



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 23, 2024

City of Amarillo, Community Development Department

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Amarillo, TX 79101

(806) 378-3098

On or about January 8, 2025, the City of Amarillo Community Development Department will submit a request to the HUD CPD Region 6 Field Office in Fort Worth, TX, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC5301 et seq.) to undertake a project known as “Thompson Memorial Park Inclusive Playground” for the purpose of enhancing an existing public park by adding an all-inclusive playground with equipment that is accessible for individuals with limited mobility or disabilities, at an estimated funded amount of \$1,000,000, at 722 NW 24th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79107.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Amarillo, Community Development Department, located at 808 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo, TX 79101 and online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/community-development/public-notices/>

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) may be examined in-person or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Amarillo Community Development Department. All comments received by January 7, 2025, will be considered by the City of Amarillo Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Public comment will be accepted in-person, via email to shelia.king@amarillo.gov, or by calling (806) 378-3098.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Amarillo certifies to HUD that Jason Riddlespurger in his capacity as Director of Community Development 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 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 accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Amarillo's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD CPD Region 6 Field Office at 307 W. 7th St., Suite 1000, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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City of Amarillo