

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

Date of Notice: September 26, 2023
Name of Responsible Entity: City of El Paso
Address: 300 N. Campbell St
City, State, Zip Code: El Paso, TX 79901
Telephone Number of RE: 915.212.0038

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of El Paso for HOME (Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 15, 2023 the City of El Paso on behalf of HOME (Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises) submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ft. Worth, Texas for the release of 48th Year FY2022-2023 CDBG EN Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq., to undertake a project known as Alamito STREAM Center for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Addition located at 508 S. Virginia St., El Paso, TX 79901. The Alamito STREAM Center Rehabilitation and Addition project is the adaptive re-use rehabilitation and addition to the Alamito Management & Community Center (Alamito Center) at 508 S. Virginia St. in central El Paso. In a Memorandum of Agreement, between The City of El Paso, HACEP and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the community center and the duplex building (Lab Building) are considered historic structures and all design and construction work shall be in accordance with Department of Interior's historic preservation standards. Funding Amount \$2,525,225.00. District 8.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of El Paso has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of El Paso, Department of Community and Human Development, 801 Texas Ave., 3rd Floor (CITY 3), El Paso, Texas 79901 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. and is available online at City of El Paso, Department of Community and Human Development website: <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development/nofa-forms-and-notices/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of El Paso, Department of Community and Human Development. All comments received by October 14, 2023 will be considered by the City of El Paso prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of El Paso certifies to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Ft. Worth, Texas that Elda Rodriguez-Hefner, Grants Administrator for Cary Westin in his capacity as Interim City Manager for the City of El Paso 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. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City Of El Paso for HOME to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of El Paso 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 El Paso; (b) the City of El Paso 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development, Fort Worth Regional Office, Region VI at 307 W. 7th Street, Suite 1000, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102 or via email to: CPDRROFFTW@hud.gov . Potential objectors should contact Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at Ft. Worth, Texas to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Elda Rodriguez-Hefner, Grants Administrator for **Certifying Officer
Cary Westin, Interim City Manager
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