

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

(To be used by cities and counties only for tiered or unspecified site strategies)

Date of Notice:

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]:

Address: (e.g. street number, PO Box):

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone Number of RE:

On or about _____ (at least one day after the end of the comment period) the _____ (name of RE), will submit a request to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as _____ (project title) for the purpose of: _____ (nature/scope of project, estimated funding included non-HUD funding sources if applicable, and project location)

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 _____ (name and address of RE office where ERR can be examined and name and address of other locations where the record is available for review) and may be examined or copied weekdays _____ A.M. to _____ P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual or group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the _____ (RE designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments). All comments received by _____ (notice publication date plus 7 days) will be considered by the _____ (name of RE) prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The _____ (name of RE) certifies to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency that _____ (name of Certifying Officer) in his/her capacity as _____ (official title) 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 Tennessee Housing Development Agency's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the _____ (name of grant recipient) to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the _____ (*RE's*) certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 _____ (*name of RE*);
- (b) the _____ (*RE*) 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 the Tennessee Housing Development Agency; 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.

Because the grant award year Project will involve activities at several scattered sites for which the exact location will not be known for some time, an environmental review strategy has been developed including Site Specific Checklists, to assure that the required environmental review is completed for each site. If environmental factors are identified as having an impact on the project or any of the specific project sites, they will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Andrew Jackson Building, Third Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243, Attention: Community Programs Division. Potential objectors should contact the Tennessee Housing Development Agency to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

City or County Mayor