

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

January 08, 2018

City of El Paso

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El Paso Texas, 79901

915.212.0072

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of El Paso.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 29, 2018 the City of El Paso, Community and Human Development will submit a request to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Housing Development Organization (CHDOs) Program – (6385 Santiago St.) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended through December 31, 1998, to undertake a project known as 6385 Santiago Street described below for the purpose of the development of affordable housing in El Paso, Texas. The plan is to construct a total of 30 rental units, 10 rental units each on three adjacent undeveloped parcels (lots) that run north and south located at 6385 Santiago Street. 6385 Santiago “A”: will have 10 multi-family rental units consisting of 2-two story buildings. The first building will contain six two-bedroom units at 865 sq. ft., and the second building will contain four three-bedroom units at 1,085 sq. ft. Two ground units will be connected on the second floor by elevated walkway with stairs. All of the units will feature double pane “low-e” windows, R-30 insulation; energy star ranges and refrigerators; Heating and cooling will be provided by high efficiency, Energy Star, all-electric split systems; vinyl flooring, a washer/dryer area, xeriscape landscaping, operable, and low water flush toilets and 21 parking spaces including designated handicapped parking spaces and yard lighting. Two units will be rented to households at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and eight units will be rented to household at, or below 60% AMI. 6385 Santiago “B”: will have 10 rental units consisting of 2-two story buildings. The first building will contain six two-bedroom units at 865 sq. ft., and the second building will contain four three-bedroom units at 1,085 sq. ft. Two ground units will be ADA-accessible, one with two bedrooms and one with three bedrooms. The two buildings will be connected on the second floor by an elevated walkway with stairs. All of the units will feature double pane “low-e” windows, R-30 insulation; energy star ranges and refrigerators; Heating and cooling will be provided by high efficiency, Energy Star, all electric split systems; vinyl flooring, a washer/dryer area, xeriscape landscaping, operable, and low-water flush toilets and 21 parking spaces including designated handicapped parking spaces and yard lighting. Two units will be rented to households at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and eight units will be rented to household at, or below 60% AMI. 6385 Santiago “C”: will have 10 rental units consisting of 2-two story buildings. The first building will contain six two-bedroom units at 865 sq. ft., and the second building will contain four three-bedroom units at 1,085 sq. ft. Two ground units will be ADA-accessible, one with two bedrooms and one with three bedrooms. The two buildings will be connected on the second floor by an elevated walkway with stairs. All the units will feature double pane “low-e” windows, R-

30 insulation; energy star ranges and refrigerators; Heating and cooling will be provided by high efficiency, Energy Star, all electric split systems; vinyl flooring, a washer/dryer area, xeriscape landscaping, operable, and low-water flush toilets and 41 parking spaces including designated handicapped parking spaces and yard lighting. Two units will be rented to households at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and eight units will be rented to household at, or below 60% AMI. Total funding amount for Santiago "A" is \$1,100,000; Santiago "B" is \$1,100,000 and Santiago "C" is 1,144,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of El Paso, Community and Human Development has determined that the projects 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, Community and Human Development, City 3 - 801 Texas Ave, 3rd Floor, El Paso, TX 79901, and may be examined or copied weekdays 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday thru Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of El Paso, Community and Human Development, City 3 - 801 Texas Ave., 3rd Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901, Attn: Mr. Fernando Valdez, (915) 212-1648. All comments received by January 29, 2018 will be considered by the City of El Paso, Community and Human Development 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, Community and Human Development certifies to HUD that Ms. Patricia A. Degman in her capacity as Comptroller 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 El Paso, Community and Human Development, Housing Programs Division to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of El Paso's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the (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 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 at U.S. Department of Housing And Urban Development, Fort Worth Regional Office, Region IV, Office of Community Planning and Development, 801 Cherry Street, Unit #45, Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

RE Certifying Officer:

Ms. Patricia A. Degman, Comptroller

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