cost by qualified low to moderate income households with no interest 25 year mortgages. Qualifying households contribute 500 hours of sweat equity time towards building their own home, the homes of other applicants, and attendance at educational classes. Infrastructure on the selected sites was completed in 2008 and the addresses designated for new home construction include: 2705 S. Houston; 2701 S. Houston; 2703 S. Houston; 2700 S. Mirror; 2702 S. Mirror; 2704 S. Mirror; 2706 S. Mirror; 2708 S. Mirror; 2800 S. Mirror; 2802 S. Mirror; 2802 S. Mirror; 2804 S. Mirror; 2806 S. Mirror; and 2808 S. Mirror.

**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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