

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

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

On or about, but not before, May 6, 2010, the Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of CDBG funding in the amount of \$1,350,000 as authorized under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008 (HERA) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) to undertake projects located at scattered sites within the County of Hidalgo. Activities to be undertaken with NSP funds include (a) establishment of financing mechanisms for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes and residential properties, (b) purchase and rehabilitation of homes and residential properties abandoned or foreclosed, (c) demolition of blighted structures, (d) redevelopment of demolished or vacant properties, (e) administration and planning costs and (f) land banking (this activity to be undertaken contingent upon HUD approval of the UCP Substantial Amendment).

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Urban County Program has completed a FIRST TIER Environmental Review Record (ERR) this project as a whole. The ERR identifies the environmental review for the project which entails all pertinent information that is available to the Urban County Program at this time. The ERR is on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the Urban County Program office located at 1916 Tesoro Blvd Pharr TX 78577.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Hidalgo County Urban County Program. All comments received by **May 5, 2010** will be considered by the Urban County Program prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Urban County Program of Hidalgo County certifies to HUD that Diana R. Serna in her capacity as Director of the Urban County Program 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 *Urban County Program* to use Program funds once all sites have been named and individually cleared.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and Urban County Program of Hidalgo County's, certification received for a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County approved by HUD; (b) the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at One Alamo Center 106 St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Diana R. Serna, Director  
Urban County Program