

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Amarillo
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On or about **August 1, 2014** the City of Amarillo, as the responsible entity, 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, and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, for the following projects:

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

Housing Rehabilitation Projects – 15 Housing Units - \$395,245 (HOME & CDBG)

This project will provide financial assistance to homeowners and landlords for rehabilitation or reconstruction of 15 housing units to meet building codes and further the goal of establishing safe affordable housing in the City of Amarillo. Projects will include minor housing rehabilitation projects (under \$20,000 value), major housing rehabilitation projects (over \$20,000 value), and rental rehabilitation projects. Allocations for this project will be budgeted as follows:

Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation - \$50,000 (CDBG) – 6 units
Major Homeowner Rehabilitation - \$143,806 (HOME) – 2 units
Rental Rehabilitation - \$201,439 (HOME) – 7 units

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at City of Amarillo, Community Development Department, 509 S.E.7th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79101) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Amarillo. All comments received by **July 31, 2014** will be considered by the City of Amarillo, Community Development Administrator, Community Development Department, P. O. Box 1971, Amarillo, TX 79105-1971, phone number 806-378-3005, fax number 806-378-9389 and e-mail kathryn.foster@amarillo.gov prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Amarillo 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Amarillo to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Amarillo certification received by **August 16, 2014** or for a period of fifteen days following 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 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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