

## COMBINED NOTICE

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

PUBLICATION DATE: September 2, 2014

GRANTEE NAME: City of Harrisburg

ADDRESS: The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. City Government Center  
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To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons:

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about September 17, 2014, the City of Harrisburg will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to be used for the following project in the City:

#### **ASSESSED PROJECT**

##### **005-2014 Demolition (Multi-Year, Citywide, Non-Site Specific)**

The activity consists of demolition of blighted, hazardous structures throughout the city. Structures will be demolished, debris will be properly handled and disposed of and the sites will be cleared and properly graded. Program may involve acquisition of substandard structures to be demolished. Properties may be sold or transferred to another party for redevelopment. Activities may take place on commercial, residential or mixed-use properties. This is a multi-year project extending from 2010 to 2014.

The above project may extend beyond one fiscal year and may require funding from future program years.

#### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Harrisburg has determined that the projects will have no significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Harrisburg Department of Building and Housing Inspection, The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. City Government Center, 10 North Second Street, Suite 206, Harrisburg, PA 17101, and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal business hours. No further environmental review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

In addition to the project listed above, on or about September 17, 2014, the City of Harrisburg will request release of funds for the following projects, which are categorically excluded from the NEPA requirements (24 CFR 58.35) and for which there is no requirement for an environmental assessment. An Environmental Review Record which more fully sets forth the reasons why no such assessment is required is on file and may be consulted at the City of Harrisburg Department of Building and Housing Development at the above-listed address during normal business hours.

### **Housing Rehabilitation Program (multi-year, City-wide, non-site specific)**

These programs will involve improvements to existing homeowner occupied housing units or demolition of vacant homeowner units. Rehabilitation will include but not be limited to; window/door removal and replacement, replacement of flooring, removal/replacement of roof components and gutters, improvements to heating systems, improvements to electrical and plumbing systems, installation of hardwired smoke detectors, water heater replacement, improvements to bathrooms including removal/replacement of tubs, sinks, vanities and toilets as well as ADA improvements, improvements to interior walls including new sheetrock and painting, exterior improvements including the installation of vinyl siding, repointing of brick work, painting, porch improvements and sidewalk/walkway improvement, as well as any other general housing improvement work. Improvements will not increase a structure's capacity and will not involve additions or expansion of the structure. Contractors are required to be certified in lead safe work practices as is dictated by HUD guidelines. In some cases the work may result in the de-conversion of multi-unit structures in order to reduce the number of units within an existing structure. This is a multi-year project extending from 2010 to 2014. Specific programs receiving FY 2014 funding include:

- 003-2014 Housing Rehabilitation Program
- 004-2014 Homeowner Demolition Program
- 011-2014 Habitat for Humanity of Greater Harrisburg – Critical Home Repair Program
- 018-2014 Home Improvement Program (HIP)
- 017-2014 Harrisburg Fair Housing Council -- Rehab

### **Public Facilities Rehabilitation Program (multi-year, City-wide, non-site specific)**

This program will involve improvements to public facilities. Rehabilitation will include but not be limited to: window/door removal and replacement; replacement of flooring; removal/replacement of roof components and gutters; improvements to heating systems; improvements to electrical and plumbing systems; installation of hardwired smoke detectors; installation, replacement or improvement of security systems; water heater replacement; improvements to bathrooms including removal/replacement of tubs, sinks, vanities and toilets and ADA improvements; improvements to interior walls including new sheetrock and painting; exterior improvements including the installation of vinyl siding; repointing of brick work; painting; porch improvements; other exterior improvements; and sidewalk/walkway improvements; as well as any other general housing improvement work. Improvements may include reconfiguration of interior spaces, but will not increase a structure's capacity and will not involve additions or expansion of the structure that will increase a building's footprint. Contractors are required to be certified in lead safe work practices as is dictated by HUD guidelines. This is a multi-year project extending from 2010 to 2014. Specific programs receiving FY 2014 funding include:

- 009-2014 Camp Curtin YMCA – Facility Rehab

- 006-2014 Harrisburg Fair Housing Council – Facility Rehab
- 010-2014 Heinz-Menaker Senior Center – Facility Rehab
- 012-2014 Fire Station Roof Repairs
- 013-2014 Park’s Playground Equipment

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this decision may submit written comments to the City of Harrisburg Department of Building and Housing Inspection, The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. City Government Center, 10 North Second Street, Suite 206, Harrisburg, PA 17101. All written comments received by September 17, 2014 will be considered by the City of Harrisburg prior to authorizing submittal of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Harrisburg certifies to HUD that Mr. Eric Papenfuse, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, 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 City of Harrisburg to use Program funds.

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

HUD will accept any objections to its release of funds and the City's certification received by October 2, 2014 or for a period of fifteen days following its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Harrisburg approved by HUD; (b) the responsible entity 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 a project has 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 projects are 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 the Director of Community Planning, Department of Housing and Urban Development, at the HUD Pennsylvania State Office, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. Eric Papenfuse, Mayor