



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about **March 18, 2019** the City of Austin, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) to undertake a project known as Eastern Oaks Apartments Rehabilitation. HATC is proposing to substantially rehabilitate an existing 30-unit multi-family affordable public housing authority with 15 one-story buildings built in 1982 that consist of a leasing office, laundry room, community room, basketball court and stand-alone maintenance shop. Proposed rehabilitation will be performed on a rolling basis with a tenant relocation plan in place and include foundation repairs, accessibility upgrades, site drainage improvement, roof replacement, replacement of all finishes, systems, doors, windows, appliances, waterproofing, improved energy efficiency and retrofits as well as asbestos removal should the flooring test positive. Eastern Oaks Apartments is located at 4922 Nuckols Crossing Road, 78744. HATC is applying for \$1,000,000 from the City of Austin and total project cost is estimated to be \$3,400,000.

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 Austin, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department at 1000 East 11th Street, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78702** and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The ERR is available on HUD's website for review within the following link: <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency, may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Austin, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: RHDA Environmental Compliance, 1000 East 11th Street, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78702. All comments received by **March 15, 2019** will be considered by the City of Austin prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Austin certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Rosie Truelove in her capacity as Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department 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 Austin to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/State will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Austin'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 Austin; (b) the City of Austin 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 Director of Community Planning and Development Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 615 East Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, TX 78205-2001. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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THIS PUBLIC NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED ON, *BUT NOT BEFORE*, March 18, 2019